

**St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church
Garstang and Calder Vale
and**

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (YEAR B)



*"Hosanna to the Son of David;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.
Hosanna in the highest."*

New items and information

St Vincent de Paul Society – This weekend there is a collection for the SVP. Please be as generous as you are able.

BISHOP ELECT, Fr Paul Swarbrick – The parish is proud that our own Fr Paul is to become the 7th Bishop of Lancaster. As a token of our esteem and affection, it is proposed that following his Episcopal Ordination a specially designed card containing the signatures of our parishioners will be presented to him. This card will be displayed in the narthex over the next two weekends, together with the written contents and the blank insert to which parishioners are invited to add their signatures.

SVP Winter Clothing Collection – The collection box will be removed immediately after Easter. Thank you very much for your donations over the past weeks. They are greatly appreciated.

Madagascar Conservation Projects – This summer, Ruth Walbank is planning to go to Madagascar with a group called Frontier for two months to work on conservation projects and as a field journalist, promoting the crucial, ongoing work that is helping the environment. She has created a fundraising page: www.gofundme.com/ruths-madagascar-project. For this project, she needs to raise £2,120, and as a part of the fundraising, she is holding a bake sale/coffee morning at her house, 162 Garstang Road, Catterall, PR3 0HD,

tel: 07837 274 160, **today, 25th March, from 12 noon – 3 pm.** For all details, see poster at the back of church.

The Catholic Voice – Please take a copy of the Catholic Voice with you as you leave church this weekend.

Church Shop: Easter cards, Episcopal Ordination Cards plus First Holy Communion Cards and gifts are available from the church shop.

Greenery for Holy Thursday - if you have any green plants with which we can decorate the Lady Chapel, please could you leave them at the back of church either next Wednesday, or Thursday morning at the latest. *Thank you.*

Traidcraft for Chivuna – Many thanks to those who have ordered from the catalogue - this Sunday is the last day for orders. The amount we are able to give to Chivuna from discount received on orders through our Fair Trader account will be notified shortly. (The Mustard Seed, next to the Methodist Church and Wesley's coffee shop, is also a great source of fairly traded items and is open 10am-2pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday).

Confirmation Preparation – The next session is on Tuesday, 27th March, in the Castle Lane Community Centre. If candidates meet at the Centre at 6.30 pm, there will be catechists waiting to welcome you to the Programme. Please bring £8 for the Programme book.

Good Friday Collection – There will be a retiring collection for the Holy Places following the Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday. Please consider contributing personally to combatting war, poverty, terrorism, violence and division in the Middle East.

Garstang Parish Draw – March Winners – Congratulations go to Annette Higham and Mary & Brian Winstanley for being our March winners. We would like to thank all our members who paid their subscription for 2018/19 season at church a few weekends ago, it has been a great help. If you normally pay by Cash or Cheque our agents will be out collecting subs over the next few weeks. If you would like to pay by Standing Order or would like to discuss payment please see your agent or give Trish O'Hanlon a call on 01995 604292.

Quiz Night at the Barn, Scorton – Friday, 6th April, 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm start. £2.00 entry, pay on door. (Includes chips!) Teams of 4 – 6. Full bar facilities. Over £750.00 of prizes to be won!

The North West Children's Support Group are holding their **Annual bric-a-brac auction** on **Saturday 14th April** in SS Mary and Michael's School Hall. The Auction will begin at 12 noon with viewing from 10a.m. Refreshments available. Please come along and support this important fundraiser for our group. If you have any items that you would like to donate please bring them along on Friday evening to the school hall, or if the items need collecting then call Debbie and Paul on 01995 601354, Helen and Barry on 01995 600254, or Angela and Paul on 01524 752181.

Sts Mary & James, Scorton, Spring Fair, 5th May – We are now collecting books, plants, crafts, bric-a-brac, games, toys, tombola & raffle prizes. Please leave all items at the back of Sts Mary & James church – thank you!

CAFOD – We have had a message from CAFOD – “Pray with us this Holy Week – A huge thank you to everyone who has given so generously to our Family Fast Day Appeal. This Lent your donations to our Family Fast Day Appeal will be matched by the UK Government. This means that your donations will be doubled, up to a total of £5 million. So you can transform twice the number of lives. The deadline for Lent donations to be matched is 12th May. Thank you for your ongoing support. This, together with your

prayers, makes our life changing work possible! We wish you and your families a Happy & Holy Easter, when it arrives.”

Red Mission Boxes: Boxes, together with a mission booklet, can now be collected from the church porch. A total of £244.45 has been banked this quarter. Thank you.

Message from APF Missionaries: Thank you for your continued care of our Church family through your support of the Red Box and direct donations. Your prayers and gifts continue to sustain missionary priests and sisters as they share God’s love with some of the most vulnerable, marginalised people throughout the world. A total of £955.71 has been donated by our parish in the last 12 months. Please see full message and thank you poster in the church porch.

Rosary on the coast of the British Isles – Recently the faithful of Poland and Ireland have responded to what they sense as a movement of the Holy Spirit to gather round the coasts of their nations and pray to Jesus, the Divine Mercy, for a renewal of faith and respect for human life through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary. Having witnessed this, a number of the lay faithful in the British Isles – England, Scotland, Wales and their isles – have felt the same inspiration and urge to respond. A National day has been organised for **Sunday 29th April 2018 at 3 pm**, the Fifth Sunday of Easter. For more information and to register go to <https://rosaryonthecoast>.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 20th – 27th July – General bookings can be made directly through <https://www.tangney-tours.com>; young peoples’ bookings should be made by going directly to the Castlerigg website:

<http://www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/newevent/2017/9/19/lourdes-2018> or email youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk. Nurses, carers, brancardiers, and especially young people are very welcome.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and

Scorton: Brian Richardson, Frank Walmsley, Gladys Richardson, Nellie Hodges, James Pooler, Mary Carr, Mary Carter, Fleetwood Carter, Fr. Odram Callan, Alice Helme, Marie Calvert and John Ellwood. *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: Mary Winstanley, Stephen Cottam, Maureen Clark, Craig Smith, Jacqui Elliot, 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 Copple, 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.)*

Response to the psalm at the 10.30 am Mass :

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 24th March – Sunday 1st April 2018

Sat	24 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	In Thanksgiving
Sun	25 th	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	In Memory of Brian and Stella McVey Agnes Coote
Mon	26 th	No Mass	
Tue	27 th	12 noon (Scorton) 2.00 pm (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners School Maundy Thursday Mass in School KS2
Wed	28 th	3.00 pm (Garstang) 7.00 pm	School Service in school hall Hugh & André Ferguson
Thurs	29 th	11.00 am 7.30 pm (Garstang)	Chrism Mass at the Cathedral John Warriner
Fri	30 th	3.00 pm (Garstang)	The Lord’s Passion (Good Friday Service)
Sat	31 st	7.30 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Robert & Elsie Tomlinson
Sun	1 st April	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Anne Gelderd John Bevins (Anniversary)

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Sat	24 th	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy Service
Wed	28 th	6.45 pm (Garstang)	Rosary
Fri	30 th	6.00 am (Garstang) 10.00 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross Youth Group Stations

Special Days this week:

Sun	25 th	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Thurs	29 th	HOLY THURSDAY
Fri	30 th	GOOD FRIDAY
Sat	31 st	HOLY SATURDAY
Sun	1 st April	EASTER SUNDAY

Meetings this Week:

Tues	27 th	6.30 pm	Confirmation Preparation (Castle Lane Community Centre)
Wed	28 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice

Last Week’s Attendance

Sun	18 th	6 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 107	Children: 4	Total: 111
		8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 48
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 121	Children: 26	Total: 147

Monies Received last week

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,045.10; Votive Lights: £55.70; Shop: £10; Photocopying: £5; Collection for Bishop: £237. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £265.36; Votive Lights: £5.55; Holy Souls: £2; Collection for Bishop: £38.78. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in March at the United Reformed Church and in April at SS Mary & Michael’s.

Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	752	My song is love unknown
Kyrie:		
G.A.:		Praise to you, O Christ
Off:	604	Lord, accept the gifts
Sanctus:	570	Revised Gathering Mass
Amen:	572	
Com:		
Rec:	749	The servant King

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	722	Give me joy in my heart
Kyrie:		
G.A.:		Praise to you, O Christ
Off:	752	My song is love unknown v1,2,3,7
S, M, D.	553, 554b, 555	
A.D.	591	New Celtic Liturgy
Com 1)	633	East this bread v. 1, 3, 5.
2)	749	The Servant King
Rec:	767	Majesty