

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

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)



“Simon Peter answered, ‘Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.’”

New items and information

This weekend there is a special collection for the Catholic Trust for England and Wales. This is to support the legal, financial and charitable activities of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in order to promote the Catholic religion (principally, but not exclusively) in England and Wales.

St Vincent de Paul Society – If anyone wishes to contact the SVP for whatever reason, the number to ring is 07535 736 975. There will be a recording thanking callers for contacting the SVP, and asking them to leave a message and we'll ring them back as soon as possible.

Catholic Voice – Read all about it! Please take a copy home with you this weekend.

Our Lady's Catholic College Uganda18 Project – Students and staff have returned safely from their trip and are very enthusiastic to feed back to you on the projects which you have supported so generously. Please visit the school web-site (www.olcc.lancs.sch.uk) and look under 'Latest News' to find a Summary Feedback Report. We have also arranged a Presentation Evening on Wednesday 12 September at Our Lady's Catholic College, Lancaster from 5 pm – everyone is very welcome. Thank you once again for your support. *Ruth Lowe.*

Gift Aid – I would like to stress the importance of GIFT AID. If you donate to the parish and you are a taxpayer, and you haven't already signed up for Gift Aid, please think seriously about doing so. **You will increase the income of your parish at no extra cost to yourself.** The Church is a charity, and like all charities the parish can reclaim tax on every donation from a taxpayer. At the basic rate of tax of 20%, for every £1 you donate the parish can reclaim tax on 25p. You simply need to complete a Gift Aid declaration with your name and address, sign and date it. Tax can be reclaimed on whatever you donate, however large of small, regular or one-off, provided that you have paid sufficient tax to cover the reclaim. Even on a one-off donation of £20, the parish will benefit from an additional £5. The work of the Church is greatly helped by your regular financial support. Make your offering to the Church grow. Without your support the parish could not achieve or provide what it does. This year the parish has received £10,365.66 from HMRC. All we ask is that you think about it and, most importantly, if you are a taxpayer please consider signing a Gift Aid declaration form which can be found at the back of church. If you require more information or have any questions, please ring me, Helena Rigby, on 01995 605311. Thank you. (*Apologies for giving the wrong number last week.*)

Kerala Floods: an SVP appeal – As you've probably seen in the media, terrible floods have been taking place in Kerala in southern India. Hundreds of people have been killed and many more are missing; countless homes have been washed away, and the monsoon season is set to continue until early September. Kerala is the most Christian state in India – it has more churches than any other region. The leading Catholic volunteering charity, the SVP, is very active there and they are doing great work helping the victims of the flood in local communities. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. And please remember our sisters and brothers in Kerala in your prayers.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton: George Armer, Margaret Barton, Brian Eydman, Allan Bury, John Green, Francis Xavier Andrews, John Cahill, John Andrews, Katherine Piela, Raymond Bisby, Anne Lyford, Joe Kendall, Alan Bradley, Rev Joseph Mary Ilsley, Alfred Evans, David Gornall, Harry Kelly, Sarah Adelaide Darwen, Ronald Park and Rosie Cousins. ***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: John Cookson, A Very Sick Person, Reverend Andrew Shaw, Maria Madej, Wendy Seed, Graham Markham (Australia), Charlie Robinson (2 years old), Louise Gornall, Bernie Murphy, Jim Cowburn, Jules Flanagan, Marie Swarbrick, Mary Winstanley, Craig Smith, Jacqui Elliot, Pat Nickson, a Sick Parishioner, Christopher Macken, Seamus Martin, Pat Hill, Joseph Nugent, Peter Holland, Kathryn, Ros Drake, Tony McManmon, Vin Cahill, Bob Cross, Martina Copple, Matthew Pearson, Jim Winstanley, Dorothy Evans, Christine Cobane, 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.)

Church Shop – Please note: Unless we get more volunteers on Sunday mornings to run the church shop after the 10.30 am Mass it will no longer be open at this time. The shop will continue to be open after the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday evenings. Thank you to Freda Gidlow for holding the fort for so long.

Catholic Women's League – Past and present Members of the Catholic Women's League are invited to Afternoon Tea on **Wednesday 29th August, from 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm**, at 118 Dorchester Road. Please see poster at the back of church.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – A celebration of the Birthday of Our Lady is being held at **St Mary's, Fernyhalgh/Ladyewell Shrine**, on Saturday 8th September from 11 am – 1 pm. Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 11 am will be followed by Benediction, then Mass at the Shrine at 12 noon. There will be refreshments served immediately after Mass. All are welcome. See poster at back of church.

SVP Food Collection: Thank you very much for the recent donations made at Garstang and Scorton. A number of bags have been delivered to the Share IT Food Bank in Ingol by a Conference member. We are continuing to collect non-perishable food items for the food bank. Donations are particularly important at this time of the year because families have to feed children who get free school meals when they are at school.

Noddfa Retreat 2018 for anyone who would like to experience a retreat in the peace and tranquillity of this special place. Date: Monday 10th to Friday 14th September 2018. Cost: stays the same at £200, including full board. Special food requirements can be catered for. There is a list at the back of church for your names and contact details if interested, and a poster on the noticeboard. For any queries please contact Jean Andrews on 01995 603802.

Catenians – With so much inequality and poverty in the world, why not give your time to help those in need? Each year the **Catenian Bursary Fund** makes awards totalling over £150,000 to young Catholics aged between 18 and 24 who volunteer to work on development projects and as helpers on HCPT and Diocesan pilgrimages. Give your time and help to those less fortunate than you. Let us help you to achieve your aims. Do something really wonderful for others and...make a difference! Want to know more? Please visit the Catenian website: www.catenianbursary.com.

Lancaster Faith and Justice Commission – Upcoming events include:

1st September World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation www.ourcommonhome.

29th Sept - 5th Oct Good Money Week www.goodmoneyweek.com.

14th October Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero in Rome.

For newsletter see <http://www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk>.

Wednesday Word – copies of the Wednesday Word for the Sunday Masses of 2nd

September 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 10.30am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 25th August – Sunday 2nd September 2018

Sat	25 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Dennis Vincent Wilkes
Sun	26 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Rev Francis Carr
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Margaret Barton
Mon	27 th		
Tue	28 th		}
Wed	29 th		}
Thurs	30 th		} No Mass
Fri	31 st		}
Sat	1 st Sep		}
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Alan Bradley (RIP)
Sun	2 nd	8.30 am (Scorton)	Helen and Edward Brennan (Anniversary)
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Charles and Evelyn Langley

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Sat	1 st Sep	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy of the Word Service
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Special Days this week:

Sun	26 th	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mon	27 th	St Monica
Tues	28 th	St Augustine
Wed	29 th	The Passion of St John the Baptist
Thurs	30 th	Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margaret Ward (Martyrs)
Fri	31 st	St Aiden (Bishop) and the Saints of Lindisfarne
Sat	1 st Sep	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
Sun	2 nd	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Meetings this Week:

Wed	29 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Plessington Chapel)
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Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	12 th	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 136	Children: 1	Total: 137
		8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 56
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 120	Children: 24	Total: 144

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Including Standing Orders): £1,130.20; Shop: £20; Votive Lights (2 weeks): £105.50. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Including Standing Orders): £370.08; Good Shepherd: £20; Assumption: £13.60; Piety Stall: £5; Votive Lights: £12.66; Holy Souls: £.05; CAFOD: £1. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 7.45 am each Tuesday in August at SS Mary & Michael's, and in September at St Thomas's.

Hymns at 6.00 pm (Garstang):

Ent.	Alleluia, sing to Jesus	644
Gloria:	Duffy	527
G.A.	Easter Plain Song	
Off:	O Lord my God	721
Sanctus:	Schubert	576
Amen:		
Com:	Soul of my Saviour	938
Rec:	Sweet Saviour	680

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	Alleluia, sing to Jesus	644
Gloria:	Duffy	527
G.A.	Triple + Missal	
Off:	Father & life-giver	659 vv 1,2
S,M,D:	Mass of St Andrew	565, 566, 569
A.D:	Mass of Jeanne Jugan	593
Com 1)	Lord, how can I repay	620
	2) Adoramus te, Domine	667
Rec:	Your words are spirit	980