

**St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church
Garstang and Calder Vale
and
Sts Mary & James, Scorton**

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Youth Sunday



*"I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth;
and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."*

This Sunday is Youth Sunday. There will be a second collection for Youth Services. The Youth Group will lead us at the Saturday Vigil Mass, and School will lead us at the Sunday 10.30 am Mass.

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent – There will be a second collection for the Diocesan Poor Missions Fund. Monday, 3rd December, is designated Migrants Day. In his message on the subject of migrants, Pope Francis quoted Leviticus 19:34: "You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God". He also said that every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age (Matthew 25:35-43). The Lord entrusts to the Church's motherly love every person forced to leave their homeland in search of a better future. *WE are the Church.*

Nativity Crib Festival – Forton United Reformed Church, School Lane, Forton, are holding a Nativity Crib Festival from 29th November to 2nd December from 10.30 am in the morning to 3.30 pm. Refreshments available. For further information phone 07912 572895.

Cake Stall – Thank you to the Young People who ran last weekend's cake stall to raise funds for Chivuna and CAFOD. A wonderful £448.31 was raised. Thank you to all parishioners who contributed cakes etc, and to all of you who bought them!!

Friends of Chivuna – The Minutes of the Chivuna Meeting on 9th November are now available.

Journey in Faith (RCIA) 2018-2019 (Garstang) – The next meeting is on **Thursday, 29th November** in the Plessington Chapel at St Mary & St Michael's, starting at **7.15pm** for 7.30pm.

Garstang Theatre Group are putting on Pinocchio, a pantomime, featuring a few faces you might recognise!!!! Performances are at Garstang Community Academy this week from 28th Nov to 1st Dec at 7.30pm with a Matinee on Sat at 2.30. Tickets are £10 adult, £8 Child or £30 or a Family (2 Adults & 2 Children or 1 Adult & 3 Children). Tickets are available from Roisin McCann on or garstangtheatregroup@hotmail.com.

Farmers' Christmas Concert – This will take place on **Saturday, 8th December** at Lancaster Auction Market, Wyresdale Road, Lancaster, LA1 3JQ. For queries, telephone 01524 63308. The proceeds will be in aid of Farming Community Network and Wyresdale Children's Home in India.

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

George Bamber, Nellie Winder, Thomas Cooney, Dr Gerard Flood, Cath Bagot, Eleanor Elizabeth Ratcliffe, Mgr Paddy O'Dea, Eugenia McCarthy, Sarah Ingleby, Maureen Pyke, Very Rev Canon Joseph Tootall, Jack Noblett, Margaret Stopforth, Nellie Bateson, William Kelsall and Joseph Smith.
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:

Jim Costain, Frances Dickinson, Jean Dunne, Alison Dodd, Tony McManmon, Louise Williams, Noreen Hargreaves, A Very Sick Brother, Teresa Smith, John Cookson, Reverend Andrew Shaw, Wendy Seed, Graham Markham (Australia), Charlie Robinson (3 years old), Louise Gornall, Bernie Murphy, Jim Cowburn, Marie Swarbrick, Mary Winstanley, Jacqui Elliot, Pat Nickson, a Sick Parishioner, Christopher Macken, Seamus Martin, Joseph Nugent, Peter Holland, Kathryn, Ros Drake, Vin Cahill, Bob Cross, Martina Copple, Matthew Pearson, Jim Winstanley, Dorothy Evans, Christine Cobane, Sheila Murphy, Florence Burgess, Ian Moran, David Winstanley, Pat Hickey, Nigel Lord, 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.)

Next Year's First Holy Communions will take place on 12th May. If you have a child who does not come to SS Mary & Michael's School but who is in Year 3 and would like to make their First Holy Communion next year, please write their name, parent's name and contact details on a piece of paper and give it either to Father Tom or to D'arcy so they can be included in the programme.

Notice board by the Crèche – Father Tom is inviting Parish Groups to take over the free-standing notice board by the crèche for a month at a time, starting with our Youth Group who will be using it from the Feast of Christ the King, and for the whole month of December. It would be a good way of letting the congregation know the activities of the various groups in our parish.

Traidcraft catalogues, featuring the Christmas range are now available - there are a small number in the Church porch. As you may have heard in the media, Traidcraft are struggling financially and this may be the last season of trading (Traidcraft Exchange charity will continue to operate). Also, please feel free to add any items from the website to the order form. (www.traidcraftshop.co.uk). As usual, proceeds from orders will go to Chivuna clinic. Thankyou. *Helen Spencer*

Expressions of interest are invited for a Parish pilgrimage to Rome in 2019. The dates are the 16th- 23rd September 2019. The cost will be in the region of £850 per person for the week including flights and full board. Insurance is not included. We will be staying at the Domus Romana Sacerdotalis (<http://www.domusromana.org/>) which is within a short walk of the Vatican. It has single and twin rooms. If you are interested, please will you let Fr. Tom or Liz know at ssmm.bonds@btinternet.com or by telephone at 01995 602164.

Aid to the Church in Need has nominated 28th November 2018 as Red Wednesday to stand up for faith and freedom and call for tolerance and respect for people of faith and between faith traditions. For more information see the poster at the back of church or www.acnuk.org/redwednesday.

Women Together in the Diocese of Lancaster – Advent Day of Prayer on Saturday, 1st December 2018, at the Xaverian Mission Spirituality Centre (formerly Tabor), Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston, from 10.30 am – 3.30 pm. Day to be led by Father Nyagasaza Bideri. Cost: £5; bring your own packed lunch. For further information see poster at back of church, or phone 01772 715 495 or 01253 733 985.

Canon Dunstan Cooper of St Mary's, Morecambe, with the assistance of their parish

Polish Sisters, is arranging a Parish Trip to Poland from 27th – 31st May 2019. The trip will include Krakow, the Market Square, Wawel Castle, Barbikan, St Florian's Gate, St Mary's Basilica and the Sanctuary of Our Lord's Mercy, a trip to Wadowice, the birthplace of Pope John Paul II, and also a visit to Czestochowa, Jasna Gora – the famous shrine to the Black Madonna, and another excursion will include a walk through the Jewish District. Cost is approx. £630 per person, sharing (if single room there will be a £146 supplement). All in all it should be a fascinating visit. If you would like to go, please let Canon Cooper know by the end of October. Telephone 01524 410501.

Lancaster & District Homeless Action Service is preparing for their Annual Christmas Shelter, offering 24/7 shelter to the street homeless of Lancaster between 24th and 29th December, and they are asking for volunteers, and for financial help. There are a couple of letters and forms at the back of church if you are interested in helping.

Wednesday Word – copies of the Wednesday Word for the Sunday Masses of 2nd December can be found on green paper at the back of church. If you would like a copy, please help yourself.

Response to the psalm at the 10.30 am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 24th November – Sunday 2nd December 2018

Sat	24 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	John Sweeney (2 nd Anniversary)
Sun	25 th	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Betty Gornall Peter Cole
Mon	26 th	No Mass	
Tue	27 th	12 noon (Scorton)	The Dalton Family
Wed	28 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	David Edwards (RoS) and his Family
Thurs	29 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	Mrs Marie O'Brien
Fri	30 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	Terry and Minnie Fitzpatrick
Sat	1 st Dec	9.30 am (Garstang) 6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners Bill and Nellie Bateson
Sun	2 nd	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Frank D'Ambrosio Tom and Winnie Fleming

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	28 th	6.45 pm (Garstang)	Rosary
Fri	30 th	10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat	1 st Dec	9.00 am (Scorton) 10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Saturday Liturgy of the Word Service Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	25 th	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Fri	30 th	ST ANDREW (Apostle)
Sun	2 nd Dec	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Meetings this Week:

Wed	28 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Plessington Chapel)
Thurs	29 th	7.15 pm	Journey in Faith (Plessington Chapel)

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	18 th	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 131	Children: 9	Total: 140
		8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 46
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 125	Children: 27	Total: 152

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Including Standing Orders): £1,095; Votive Lights: £52.10, Shop: £45; Cake Stall for Chivuna/CAFOD: £448.31. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory: £258.90 (Including £150 standing orders); Votive Lights: £17.03; Piety Stall: £1. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 7.45 am each Tuesday in November at Garstang United Reformed Church and in December, here at St Mary & St Michael's.

Hymns at 6.00 pm (Garstang):

Ent
Gloria:
G.A.
Off:
Sanctus:
Com:
Rec:

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent: Lord of the dance 765
Gloria: Anderson
G.A. Halle, halle, halle 178
Off: Gifts of bread and wine 643
S, M, D: Celtic 553, 554a, 555
A.D. Celtic 591
Com: 1) Eat this bread 633
2) I watch the sunrise 956
3) Shalom 925
Rec: Christ is our King 325