

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

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

Racial Justice Sunday



New items and information

Today is Racial Justice Sunday – On this day, Catholics are called to pray for those who experience unjust discrimination or are marginalised because of their race and ethnicity. We think in particular of those who feel they do not belong within our society or our communities because of this discrimination. As Catholics we are asked to treat all humans with dignity, regardless of their background or circumstances. There are many stories of alienation throughout the Bible, with clear calls to “Love the stranger”. If you would like to support the Church’s work on racial justice issues, you can donate online at <http://catholicnews.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday-2018>. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please help yourself. Also see the poster at the back of church.

Faith and Justice – As well as being Racial Justice Sunday, today is also designated Homeless Sunday – to find out about Housing Justice (the national Christian homeless charity) please visit www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk where you can find monthly newsletters etc.

First Reconciliation Preparation 2018 – Session 1 for children will be this Tuesday, 30th January, at 6.30 pm in the Plessington Chapel.

Friends of Chivuna – The minutes of the meeting of 5th January are now available.

Journey in Faith – The next meeting of Journey in Faith is next Thursday, 1st February, 7.15pm for 7.30 pm start, in the Plessington Chapel.

The Catholic Voice is available for collection at the back of church – please take a copy.

A Cake Stall for CAFOD/Chivuna will be held after the Masses at Garstang next weekend, 3rd and 4th February. Any donations of cakes, pies, scones, biscuits etc. will be gratefully received. Thank you.

You are warmly invited to CAFOD Preston Deanery Lent meeting (Key note speaker: Livison Chipatiso, CAFOD's Programme Officer in Zimbabwe) on Wednesday, 14th February (Ash Wednesday), 2-3.30pm (tea and coffee served) at Our Lady & St Edward's Parish Centre, 4 Marlborough Drive, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 9UE. Anyone interested in the work CAFOD do, should find this interesting and inspiring. **Garstang Parish Draw** – Congratulations go to Father David and John Walmsley for being our January winners. Do you have a couple of hours to help us collect this year's subs in March? We would love to hear from you. Please contact Trish & Kev on 01995 604 292.

The Catenian Bursary Fund. Each year the Catenian Bursary Fund gives cash grants over £100,000 to young Catholics aged 16 to 24 from all around the world, who volunteer to work on projects all over the world. To see the wide variety of projects that the fund supports and the simple criteria you need to meet, please contact: www.thecatenians.com/bursary. Leaflets about the Bursary Fund are also available at the back of church.

Covenant Books, the Pastoral Centre, Whitby Avenue, Ingol, Preston, PR2 3YP. Opening times from February 2018 are: Thursday, 10 am – 4 pm, Friday 10 am – 4 pm, Saturday, 10 am – 12 noon. (Closed on Bank holidays and the week after Easter.) Telephone & Fax 01772 735993, email: covenantbooks@tiscali.co.uk.

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

Jeanie Richmond, Ruth Fairey, Tony Waters, Joan Finlay, Robert Edwin Brown, Rev Francis Carr, Alice Winstanley, Robert Tomlinson, Michael McBride, Agnes Evans, Tony Derbyshire, Elizabeth Cook, Harold Harwood, Ernest Cecil Clark Firth, Molly Walmsley, David Anthony Pyke and Hannah Marie Swarbrick. *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: 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, Anne Miller, Simon Crossley, Alan Lowe, Father Jerome Ainsworth, Joan Place, Bob Cross, Martina Cople, Matthew Pearson, Jim Winstanley, John Fairey, Rod Pearson, 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

Counters – Two of our counters are retiring after many years of faithful service. We are looking for volunteers to help count the collections after the 10.30 am Mass on Sundays; this would involve counting once every six or seven weeks only. If you are willing to help, please speak D'arcy. *Thank you.*

Deanery Retreat Day – For Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, led by Canon Luiz Ruscillo, Saturday 3rd February, 10.45 am – 2.30 pm, at Lancaster Cathedral Day Chapel (access between Cathedral House and Pastoral Centre. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided. (See poster at back of church.)

Sacrament of Confirmation – On Pentecost Sunday, 20th May 2018 at 2.30 pm at the Cathedral, the Bishop will be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation. To all those in years 10 and 11 who wish to be confirmed, please contact either Father Tom or Alison Dodd for a letter inviting you to enrol for the course of preparation. You will need to show commitment to the programme and attendance is essential. The sessions will commence on Tuesday 20th March at 6.30 pm. There will be a total of 8 sessions and an away day. The last session, a shorter session, will be on Tuesday, 15th May, the Tuesday before Confirmation.

North West Children's Support Group are holding their **Annual Beer Festival** at Cockerham Village Hall on 2nd & 3rd February from 7 pm – midnight. Tickets are £6, available from www.jumblebee.co.uk/cockerhambeerfest or via our website www.nwscg.co.uk. Beer, gin, whiskey and cocktails available. There will be live music from the Flatlanders and other great bands. There will also be pies available. For more information, contact Paul on 07711 631 984.

Lent Lunches 2018 – These lunches are ecumenical, and take place on Wednesdays. Each church takes a turn to serve lunch at the United Reformed Church. As usual, when it is our turn, Wednesday, 28th February, we will be asking for volunteers to help by making soup, and with serving and tidying up afterwards. If you are able to help, please contact Pat Costain on 01995 605 793.

Leonard Cheshire Disability, Oaklands is Garstang's local Leonard Cheshire Disability Residential Home and has been a part of our community for 49 years! Leonard Cheshire Disability is celebrating 70 years of service since Group Captain Leonard Cheshire opened the first home. We are of course always on the lookout for anyone who can help us with our aim to keep our residents as healthy and as happy as possible. We would welcome anyone who could give any amount of time; be it reading to an individual or groups, befriending, taking part in crafts activities and games or helping out with a variety of outings. Additionally there are a number of ways we could use additional help; in the garden, decorating or administration tasks such as fundraising and public relations. If you are willing to become involved please contact Martin Wintermeyer, the Volunteer Coordinator, on 01995 602290 or Oaklands@leonardcheshire.org. Many thanks for your time reading this and may God bless you.

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

Response to the Psalm at 10.30 am Mass :

Praying for a new Bishop of Lancaster: *Almighty God, Eternal shepherd and guide, in your love for us, grant to the Catholic Diocese of Lancaster a shepherd who will lead us to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 20th – Sunday 28th January 2018

Sat	27 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Tess Harrison
Sun	28 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Watson & Knowles Families
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Gerald Whittaker
Mon	29 th	}	
Tue	30 th	}	
Wed	31 st	}	
Thurs	1 st Feb	} No Mass	
Fri	2 nd	}	
Sat	3 rd	}	
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Michael O'Neill
Sun	4 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Alice Wells (Anniversary)
		10.30 am (Garstang)	RoS Jim Parry

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Sat	27 th	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy Service
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Special Days this week:

Sun	28 th	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Day of Prayer for Racial Justice
Wed	31 st	St John Bosco
Fri	2 nd	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
Sat	3 rd	St Blaise (Bishop & Martyr) and St Angar (Bishop)
Sun	4 th	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Meetings this Week:

Tues	30 th	6.30 pm	1 st Reconciliation Preparation (Session 1)
Wed	31 st	7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Garstang)
Thurs	1 st Feb	7.15 for 7.30 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)
Sat	3 rd	10.45am – 2.30pm	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Cathedral

Last Week's Attendance

Sun	21 st	6 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 114	Children: 10	Total: 124
		8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 60
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 123	Children: 32	Total: 155

Monies Received last week

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,122; Shop: £5; Votive Lights: £38; Photocopying: £5. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £294.79; Votive Lights: £1.50. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in January at St Thomas' Church and in February at Garstang Methodist Church

Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	762	At the name of Jesus
Gloria:		
G.A.:	710	
Off:	720	Be still, for the presence
Sanctus:	576	Schubert
Amen:	578	
Com:		
Rec:	644	Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	887	Thou whose almighty Word
Gloria:	531	Mass of Hope
G.A.:		Triple + Missal
Off:	606	Upon thy table Lord
Sanctus:	579	Pershore
Memorial:	580a	
Doxology:	581	
Com: 1)	720	Be still, for the presence
2)	909	Be still and know that I am God
Rec.	721	O Lord, my God, when I