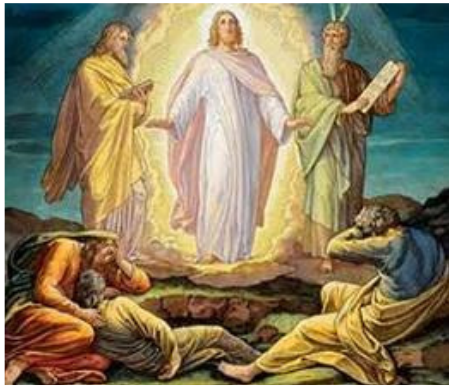


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**24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR B)**



*“This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.”*

**New items and information**

**CAFOD Statement on Safeguarding Vulnerable Communities.** In the light of recent news reports, CAFOD has released a statement available at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk), and a copy is on the CAFOD board in the Church porch. Thank you.

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day** was last Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, and donations to the Lent appeal will be doubled by the UK Government (up to £5 million). Lent Fast Day envelopes will be collected this weekend.

**First Eucharist Preparation 2018** – The next meeting is this coming Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30 pm in the Plessington Chapel.

**St Vincent de Paul Society** – The Conference is very grateful for the £100 collected at Sts Mary & James, Scorton, last weekend

**Garstang Lent Lunches 2018** – These lunches are ecumenical, and take place on Wednesdays in Lent. Each church takes a turn to serve lunch at the United Reformed Church, and it is our turn next Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February. We have asked for volunteers to help by making soup, and with serving and tidying up afterwards, but also, please

would you consider coming to the lunch if you are able? The soup is served at 12 noon. The money raised will go to Christian Aid. If you would like to help, or if you want any further information, please contact Pat Costain on 01995 605 793.

**Journey in Faith** – the next meeting is on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, in the Plessington Chapel.

**Friends of Chivuna** – The next meeting is on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30 pm, preceded by Mass at 7.00 pm in the Plessington Chapel.

**Youth Group** – The next Youth Group is on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 6.30 pm – 8 pm for years 7 – 9, and 8 pm – 9.30 pm for years 10+.

**The Catholic Voice** – The latest edition of The Catholic Voice has arrived – please take a copy as you leave church this weekend.

**Eucharistic Congress Liverpool** – Friday, 7 Sept, Sat 8 Sept, Sun 9 Sept 2018. Anybody interested in going for the Fri or Sat there is going to be a deanery minibus going. Please have a word with Fr Tom.

**Ugandan Appeal** – Next weekend sixth form pupils from Our Lady's Catholic College, Lancaster, will be speaking about their upcoming project to support schools and a clinic in Uganda, which they hope to visit later in the year. There will be a retiring collection to support their efforts. *Please be as generous as you are able, to support them in this very worthwhile project.*

**Offertory Envelopes (Gift-Aided) 2018 0 2019** – The Gift-Aided Offertory Envelopes for next year are now ready for collection at the back of church. If you are a taxpayer and donate to your parish, then you can support your parish at no extra cost to you. Please consider donating by Gift Aid and you will increase your donation by 25%. There are Gift Aid declaration forms at the back of church. Simply fill in the form and give it to your parish priest or hand it into the presbytery. *Thank you for the support you give to the church. Without it the church could not achieve or provide what it does.*

**Castlerigg Notices:**

- **Our Easter Retreat** (Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April) will be exploring the significance of Easter as we journey through the Triduum together. Open to year 9 upwards. See poster at the back of church.

- **The Family Weekend** (25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> May) is an opportunity for families to come together for the weekend. There will be activities for all age groups and the opportunity to meet old friends and get to know new. Open to all families.

- **Our Sponsored Walk**, a new venture to raise the funds to support our work. We are looking to recruit a small group for a challenging 15 mile walk in the Lake District, with a target to raise a £1,000 each. If you or a parishioner would be enthusiastic to take part please get in touch; if people aren't able to join us walking they can still support us through collecting sponsorship, and we'd be grateful for your support in any way.

- And finally, we are looking to recruit **Gap-Year Volunteers** for the new academic year. We are blessed to have four volunteers from the diocese on the team this year, and hope to continue this in the future. If you are aged 18+ please consider applying – this is a great way to foster faith and build confidence, discover adventure, friendship and inspiration! See poster at the back of church.

**For further information** on any of these items, please contact Fr John Moriarty, Director of Youth, Castlerigg Manor, Manor Brow, Keswick, CA12 4AR; tel: 01768 772711; email [team@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:team@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or visit [www.castleriggmanor.co.uk](http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk).

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of** Nicholas Walker who died recently. His Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30 pm, at SSMM. ***May he rest in peace.***

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton:** Grace Barton, Frank Richardson, Catherine Eastham, Agnes St John Firth, Frank Richardson, Dorothea Agnes Mary Rafferty, Neil Brady, Tom Rawlinson, Christine Ackers, Rev. Robert Turpin, Josephine Wright, Eileen Fenna, Frank Moreland, Teresa Langley, James Foy, Ruth Curwen, Pauline Lord, Robert Waddington, Richard Dodd, Donald Slater, Ellen Greenall, Margaret Mary Holden, John Foley, Eileen Gleeson, Sister Catherine Waring, Martin Mears and Dorothy Hayes. ***May they rest in peace.***

**We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends in Scorton and Garstang, including:** Val Lowing, Stephen Cottam, Maureen Clark, Craig Smith, Jacqui Elliot, John Coote, Bernie Murphy, Pat Nickson, A Sick Parishioner, Christopher Macken, Seamus Martin, Pat Hill, Winifred McNulty, Joyce Bilsborrow, Joseph Nugent, Peter Holland, Kathryn, Ros Drake, Tony McManmon, Vin Cahill, Alan Lowe, Joan Place, Bob Cross, Martina Cople, Matthew Pearson, Jim Winstanley, Dorothy Evans, Christine Cobane, Philomena Morgan, Sheila Murphy, Florence Burgess, Ian Moran, David Winstanley, Pat Hickey, Simone & Nigel Lord, Marie Corrigan, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Wayne Martin, Michael Hendry, Lucy and Family, Ann Wicks, Jessica Holmes (6 years old) and Phoebe (6 years old). *(If you would like to add someone, please will you write down their name and hand it to Father Tom, D'arcy or Liz, or send in by email, and please let us know when a name is to be removed. Thank you.)*

### **Previously Published Items**

**Ladies of the Parish** – Please try to attend the **Women's World Day of Prayer** service to be held at **St Helen's, Churchtown, on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, at 2 pm.** It would be great if some of you could offer to read a very short passage – or, if not, to help demonstrate our rubbish problem by unwrapping an item (provided for you) during the service. A rehearsal is to be held on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at St Helen's at 2 pm. If you could help, please contact Philippa Catterall on 07743 034 870, or just turn up on either of the dates. *Thank you.*

**Easter Bingo** (St Mary & St Michael's School) – The School Association's next event will be an Easter Chocolate Bingo – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March – 6.45 pm for a 7 pm start. Entry is free, just the cost of the bingo cards, and there will be a bar and snacks available on the night. See poster at back of church.

**Wednesday Word** – There are copies of The Wednesday Word, on green paper, for the Mass of 4<sup>th</sup> March at the back of church; if you would like one, please help yourself.

### **Response to the psalm at the 10.30 am Mass:**

### **Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Sat	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Thomas Ibson
Sun	25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am (Scorton)	Alice Wells
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Birthday Blessings
Mon	26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tue	27 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon (Scorton)	LISCF
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Thanks for 16 wonderful years
Thurs	1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	9.30 am (Scorton)	Antonie Bierman
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>7.00 pm</b> (Garstang) (note time)	(Chivuna) Brian Moss (Lately Dead)
Sat	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	William & Ellen Greenall
Sun	4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am (Scorton)	Betty Gornall
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Kathleen Myerscough

### **Devotions and Celebrations this week:**

Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	6.45 pm (Garstang)	Rosary
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	10 - 10.30 am (Garstang)	Exposition
		6.30 pm (Garstang)	Stations of the Cross
Sat	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy Service
		10 - 10.30 am (Garstang)	Confessions

### **Special Days this week:**

Sun	25 <sup>th</sup>	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (Lent Fast Day envelopes are collected today)
Thurs	1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	ST DAVID
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Women's World Day of Prayer
Sun	4 <sup>th</sup>	THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

### **Meetings this Week:**

Tues	27 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist Preparation (Plessington Chapel)
		7.00 pm	Aid to the Church in Need (Castle Lane Centre)
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	7.15 for 7.30 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30 pm	Friends of Chivuna (Garstang)

### **Last Week's Attendance**

Sun	18 <sup>th</sup>	6 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 140	Children: 10	Total: 150
		8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 45
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 137	Children: 26	Total: 163

### **Monies Received last week**

**Garstang:** Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,161.07; Votive Lights: £53.80; Shop: £10; Ties & Books (1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist): £30; Tea Money: £60. ***Many thanks to you all.***

**Scorton:** Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £337.20; Piety Stall: £1.30; Votive Lights: £2.10; Funeral: £200. ***Many thanks to you all.***

### **Churches Together in Garstang & District**

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in February at Garstang Methodist Church and in March at the United Reformed Church.

### **Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):**

Ent.  
Kyrie:  
G.A.:  
Off:  
Sanctus:  
Amen:  
Com:  
Rec:

### **Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):**

Ent: 970 Be thou my vision  
Kyrie: 519 Russian  
G.A.: Praise to you, O Christ  
Off: 607 Let all mortal flesh v 1, 2, & 3  
S, M, D: 553, 554a, 555 Celtic  
A. D. 611a Communion Song 3 v 14, 15, 16  
Com: 1) 215 Transfigure us, O Lord  
2) 720 Be still, for the presence  
Rec: 725 Immortal, invisible