

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

St Mary & St James, Scorton

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)



New items and information

Mother's Day School-led Mass (Garstang) The School will be leading our Mass this Sunday morning, 26th March – Mother's Day

Cake Stall (Garstang) – There will be a cake & craft stall in the Plessington Chapel after the Masses this weekend 25th & 26th March – all profits in aid of Chivuna. (Who can resist delicious cakes? Or gorgeous crafts?) *Please support us.*

Mass Times – The vote in Garstang was overwhelmingly in favour of changing Sunday Mass time to 10.30 am. This enables the congregation in Scorton to have Mass at 8.30 am. The Bishop has given his approval to the new times which will begin on Easter Sunday. Many thanks to you all for your understanding.

East Africa Crisis Appeal There will be somebody at the back of church **this weekend** after Mass to give you another opportunity if you wish to donate to this appeal organised through CAFOD. The United Nations is warning that the world faces the largest humanitarian crisis in more than 70 years. Severe drought, lack of food, and civil war mean that now over 16 million people across East Africa are facing starvation. CAFOD are already working with their local Church partners on the ground, who are providing vital aid to communities affected by hunger and drought. Your donation will get food, clean water and health care to people in desperate need. Find out more at cafod.org.uk/eastafrica and see poster at back of church. Please support our parish collection for CAFOD's appeal and pray for those affected. *Thank you*

NWCSG Bric-a-Brac Auction, Saturday 1st April – Once again we would be very grateful for the donation of sandwiches and cakes for us to sell at our auction. Many people arrive at 10 am and stay all day, so the refreshments are always popular and contribute to the financial success of the event. If you are able to make cakes or sandwiches, please put your name on the list at the back of church.

Plastic packs will be supplied to those making sandwiches. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie McCann (tel. 601354). Many thanks; your support is much appreciated. For more information about the NWCSG please see our website www.nwcsg.co.uk.

Kathleen Holt – Kathleen was a member of our parish for many years. She will be remembered for her lovely smile, for her singing voice, and for her forthright attitude to people and life. Kathleen died in her 93rd year, in Nantwich on Monday, 20th March. Her son Jeremy was with her at her death. *May she rest in peace.*

Red Mission Boxes (Garstang) have now been emptied and can be collected from the church porch, along with a Mission book. A total of £350.35 has been banked. *Thank you.*

Lent Lunches for Christian Aid – URC, Garstang – Can our church provide volunteers to help with preparing, serving and tidying up afterwards, to make these lunches a joint Churches Together in Garstang event? The remaining date is Wednesday 5th April.

Lent Lunches supporting Christian Aid – Scorton – Saturdays 2nd April and 9th April 12 noon – 2 pm. Please come and join us for lunch and support the Christian Aid Collection. Lunches continue in the Methodist Chapel, Scorton. You will be made very welcome if you come along.

Quiz Night at The Barn, Scorton – Friday, 31st March – 7.30 pm for 8 pm start; bring your team (4 – 6 max.), come on your own, or “bring a friend”! Entrance £2 each, including chips! Pay on door. **BIG prizes to be won.** Full bar facilities available.

Date for your diary: Scorton Spring Fair – Will be held at Scorton Village Hall on **Saturday 29th April**. We hope to sell a variety of items, including books, plants, cakes, crafts, bric-a-brac, games and toys etc; there will be a tombola and a raffle. Could you please help by donating articles that are in good condition, or, if you're able to bake cakes, scones, or make confectionery, that would be wonderful! Please leave all items at the back of Scorton church; if you'd like something collecting, just call Kevin on 07907 433 391, or bring your baking to the village hall for 9.30 am on the day. All funds raised go to Bikes & Barrows, then apportioned to parish funds. *Thanks very much!*

Scorton Parish Council Meeting – The next meeting is on Tuesday, 25th April at 7 pm in the Presbytery. As ever, there is an open invitation for any parishioner to attend. There are one or two vacancies on the parish council, and anyone who is prepared to help in the running and the management of the parish, will be welcomed with open arms! If you are interested in joining, please contact John Spencer on 01524 791 634. *Thank you.*

Good Friday Morning – Scorton – Following the normal tradition, on Good Friday morning, there will be Stations of the Cross (time to be announced). We will then link with members of both the Anglican and Methodist communities and partake in a short procession of witness within the village. The procession will be headed by a life-sized cross, carried by a parishioner, and then erected in a prominent position overlooking the village, where it will remain during the Easter period. Following the erection there will be a very short united service lasting around 10 minutes. Garstang parishioners are most welcome to join us.

Easter Day at Scorton – Another tradition, to which parishioners at Garstang are cordially invited to join: parishioners of the three Christian traditions in the village have for a number of years got out of bed rather early (time to be notified) and have assembled at the junction of Snowhill Lane and Higher Lane, Scorton, by the stile leading towards Nicky Nook. The assembled group then climbs Nicky Nook, arriving at the summit in time to see the rising sun peep above the Bowland Hills (being symbolic of the Risen Christ). A short service with a couple of hymns takes place, before those in attendance make their way back to the Methodist Chapel, Scorton, for bacon baps and tea/coffee. (Donations to cover costs are most welcome.) Suitable clothing and footwear should be worn and a torch for use during the ascent is always a good idea. Help in catering would also be very much appreciated. For additional information, contact John Spencer (Parish Chairman – 01524 791 634)

Puen Club Winner (Scorton) of March draw was Sam Nelson; the prize money was £45 and the total raised for Puentecitos is £2,774.

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits served in the meeting room (Scorton) after Mass every Sunday. Please come and join us.

Did you know....millions of vulnerable families desperately need food, as famine has been declared in parts of South Sudan: the world's newest nation is in the grip of a devastating humanitarian crisis? In Unity State, 100,000 people face starvation, and fears are growing that more vulnerable families in other parts of the country are on the brink of famine. Without homes and safety, nearly 4.9 million people across the country urgently need food and security. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners on the frontline of this crisis, getting food and essential items to people most in need.

Previously Published Items

Stations of the Cross – Garstang These will take place at 6.30 pm on Friday evenings during Lent.

Brexit Campaign Postcards Traidcraft is calling on the government to put in place measures to safeguard people who trade with us from the poorest countries. Traidcraft are working with the Fairtrade Foundation and other organisations, and have launched a petition to International Trade Minister Liam Fox. Postcards are available in the church porch to send to your MP and join the campaign for a Brexit that is fair for everyone.

Luncheon Club – Scorton Every 3rd Tuesday in the month at the Methodist Church, Scorton. Cost £7.50 per head. Please telephone Ruth Yates on 01524 792581, by the previous Sunday, to book in. All welcome.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Holt, late of this parish, who died in Nantwich last Monday. Her funeral took place on Friday. *May she rest in peace.*

Please pray also for the repose of the soul of Len Pursey who died recently. *May he rest in peace.*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Frank Walmsley, Gladys Richardson, Nellie Hodges, James Pedder, Mary Carr, Fleetwood Carter, Alice Helme, Marie Calvert, Mary Horn and Frank Gornall. *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: Alison Dodd, Sean Jepson, Winifred McNulty, Josh Drinkall, Emma Loomes, Patricia Randall, Kathleen Murphy, Ros Drake, Fr Joe Duggan SJ, Allan Whipp, Theresa Harrison, Margaret Hibberdine, Billy (5 years old), Pat Nickson, Gerard Gough, Bob Cross, Brian Moss, Jim Winstanley, Fiona Catterall, Rod Pearson, Marie Corrigan, Jean Parkinson, Ann Wicks, Ewan (he has responded well to brain tumour treatment, even able to move up to secondary school this year. The family appreciates your prayers and asks that they continue as he is not out of the woods yet), Phillip, John Fairey, Pat Hickey, Sheila Murphy, Michael McCarthy (living in France), Dorothy Evans, Lucy and Family, Kathryn, Susanne, Jessica Holmes, Antonio Dilao, Bernadette O'Neill, John Ashcroft, Margaret Shepherd, Christine, Peter Holland, Ian Moran, Tony and David Winstanley, Alyson, Michael Hendry, Christopher Simpson, Auntie Sophie, Christopher Brown, Simon Thompson, Sheila Cookson, Francisca Rainford and Alison Green. *(When people whose names are on this sick list have recovered their health, please let us know.)*

From the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales Your Voice Matters – Mega Youth Poll

In 2018, Pope Francis will invite Bishops and others to Rome to talk about Youth, Faith and Vocational Discernment. At this gathering they will discuss how the Catholic Church can accompany young people in their faith and help them to hear God's call. If you are aged between 13 and 29 years old, the Catholic Church in England and Wales would like to hear from you; we want to hear what life is like, your thoughts on faith and how you connect with the Catholic Church. To help you, we have created a Youth Poll that you can access using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/parish-youth-poll>. If you're not in this age group but would like to help, please encourage the young people you know to respond to this poll by giving them the link. For queries about the Youth Poll please email: synod2018@cbcew.org.uk.

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 25th March – Sunday 2nd April 2017

Sat	25 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Dorothy Kelsall
Sun	26 th	09.45 am (Garstang)	Brian and Stella McVey
		11.15 am (Scorton)	Agnes Cooke
Mon	27 th	No Mass	
Tue	28 th	12 noon (Scorton)	The Catterall Family
Wed	29 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Ethel Kenyon
Thurs	30 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	All Our Parishioners
Fri	31 st	9.30 am	Eve Graham
Sat	1 st Apr	9.30 am (Garstang)	LISCF
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Peter Ibson
Sun	2 nd	9.45 am (Garstang)	RoS Jim Parry
		11.15 am (Scorton)	Almond and Sweeny Families

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	29 th	6.45 pm	Rosary (Garstang)
Fri	31 st	10 – 10.30 am	Exposition (Garstang)
		6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross (Garstang)
Sat	1 st Apr	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions (Garstang)

Special Days this week:

Sun 26th FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Meetings next Week:

Tue	28 th	6.30 pm	1 st Holy Communion (Session 3) (Garstang)
Wed	29 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Garstang)
Thurs	30 th	7.15 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)
Fri	31 st	7.30 pm	Bradford Junior Choir Concert
Sat	1 st Apr	10.00 am	NWCSG Auction in School (Viewing 10.00 am)

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	19 th (Garstang)	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 150	Children: 12	
	(Garstang)	10.00 am	Adults: 142	Children: 26	Total: 330
	(Scorton)				Total:

Monies Received:

Garstang: Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,173.10; Cemetery: £320; Funeral: £400; Votive Lights: £36.10; I belong books: £26.60; CAFOD Lenten Fast Day: £859.98; CAFOD Famine Appeal: £790.

Scorton: Offertory (including Standing Orders): 5th March - £308.89; 12th March: £373; Family Fast Day Envelopes - £61. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in March at the United Reformed Church.

Hymns at 6 pm Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	807	Praise, my soul
G.A.		Praise to you, oh Christ
Off.	604	Lord, accept the gifts
Sactus.	576	
Amen	578	
Rec.	801	Love divine

Hymns at 9.45 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	849	Freely, freely
Kyrie	516	Taize 1
Psalm		Back of Book
G.A.	186	v. "I am the light of the world"
Off.	603	Blessed be God
S, M, D	576	German Mass
A.D.	593	vv. 14, 15, 16
Com.	605, 865, 779	
Rec.	966	Walk with me, O my Lord