

**St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church
Garstang and Calder Vale
and
Sts Mary & James, Scorton**

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)



*"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me with never thirst."*

New items and information

Many thanks to all who worked hard and gave generously to make our celebration of St John Plessington's feast an enjoyable success.

Feast of the Lancaster Martyrs – This Tuesday, 7th August, at St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster. There will be Holy Mass at 12.15 pm, followed by pilgrimage to the site of martyrdom. Transport is available if needed.

Parish Financial Statement April 2017 – March 2018 This has now been prepared and copies of the Statement of Account are available at the back of church for anyone who would like to take one.

Christians Together in Garstang As part of Garstang Arts and Music Festival, there will be an open-air Songs of Praise on Cherestanc Square on Sunday 19th August at 3.00pm. All welcome. Please see poster on noticeboard at the back of church for further details.

SVP Collection: There will be a special collection for the work of the SVP after Mass next weekend.

Whist & Dominos Please note that the whist and dominos afternoon due in a couple of week's time has been **cancelled**. Details of the next meeting will be provided nearer the time.

Garstang Friends of Chivuna would like to thank all who made the recent raffle of two paintings a success. Special thanks must go to Mrs Wendy Carmichael, the artist who donated the paintings. Congratulations to the winners, Mr John Poulton and Mr Richard Ranker. The amount raised was £205.00, all of which will be sent to Chivuna in support of the Rural Health Centre.

Parish Website Some time ago it was suggested that it might be interesting to find out how many visits our parish website has received. We have now got some facts and figures and were surprised to find out how varied the search locations have been. Over the past twelve months people from all over the world have been viewing the site, including from as far away as China, India and Brazil, plus from a number of North American states. Some examples are:

Location	Website Visits	Location	Website visits	Location	Website visits
UK	8,350	France	400	Israel	243
Germany	3,401	Russia	328	Canada	157
China	432	Ireland	258	India	139
Ukraine	98	Brazil	93	Unknown	695
USA – several states including:					
		Washington	2,919	Pennsylvania	91
		California	2,050	Virginia	1,724
		Oregon	371	Nevada	1,472
				Michigan	151

CAFOD recruitment CAFOD is recruiting a Community Participation Co-ordinator to work 14 hours per week in a job-share arrangement alongside an existing member of staff, based at the volunteer centre in Preston. For more information visit cafod.org.uk/work-with-us or contact John Woods (Communications Participation Manager) via jwoods@cafod.org.uk. Closing date is 10th August 2018.

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

James Rossall, Catherine Elder, Stephen Edmondson, Helen Beale, Bert Maddock, Mary Spencer, James Greenall, Elizabeth Keefe, John Cross, Geoffrey Smith and Terry Murphy. *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:

Maria Madej, Wendy Seed, Graham Markham (Australia), Charlie Robinson (2 years old), John Bisby, Louise Gornall, Bernie Murphy, Jim Cowburn, Jules Flanagan, Marie Swarbrick, Mary Winstanley, Craig Smith, Jacqui Elliot, Pat Nickson, a Sick Parishioner, Christopher Macken, Seamus Martin, Pat Hill, Joseph Nugent, Peter Holland, Kathryn, Ros Drake, Tony McManmon, Vin Cahill, 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

“Fairtrade under threat” – We have received a letter from CAFOD about Sainsbury’s Supermarket’s decision to remove the Fairtrade Mark from some of their most popular own-brand tea, and to pilot their own ‘Fairly Traded’ scheme instead. Sainsbury’s said that their approach would not leave farmers out of pocket and that it would have more positive outcomes, such as allowing increased investment in enhanced environmental measures. CAFOD want them to prove that they were right, and asks them about the impacts on the lives of farmers and producers. There was news in April that Sainsbury’s hopes to buy ASDA, to become the largest supermarket in the UK, and CAFOD hopes very much that Sainsbury’s will keep their commitment to Fairtrade in this move. At the back of church there are copies of a letter written to Sainsbury’s, asking how their pilot has impacted on the lives of producers. Please would you consider supporting Fairtrade by signing a copy and handing it in to your local Sainsbury’s store? *Thank you*

Aid to the Church in Need Job Advertisement: This international charity is hiring for a new role in their Lancaster office. The administrative Officer will provide key administrative support to the ACN North West office. The role is office based: 20 hours per week, over 5 days. For more information or to apply visit: www.acn.org/about/jobs-and-volunteering/ or call 01524 388739.

Annual Pilgrimage to the Diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator – Sunday, 2nd September. The principal celebrant and preacher will be Bishop Paul Swarbrick. Young people aged 16+ are invited to walk in pilgrimage from Honister across Haystacks into Ennerdale and then on to Cleator. Their journey begins at Castlerigg Manor on Friday 31st August. The youth can register their interest in joining the walk by contacting Father John at Castlerigg – tel. 017687 72711. See poster at the back of church.

Noddfa Retreat 2018 for anyone who would like to experience a retreat in the peace and tranquillity of this special place. Date: Monday 10th to Friday 14th September 2018. Cost: stays the same at £200, including full board. Special food requirements can be catered for. There is a list at the back of church for your names and contact details if interested, and a poster on the noticeboard. For any queries please contact Jean Andrews on 01995 603802.

Lancaster Faith and Justice Commission – Upcoming events include:

9th August Anniversary of Hiroshima/Nagasaki www.paxchristi.org.uk.

24-27th August Greenbelt Festival www.greenbelt.org.uk.

1st September World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation www.ourcommonhome.

29th Sept - 5th Oct Good Money Week www.goodmoneyweek.com.

14th October Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero in Rome.

For newsletter see <http://www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk>.

Wednesday Word – copies of the Wednesday Word for the weekend of 11th/12th August can be found on green paper at the back of church. If you would like a copy, please help yourself.

Psalm response at the 10.30am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 4th – Sunday 12th August 2018

Sat	4 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	William and Ellen Greenall (ROS)
Sun	5 th	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Antonie Biermann (ROS) Fr John McNamara – Diamond Jubilee
Mon	6 th	No Mass	
Tue	7 th	12 noon (Scorton)	LISCF
Wed	8 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Golden Wedding Anniversary
Thurs	2 nd	9.30 am (Scorton)	Sean Jepson (ROS - 1 st Anniversary)
Fri	3 rd	9.30 am (Garstang)	A Bereaved Family
Sat	11 th	9.30 am (Garstang) 6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners Terry Murphy (ROS)
Sun	12 th	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Fr Anthony Barrett (ROS) Joan Preston (ROS)

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	8 th	6.45 pm (Garstang)	Rosary
Fri	10 th	10 – 10.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Sat	11 th	9.00 am (Scorton) 10 - 10.30am (Garstang)	Saturday Liturgy Service Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	5 th	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mon	6 th	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
Tue	7 th	St Edmund Arrowsmith, St Ambrose Barlow & companions – Lancaster Martyrs
Wed	8 th	St Dominic, priest
Thurs	9 th	ST TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (Edith Stein), Virgin & Martyr
Fri	10 th	ST LAWRENCE, Deacon & Martyr
Sat	11 th	St Clare
Sun	12 th	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Meetings this Week:

Wed	1 st Aug	7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Plessington Chapel)
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Last Week’s Attendance:

Sun	29 th	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 142	Children: 8	Total: 150
		8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 54
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 101	Children: 17	Total: 118

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Including Standing Orders): £1,047.10; Votive Lights: £40.00; Cemetery: £150.00; Wedding: £350.00. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Including Standing Orders): £276.90; Good Shepherd Fund: £5.00; Piety Stall: £10.00; Votive Lights: £16.37; Holy Souls: £2.00; CAFOD: £1.00. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 7.45 am each Tuesday in August at SS Mary & Michael’s.

Hymns at 6.00 pm (Garstang):

Ent.	644	Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Gloria:	527	Duffy
G.A.		Easter Plain Song
Off:	598	O King of might...
Sanctus:	576	Schubert
Amen:		
Com:		
Rec:	960	Guide me, O thou great...

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	644	Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Gloria:	529	Celtic
G.A.		Easter + missal
Off:	609	In bread we bring you, Lord
S,M,D:	559, 560, 562	Mass of Hope
A.D:	595	Lamb of God
Com 1)	631	Bread of Life
2)	633	Eat this bread
Rec:	960	Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer