

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

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



“Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?”

New items and information

Saturday Liturgy Service – Scorton – In order to maintain the long-held tradition of Saturday morning worship at Scorton, there is now a parishioner-led Liturgy Service at 9.00 am each Saturday morning. The service lasts for around 20 minutes and consists of the Liturgy of the Word for the particular day, followed by General Intercessions and a decade of the Rosary. Following the service, it has become customary for some to resort to The Barn for a coffee and to socialise. It's a good way to start the day, and all are welcome to attend.

Monthly Coffee Morning – It's that time again! Time to get together with friends, drink coffee (or tea!), chat, eat cakes (yumm!) and generally have a good time. Next Wednesday, 3rd May, 10 am, Plessington Chapel. Remember the old saying? “Be there or be square!”

Children's Liturgists/Safeguarding (Garstang)– A useful document entitled “Coping with Difficult Behaviour in Children's Liturgy” has been written for you by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. A copy is available for each of you on the Safeguarding Noticeboard at the back of Church. Please take one.

St Vincent de Paul Society (Garstang)– The collection for the SVP taken on Maundy Thursday amounted to £167.00. *Thank you very much.*

Many thanks to the Garstang Ladies NFU for a £120 donation to parish funds for the service they had in this church on 23rd April.

St Peter's Deanery – The following Deanery events are taking place, in which you are invited to participate: **1)** A series of talks for the Deanery on *The Miracles in the Gospels* at the Education Centre (Balmoral Road, Lancaster, LA1 3BT) by Canon Luiz Ruscillo, from **7 – 8 pm on Tuesdays: 2, 9, 23 and 30 May and 6 June.** *Please bring your Bibles!* **2)** Mass, Procession and Prayers of Consecration to mark the Centenary of the Apparitions of Our Lady and Fatima on Saturday 13 May in the Cathedral, beginning with 11.30 am Rosary and 12.15 pm Mass. **3)** Healing Service run by Cor et Lumen Christi community at St Joseph's Church, Slyne Rd, Lancaster LA1 2HU from 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 24 May: prayer for everyone, praise and adoration, opportunity for reconciliation. Everyone welcome, especially those who are struggling at this time with any physical, emotional, mental or spiritual problems. Expect miracles!

Aid to the Church in Need – Area Secretary, Christopher Robson, will be giving an illustrated talk on Christianity in the Middle East at 2 pm on 7th May in the Social Centre at Lancaster Cathedral. This talk will be an opportunity to learn more about the history of Christianity in the Middle East and to reflect upon the crisis Christians are facing there today.

Together Lancashire – Hosting Scheme – Together Lancashire have organised a meeting on **2nd May at St Cuthbert's Church, Lytham Road, Preston, PR2 3AP, at 7.30 pm** (refreshments from 7 pm) to discuss the possibility of organising a hosting scheme for destitute asylum seekers in Lancashire. A hosting scheme involves volunteer householders who have a spare room making this available rent-free (or for small expenses payments) to an asylum seeker. Such schemes have run successfully in Manchester through Boaz Trust and in other cities through members of the NACCOM network. The current situation across Lancashire is that there are about 170 asylum seekers in Preston, 50 – 100 in Lancaster, several hundred in Blackburn and around 100 in West Lancashire under the government dispersal programme. Other districts such as Burnley and Pendle are soon going to be included as well, and numbers are likely to rise in the foreseeable future. Each placement situation will be kept under review (in the early stages at least weekly) with a view to finding a longer-term solution to the housing issue. If you are able to help and would like to find out more, please come along to the meeting. To help with the planning of the meeting, please register using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hosting-scheme-for-destitute-refused-asylum-seekers-in-lancashire-exploratory-meeting-tickets-33040844054>

Cor et Lumen Christi Community – ENCOUNTER – Experience the loving presence of Jesus, Sat 20th – Sun 21st May 2017 at Cor et Lumen Christi, Wigton, CA7 9HU (Donation event only). To book or for more information: www.coretlumentchristi.org; email: stcuthberts@coretlumentchristi.org; tel: 01697 345 623 or 07516 075 896.

Did you know....two years on, families whose homes were damaged or destroyed by the 2015 Nepal earthquake are now moving into their new earthquake-resilient homes? It will

take many years for Nepal to fully recover, but CAFOD is helping people rebuild their lives for the long term. As well as the safer homes rebuilding projects, we have also supported local partners to rebuild schools, repair damaged water systems, and help communities restore their means to making a living, for example through re-establishing agricultural and livestock work. Our partners have also been working in communities to help people be better prepared for any future disasters. Thank you!

Previously Published Items

Hummingbirds 20th Anniversary Ball – Yes, it is 20 years since all the work done by the parish in setting up Hummingbirds in 1997! As part of the celebrations, there will be a Ball at The Wyrebank on Saturday, 24th June. Tickets cost £30 per person and will include a meal, entertainment, and a free raffle! If you would like to reserve tickets, please contact Frank or Anne Miller as soon as possible on 01995 604 030.

Gift Aid Tax (Garstang) – A gift aid tax reclaim will be submitted shortly to HMRC. Please notify me if you are no longer a tax payer or if you paid insufficient tax during 2016/17 to cover the tax that will be reclaimed on all your donations given under Gift Aid to all charities during the tax year, at the present standard rate of tax of 20%, 25p is reclaimed for every £1 donated. *Helena – 01995 605 311.*

Many thanks (Scorton) – Many thanks to Margaret Spencer who has been parish treasurer for almost three and a half years. Margaret has decided to retire as treasurer from the end of May. If anybody is interested in taking on this job to serve the parish, please have a word with Father Tom.

Please pray for Robyn Emilia Villers-Stubbs who is being baptised in our church next Saturday.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton: Fr Bernard Cochrane, Bert Wrennall, Maureen Mary Jennings, Alice Waring, Jane Rossall, Sarah Banks, Robert Pegg, Fr A Richardson, Monica Hargreaves, Fr Edward Bilsborrow, John Davis, Emma Seery, Tom Cassidy, Theresa Topping, Fred Garvey, William Wignall, Teresa Garner, James Pedder, Winifrid Bilsborrow. *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: Simone and Nigel Lord, Michael O'Neill, Alison Dodd, Sean Jepson, Winifred McNulty, Josh Drinkall, Emma Loomes, 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.)*

Psalm at 10.30 am Mass : “Centre of my life” Hymn No. 423

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 29th April – Sunday 7th May 2017

Sat	29 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Tom Ibison and the Ibison Family
Sun	30 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Price-Jones, Hull & Ackers Families
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Maurice Iddon
Mon	1 st May	No Mass	
Tue	2 nd	No Mass	
Wed	3 rd	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Minnie and Terry Fitzpatrick
Thurs	4 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	All Our Parishioners
Fri	5 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	Years 4 & 5 Class Mass in Church Rosaleen Gorman (Lately Dead)
Sat	6 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Reverend John Horn
Sun	7 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	RoS Ruth Cheadle (Lately Dead) (Scorton)
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Sheila Carroll (Second Anniversary)

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	3 rd	6.45 pm	Rosary
Fri	4 th	10 – 10.30 am	Exposition
Sat	29 th	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	30 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Mon	1 st May	St Joseph the Worker
Tues	2 nd	St Athanasius (Bishop & Doctor)
Wed	3 rd	STS PHILIP & JAMES (Apostles)
Thurs	4 th	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS
Sun	7 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Meetings next Week:

Tues	2 nd	6.30 pm	1 st Holy Communion Preparation (Session 6) (Garstang)
Wed	3 rd	10 am – 12 noon	Coffee Morning (Plessington Chapel)
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	4 th	7.15 pm	Journey in Faith
Sat	6 th	10.30 am	1 st Holy Communion Practice

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	23 rd	(Garstang)	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 172	Children: 12	Total: 184
		(Garstang)	10.30 am	Adults: 118	Children: 35	Total: 153
		(Scorton)	8.30 am			Total: 60

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,183.12; Votive Lights: £41.80; Cemetery: £150; 1st Communion Ties: £20; Wedding: £350; Shop: £5. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £371.50. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in May at St Thomas's.

Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	321	Crown him with many crowns
Gloria:	527	Duffy
G.A.:		Easter Plainsong
Off:	278	Now the green blade riseth
Sanctus	576	Schubert
Rec:	287	Thine be the glory

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	288	On the journey to Emmaus
Gloria:	531	Mass of Hope
G.A.:		Triple & Missal
Off:	605	Take our bread
S,M,D:	559,560,562	Mass of Hope
A.D.:	611a	Easter Responses
Com: 1)	976	In the land there is a hunger
2)	633	Eat this bread, drink this cup
Rec:	321	Crown him with many crowns