

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

St Mary & St James, Scorton

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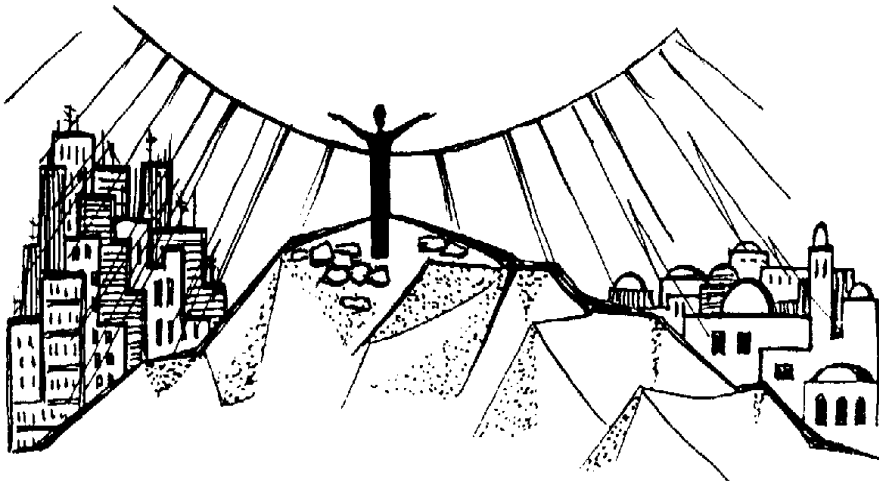
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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)



New items and information

Monthly Coffee Morning, Garstang – Our Coffee Morning will take place this Wednesday, 8th March, at 10am. All welcome.

Journey in Faith – We ask for your continue prayers for Rod MacBain, who was presented to the Bishop and Diocese on Saturday, at the Rite of Election at Lancaster Cathedral. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 9th March at 7.15 pm.

Lent Lunches at Scorton – We have been asked to take part in the 'Lent Lunches' again this year for Christian Aid. The dates are 18th and 25th March. If you are willing to help, please put your name on the list, stating which date you can help with. See list for items required.

Lent Lunches for Christian Aid – URC, Garstang – We have been asked if our church would be able to provide volunteers to help with serving and tidying up afterwards in order to make these lunches a joint Churches Together in Garstang event. The dates are Wednesday 8th March and Wednesday 5th April.

Lent Fast Day is Friday, 10th March. Envelopes will be distributed after all Masses this weekend. We invite you, during Lent, to make a difference and help transform lives such as that of Florence whom we heard about in last week's newsletter. Please see poster at back of church.

Luncheon Club – Scorton Every 3rd Tuesday in the month there is a Luncheon Club at the Methodist Church, Scorton. Cost £7.50 per head. Please telephone Ruth Yates on 01524 792581, by the previous Sunday, to book in. All welcome.

St Mary & St James Church, Scorton

The Church is open daily from 9am until 4pm for private prayer.

Join us for tea, coffee and biscuits served in the Meeting Room after Mass every Sunday.

St Mary & St James Parish Council The revised date of the meetings will be announced later. As always, parishioners are welcome to attend. There are one or two vacancies and anyone who is prepared to help in the running and management of the parish will be welcomed with open arms! In particular, we have a vacancy for a Parish Safeguarding Officer. The role is very important and is a diocesan requirement to deal with safeguarding issues for young people and vulnerable adults. Whilst we do not have many in either category, and the level of commitment will be minor, nevertheless, we are duty-bound to have such a person within our parish council. If you either have previous experience or are willing to take on this vital role, please contact John Spencer.

Parish Draw, Garstang It's that time of year! Annual subscriptions to the Parish Draw are due. The cost is a very reasonable £20 per number. Trish & Kev O'Hanlon will be at the back of church on Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th March. You can pay this year's subscription by standing order, cash or cheque (made payable to 'SS Mary & Michael Church – Parish Draw'). Please could you bring your payment along to either Mass and check your details are up to date. Any queries please contact Trish on 01995 604292.

Bursary Grant Any young Catholic person in Year 11 and under 25 can apply for a Bursary Grant from the Catenian Association when volunteering to assist in pilgrimages to Lourdes, or to take part in projects further afield. Go to www.thecatenians.co.uk for more information.

Used Stamps for the Jesuit Missions Thank you to the many parishioners who have over the years regularly put their used stamps in the box at the back of church at Garstang. Please continue to do so. You too could help the Missions in this way. All you need to do is cut out stamps from envelopes, leaving a small margin around the stamp. Please do not include any excess paper as your stamps are sent by post to London, and you know how costly that is these days! Foreign stamps from those holiday postcards from exotic places, and any pictorial stamps are especially welcome, and any special issues that appear from time to time. *Thank you*

Red Mission Boxes, Garstang Would you please bring boxes, ready for emptying, into church next weekend, 11th/12th March. *Thank you*

Previously Published Items

Catholic Voice – There are some remaining; please take a copy as you leave church.

Fairtrade Fortnight (27th February – 12th March) – If you are able, please consider choosing a Fairtrade version of your usual purchases during your weekly shop, and use your buying power to make a real difference. You may also consider supporting Traidcraft (Spring Catalogues at the back of church) who work with some of the world's poorest producers, to help them trade their way out of poverty.

There is information in the church porch on two of Traidcraft's producers: *Eswatini*, employing 30 women and supporting the work of Manzini Youth Centre with orphans and street children in Swaziland; and *Swazi Candles*.

Caretaker of Community Centre, Garstang As you know, D'Arcy has now retired as caretaker. *If anybody is interested in taking on this position, please have a word with Father Tom. Thank you*

Times of Masses – Please continue to take special note of times and locations of weekday Masses on the back page of the bulletin. Some will be celebrated at Scorton, and some at Garstang. These times and the Mass Intentions are not necessarily set in stone. We will be feeling our way over the next few weeks, so please have patience and understanding while we try to get things right.

Traidcraft – Spring catalogues are available from the back of church in Garstang. If you are able, please take this opportunity to support some of the world's poorest producers to improve their lives, whilst raising funds for Chivuna clinic. (We have a Fair Trader account, which means we receive a discount which we donate to Friends of Chivuna.) Thank you. *Helen Spencer.*

Wednesday Word for the weekend Mass of 12th March can be found on yellow paper at the back of church in Garstang.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Pauline Baxendale (Brian Winstanley's sister), Kathleen Richardson and Ted McMahan who died recently.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: George Pearce, Mary Bevins, Madeline Looby, Dorothy Nugent, Alice Ann Lydiate, Ellen Moxham, The Cookson & Hine Families, Edward Hodgson, Joan McCall, Richard Hogarth, Marie Kelly, Annie Lillian Henderson, Thomas Bolton, Alice Rustidge, Jane Fleming, Sue Tomlinson, Ellen Ryan, John Smith, Leo Wells, and Constance Mary Rogers. *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: Sean Jepson, Winifred McNulty, Josh Drinkall, Emma Loomes, Len Pursey, Patricia Randall, 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.)*

Response to the psalm at the 9.45 am Mass:

Please remember the persecuted Christians of the world in your prayers

If you have an item you wish to add to the newsletter please phone 01995 602 164 (Garstang) on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday mornings, or email ssmm.bonds@btinternet.com. The deadline for items for the newsletter is Thursday afternoons.

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 4th March – Sunday 12th March 2017

Sat	4 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	William and Ellen Greenall
Sun	5 th	09.45 am (Garstang)	Maureen Ingleby (1 st Anniversary)
		11.15 am (Scorton)	Thomas and Ellen Moxham
Mon	6 th	No Mass	
Tue	7 th	12 noon (Scorton)	Maureen Ingleby
Wed	8 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Richard Hogarth
Thurs	9 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	Mary Bevins
Fri	10 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	Jane Fleming (Anniversary)
Sat	11 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Dennis Vincent Wilkes
Sun	12 th	9.45 am (Garstang)	Joseph Rossall
		11.15 am (Scorton)	All Our Parishioners

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	8 th Mar	6.45pm	Rosary (Garstang)
Fri	10 th	10 – 10.30am	Exposition (Garstang)
		6.30pm	Stations of the Cross (Garstang)
Sat	11 th	10.15 am	Celebration of 1st Reconciliation (Garstang)

Special Days this week:

Sun	5 th	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (<i>Distribution of Fast Day Envelopes</i>)
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Meetings next Week:

Tue	7 th	6.30 am	1 st Reconciliation (Session 3) (Garstang)
Wed	8 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Garstang)
Thurs	9 th	7.15 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)

Last Week's Attendance (Garstang):

Sun	26 th	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 167	Children: 12
		10.00 am	Adults: 132	Children: 36
			Total: 347	
Ash Wed	1st Mar	7.00 pm	Adults & Children: 78	

Monies Received (Garstang):

Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,128.75; Funerals/Cemetery: £1,450; Votive Lights: £40; Tea Money: £40. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in March at the United Reformed Church.

Hymns at 6 pm Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	206 – Forty Days & Forty Nights
Gloria	
G.A.	Praise to you, Oh Christ, King of Eternal Glory
Off.	609 – In bread we bring you, Lord
Sanctus	576
Amen	578
Rec.	315 – Lead us Heavenly Father, lead us

Hymns at 9.45 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	206 – Forty Days & Forty Nights
Gloria	
G.A.	Praise to you, Oh Christ, King of Eternal Glory
Off.	609 – In bread we bring you, Lord
S, M, D	576, 577a, 578
A.D.	611a, verses 14, 15, 16
Com.	952 – On Eagle's wings
Rec.	934 – Dear Lord and Father of mankind