

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

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

Day of Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking and those who work to combat it



*“He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up.
And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.”*

New items and information

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

Next Weekend, 10th / 11th February, there will be a special collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society. Please be as generous as you are able. *Thank you.*

First Reconciliation Preparation 2018 – Session 2 for children will be this Tuesday, 6th February, at 6.30 pm in the Plessington Chapel.

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. Would all those who are eligible for Confirmation please let Alison Dodd (at SSMM School) know whether or not they would like to join the Confirmation Preparation Programme.

Monthly Coffee Morning (Garstang) – Who would believe that February has arrived already? We've only just finished Christmas! And Lent starts next week! Before you feel the need to cut out sweets and chocolate and cakes and biscuits for the Lent season, come and have your fill **next Wednesday, 7th February at 10 am in the Plessington Chapel.** *Come on, you know you want to....*

Journey in Faith 2017-2018 – We continue to meet weekly on Thursday evenings, ready to welcome anyone who may come forward as an enquirer. We have prepared a leaflet giving more information - copies are available at the back of church and from our parish school. If you know of anyone who may be interested in finding out more about the Catholic faith, perhaps with a view to being received into the Church at a future date, you may like to take a leaflet to pass on to them. We will also be putting the leaflet on the parish website shortly. Please continue as a parish to pray for all those who may be considering such a step, and for the JiF core group also. *Thank you*

Next Friday, 9th February, SS Mary & Michael's School will close for half-term.

Thank you to our parish for all the kindnesses and support you have given us over the past few months. We were overwhelmed with good wishes, flowers, cards and prayers which helped us tremendously. I have now (just) finished my treatment and am well on the way to recovery! Also, many thanks from our son-in-law, Simon Crossley, who has benefitted from your prayers too. He has now returned to work full-time. *Anne and Frank Miller.*

Ladies of the Parish – Please try to attend the **Women's World Day of Prayer** service to be held at **St Helen's, Churchtown, on Friday, 2nd March, at 2 pm.** It would be great if some of you could offer to read a very short passage – or, if not, to help demonstrate our rubbish problem by unwrapping an item (provided for you) during the service. A meeting is to be held at St Thomas' Meeting Room on Thursday, 22nd February, at 11 am, with a rehearsal on Thursday, 1st March at St Helen's at 2 pm. If you would help, please contact Philippa Catterall on 07743 034 870, or just turn up on any of the dates. *Thanks you.*

Did you know....CAFOD is recruiting for a new team of gap year volunteers for *Step into the Gap 2018*? It's an opportunity to volunteer in the UK, gain experience, develop leadership skills and visit an international CAFOD partner. If you know someone aged 18-30 looking to make a real difference, let them know! Aleks Adamczyk, CAFOD Lancaster's current gap year volunteer, is visiting CAFOD projects in El Salvador and Nicaragua, and witnessing first-hand how they are transforming lives. Applications are open for a September 2018 start – the deadline is **19th February 2018.** To apply visit cafod.org.uk/Education/CAFOD-Gap-year.

Cardinal Allen Catholic High School, Fleetwood, are looking to recruit a School Chaplain. This is a permanent position, working 37 hours per week, term-time only plus 5 days. (*Applications for a part-time role, for a minimum of 25 hours, would be considered.*) Closing date for application is 9 am Wednesday, 21st February 2018. Contact details: Melbourne Avenue, Fleetwood, FY7 8AY; 01253 872659; head@cardinalallen.co.uk. For further details, see poster at the back of church.

“Healing Signs & Wonders” is an event to be held at St Paul's Catholic High School, Firbank Road, Manchester, M23 2YS, led by the Cor et Lumen Christi Community, on 3rd – 4th March 2018. For booking and more information: www.coretlumenchristi.org; email: stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org; tel: 07516 075896. See poster and leaflets at back of church.

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

Kathleen Myerscough, Marina Habeishy, Carmen Cristancho, Enrique Escobar, Marino Lemos, Hannah Marie Swarbrick, David Pyke, James Carter, Bill Jennings, Mary Whiteside, Angela Mary O'Regan, Eric Bayman, Alice Wells, Martha Horn, Stephen Turton, Winifride Swarbrick, Elizabeth Swarbrick, Ted Lydiate, Fred Dagger, John Bailey, Harry McNamara, Mary Bilsborrow and William Roland Price-Jones. *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, Craig Smith, 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, Alan Lowe, Joan Place, Bob Cross, Martina Coppie, Matthew Pearson, Jim Winstanley, 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.*

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.

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.

Wednesday Word – There are copies of The Wednesday Word, on green paper, for the Mass of 11th 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 3rd – Sunday 11th February 2018

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
Mon	5 th	}	
Tue	6 th	}	
Wed	7 th	}	
Thurs	8 th	}	No Mass
Fri	9 th	}	
Sat	10 th	}	
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Tony Hall
Sun	11 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Mary Greaves
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Gerald Whittaker

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

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

Sun	4 th	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mon	5 th	St Agatha (Virgin & Martyr)
Thurs	8 th	St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita (Virgin)
Sun	11 th	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Meetings this Week:

Tues	6 th	6.30 pm	1 st Reconciliation Preparation (Session 2)
Wed	7 th	10 am – 12 noon	Monthly Coffee Morning (Plessington Chapel)
		7.00 pm	Choir Practice (Garstang)
Thurs	8 th	7.15 for 7.30 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)

Last Week's Attendance

Sun	28 th	6 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 144	Children: 12	Total: 156
		8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 50
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 109	Children: 31	Total: 140

Monies Received last week

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,119.30; Shop: £30; Votive Lights: £40.20.

Many thanks to you all.

Scorton: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £366.90; Piety Stall: £2.10; Votive Lights: £6.80; CAFOD: £20. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in February at Garstang Methodist Church.

Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	821	The Kingdom of God
Gloria:	998	Salazar
G.A.:	Celtic	
Off:	829	Seek ye first the kingdom
Sanctus:	553	Celtic
Amen:		
Com:		
Rec:	365	Immaculate Mary

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	475	Gather us in
Gloria:	529	Celtic
G.A.:	Triple + Missal	
Off:	971 v 1,2,4	Father I place into your hands
Sanctus:	553	Celtic
Memorial:	554a	
Doxology:	555	
Com: 1)	433	We cannot measure
	2) 882	A touching place
Rec.	945	Now thank we all our God