

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

**Sts Mary & James, Scorton**

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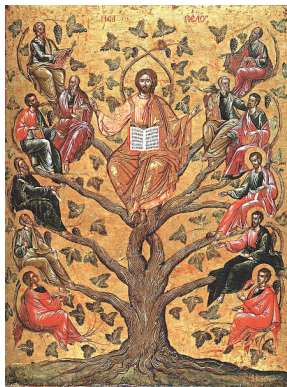
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**28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



*"I am the vine, you are the branches.*

*Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty;  
for cut off from me you can do nothing."*

**New items and information**

**First Holy Communions** – The next session is on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 6.30 pm in the Plessington Chapel.

**First Holy Communions** will be celebrated next Sunday, **6<sup>th</sup> May, at 10.30 am**. The **Rehearsal** will be on Saturday, **5<sup>th</sup> May, at 10.15 am** in Church.

**Confirmation Preparation** – The next session is on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 6.30 pm in the Castle Lane Community Centre.

**Spring Fair at Scorton Village Hall**, by Sts. Mary & James parish, Scorton, next Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00 am till 4.00 pm. Home baking, Carr's jewellery, tombola & raffle, plants, books, crafts, bric a brac, plus world famous tea, coffee, cakes, scones & bacon butties- please join us!

**The Catholic Voice** is ready for collecting from the back of church. There is a lovely photo of our new Bishop on the front!

**Monthly Coffee Morning** – Doesn't the time whizz by!! If the thought depresses you beyond measure, don't sit at home, weeping into your tea/coffee cups! Come to our Monthly Coffee Morning, where you will find company, friends, fun – and simply delicious cakes and biscuits served with a smile! This coming Wednesday, 10 am – 12 noon. You know the old saying – "Come here for good cheer!" ☺

**Journey in Faith** – The next meeting of Journey in Faith is Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 7.15 pm in the Plessington Chapel.

**Sponsored Walk** – Every year, the Lancaster Diocese Youth Service at Castlerigg Manor works with thousands of young people. Whether in school, on retreat at Castlerigg, or as part of one of the pilgrimages, the experience of spending time reflecting on their lives and coming to know the faith better can be transformative. And the Lancaster Diocese Youth Service want to make these opportunities available to as many young people as possible. To raise funds, a small party will be walking from Grasmere to Keswick on a 15-mile route, taking in 12 of Wainwright's fells, including Fairfield and Helvellyn, on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018. One of the party is one of our parishioners, **Helen Bisby**. Will you consider sponsoring her? There are forms at the back of Church, and if you would like to sponsor online visit <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/castleriggwalk/>.

**Bert Lowe** on behalf of his brother, **Alan Lowe**, would like to thank all parishioners for their prayers. He has now completed his chemotherapy, and is on the road to recovery. **Fr Luiz Ruscillo** will be holding another series of talks, with the subject this time being the Book of Revelation. To be held at the Education Centre on the following Tuesday evenings: 29<sup>th</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July. See poster at back of church for further information.

**The John Bradburne Memorial Society** is doing a crowdfunding fundraiser at the Congregation of the Cause of Saints in Rome in order to support the Cause for Beatification of John Bradburne. Born in Skelwith, Cumbria, in 1921, John spent much of his life discerning God's will for him and spent the last 10 years of his life tenderly caring for the lepers of Mutemwa, Zimbabwe, before being kidnapped and murdered in 1979. He was a lay Franciscan, and it was when his coffin was opened after three fresh drops of blood were seen on the floor underneath at his funeral, that his wish of being buried in his habit was able to be rectified. He had a great devotion to Our Lady and the Trinity, and since his death many have ascribed help to his intercessions, as well as inspiration for their faith. Anyone wishing to support this cause should visit JustGiving crowdfunding and search "John Bradburne". Further info can be found at [www.johnbradburne.com](http://www.johnbradburne.com).

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton:** Richard Gornall, Richard Pickering, James Ashworth, Fr Bernard Cochrane, Bert Wrennall, Maureen Mary Jennings, Jane Rossall, Sarah Banks, Robert Pegg, Alice Waring, Fr A Richardson, Monica Hargreaves, Fr Edward Bilsborrow, Emma Seery, Tom Cassidy, John Davis, Teresa Topping, Fred Garvey, Teresa Garner, James Pedder, Winifred Bilsborrow and William Wignall. ***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:** Maureen Clark, Marie Swarbrick, Mary Winstanley, Stephen Cottam, 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, Joan Place, 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.)*

### Previously Published Items

**We are honoured to announce** that Bishop Paul will be celebrating the 10.30am Mass here at SS Mary & Michael's on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

**Church Shop** – We really need help with looking after the church shop at the 10.30 Mass on Sunday mornings. It isn't an onerous task and would only be necessary about every 4 weeks. If you feel you could help please contact Jen Horn, tel: 602341. Any help would be very much appreciated.

**Date for your Diaries: Noddfa Retreat 2018** – There will be a visit to Noddfa, for anyone who would like to experience a retreat in the peace and tranquillity of this special place. Date: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (it is some time off but people have busy diaries!). Cost: stays the same at £200, including full board. Special food requirements can be catered for. For those who haven't been to Noddfa, it is a spirituality centre on the outskirts of Penmaenmawr, near Llandudno, North Wales, run by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary. There is a chapel on site. We run our own retreat – usually prayers and reflections morning and evening, with the addition of some sessions by two of the Sisters. Fr Tom was able to join us for part of the time last year and we hope he will be able to do so again. Afternoons are free to 'do your own thing', visit the surrounding area etc. Travel is by private car, with lifts arranged between us. We will put a list at the back of church nearer the time for your names and contact details if you are interested.

For more information contact Jean Andrews on 01995 603802.

**Cenacolo Open Day:** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Mass at 12 noon. Details: <https://cenacolouk.org/>

**Music Workshop, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018** – Frank Harrington and Leo Appleton of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, St Annes-on-Sea, are holding a one-day workshop to introduce their newly-composed music for the Mass and the Christmas season. This day is open to all choir leaders and musicians. It will be in the Parish Centre, St Alban's Road, St Annes-on-Sea, FY8 1GT from 10 am – 2 pm. Cost is £10 per person; this includes a complimentary full score copy of all music introduced on the day, tea, coffee and biscuits. Please bring a packed lunch, musical instruments and your singing voice. More information tel: 07713 238 597.

**Wednesday Word** – copies of the Wednesday Word for the Mass of Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, can be found on yellow 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 28<sup>th</sup> April – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Michael O'Neill
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am (Scorton)	Charlotte McAleer
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Gerald Whittaker
Mon	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am (Garstang)	All our Parishioners – School Mass in Church
Tue	1 <sup>st</sup> May	12 noon (Scorton)	Price-Jones, Hull and Ackers Families
Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Jim Walmsley (Anniversary)
Thurs	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am (Scorton)	Antonie Biermann
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am (Garstang)	Charlotte M <sup>c</sup> Aleer
Sat	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am (Garstang)	Tom and Christine Lyons
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Marie Starr
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am (Scorton)	LISCF
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Sheila Carroll (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

### **Devotions and Celebrations this week:**

Fri	4 <sup>th</sup>	10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat	5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy Service

### **Special Days this week:**

Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Tues	1 <sup>st</sup> May	St Joseph the Worker
Thurs	3 <sup>rd</sup>	STS PHILIP & JAMES (Apostles)
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup>	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS
Sun	6 <sup>th</sup>	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – First Holy Communion (Garstang)

### **Meetings this Week:**

Tue	1 <sup>st</sup> May	6.30 pm	First Holy Communion
		6.30 pm	Confirmation Preparation (Session 5)
Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup>	10 am – 12 noon	Monthly Coffee Morning
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.15 pm	Journey in Faith
Sat	5 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Rehearsal (SSMM)

### **Last Week's Attendance:**

Sun	15 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 131	Children: 6	Total: 137
		8.30 am (Scorton)			Total:
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 118	Children: 26	Total: 144

### **Monies Received last week:**

**Garstang:** Offertory (Including Standing Orders): £1,036.60; Shop: £20; Votive Lights: £37.50; Ecclesiastical Education Fund: £224.80. *Many thanks to you all.*

**Scorton:** Offertory (Including Standing Orders): £; Holy Souls: £; Votive Lights: £; Piety Stall: £; CAFOD: £. *Many thanks to you all.*

### **Churches Together in Garstang & District**

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 7.45 am each Tuesday in May at St Thomas's.

### **Hymns at 6.00 pm (Garstang):**

Ent.	406	O praise ye the Lord
Gloria:		
G.A.	710	
Off:	627	This is my body
Sanctus:	570	Revised Gathering Mass
Amen:	572	
Com:		
Rec:	762	Thine be the Glory

### **Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):**

Ent:	278	Now the green blade riseth
Gloria:	998	Salazar
G.A.		Triple + Missal
Off:	603	Blest are you, Lord
S,M,D:	565, 566, 568	– St Andrew's Mass
A.D:	611a	verses 21, 22, 23, 4.
Com 1)	748	Unless a grain of wheat
		2)
Rec:	268	Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks