

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

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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PALM SUNDAY (YEAR A)



"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heavens!"

New items and information

Service of Reconciliation (Garstang) – Next Wednesday, there will be a Service of Reconciliation beginning at 6.00 pm, and 7.00 pm Mass will follow on from that.

Holy Thursday (Garstang) – Following on from Mass until 10.30 pm, there will be an opportunity to watch with Jesus. If you are able so spare a little time to be with Him, please place a tick on the list which is at the back of church. Also, if you have any green plants with which we can decorate the Lady Chapel, please could you leave them at the back of church either next Wednesday, or Thursday morning at the latest. *Thank you.*

Flowers for Easter – If you are able to spare some time to arrange the flowers for Easter Sunday, the arranging will take place on Good Friday at 9 am. Everyone is welcome to come and help, even if you are not a flower arranger. *Thank you.*

Please note new weekend Mass times starting from next (Easter) Sunday.

Catholic Voice – Please take a free copy of the new issue as you leave church.

Craft and Cake Sale – The sum raised from this recent event was £342.60. Garstang Friends of Chivuna are immensely grateful to the dedicated organisers, the stalwart workers and those wonderful parishioners who purchased the goods. God bless you all.

Thank you – Many thanks to all who placed orders from the Traidcraft catalogue.

Discount we receive from Traidcraft through our Fair Trader account, together with donations, mean we are able to send £80.90 to the Friends of Chivuna for the clinic.

Whist & Dominos – This will take place **this Monday, 10th April**, from 2 – 4 pm in the Plessington Chapel. Why not come along and have some fun!

Holy Thursday – As in previous years, there will be a collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society following the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30 pm on Maundy Thursday. Please be as generous as you are able.

Good Friday Ecumenical Walk (Garstang) – This will take place as usual, beginning at 6 am from Castle Lane Community Centre and finishing at Greenhalgh Castle, stopping on the way for Stations of the Cross. On our return to the Centre, refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits) will be served.

Calder Vale Ecumenical Palm Sunday Walk starting in the mill square at 2.00 pm devotions along the path up the wood to St John's church followed by refreshments. (No donkey/pony this year) The Christening of Otis will follow and everyone is welcome to stay for the service if they wish.

Scorton - Good Friday Morning – Following Stations of The Cross, parishioners from each of the churches in Scorton will assemble outside the Methodist Chapel for the procession of witness. The time for the assembly is 11:45 hrs. All welcome.

Scorton - Easter Sunday Morning – as mentioned in earlier bulletins, members of the 3 churches in Scorton and any others who wish to make the best of the day, will assemble together at 06:00 hrs at the stile located at the top of Snowhill Lane, which leads up to the summit of Nicky Nook.

On arrival at the summit, we will (subject to weather conditions) witness the sun rising over the Bowland Fells, representing the rising of Christ on the 3rd day. There will be a short service and then a return walk into the village for bacon sandwiches (donations to cover costs) at the Methodist Chapel. Those wishing to go to the 08:30 Mass at Scorton will be fed and watered first in order to comply with fasting arrangements.

For additional details on either of the two above items, please contact John Spencer 01524 791634.

Garstang and District Ladies N.F.U. – On Sunday, 23rd April, at 6.00 pm, there will be a Church Service here at SS Mary & Michael's Church. There will be refreshments afterwards at Garstang Country Hotel and Golf Club, PR3 1YE. All are welcome. Any funds raised will be given in aid of Fibromyalgia Research and Parkinson's Disease.

Friends of Chivuna (Garstang) – The minutes of the Chivuna Meeting on 24th March are now available for collection.

Counters' Rota (Garstang) – A new rota has been drawn up; if you are a counter, please collect your copy from the Sacristy. *Thank you.*

CAFOD East Africa Crisis Appeal – We have had a thank you letter from Chris Funnell, the Supporter Donations Manager at CAFOD, thanking us for the £790 which we raised. Since then, we have received a further £360. *Thank you all very much indeed.*

PUEN Winner (Scorton) – The April winner is Mrs Maureen Gornall.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Lenten Lunch last Wednesday – to those who made the soup, and to those who joined in. The final total raised for Christian Aid as

a result of the Lenten Lunches this year is £1,028.52, of which £573 was gift-aided, raising a further £144.50. These have been very successful ecumenical events.

Previously Published Items

Raising Funds for Chivuna – We have been given some cable which we are going to weigh in and the proceeds given to Chivuna. However, the cable needs stripping first to remove the PVC insulation. This cannot be burned off, but must be stripped with the suitable tools. If anyone is willing to offer to do this, would they please contact Tony McCall on Garstang (01995) 604 077

Date for your diary: Scorton Spring Fair – Will be held at Scorton Village Hall on **Saturday 29th April**. We hope to sell a variety of items, including books, plants, cakes, crafts, bric-a-brac, games and toys etc; there will be a tombola and a raffle. Could you please help by donating articles that are in good condition, or, if you're able to bake cakes, scones, or make confectionary, that would be wonderful! Please leave all items at the back of Scorton church; if you'd like something collecting, just call Kevin on 07907 433 391, or bring your baking to the village hall for 9.30 am on the day. All funds raised go to Bikes & Barrows, then apportioned to parish funds. *Thanks very much!*

Scorton Parish Council Meeting – **The next meeting is on Tuesday, 25th April at 7 pm in the Presbytery.** As ever, there is an open invitation for any parishioner to attend. There are one or two vacancies on the parish council, and anyone who is prepared to help in the running and the management of the parish, will be welcomed with open arms! If you are interested in joining, please contact John Spencer on 01524 791 634. *Thank you.*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton: Joe Walmsley, John Cunningham, Joseph Nickson, Mary Wellings, John Adamson, Richard Winstanley, Joseph Davis, Veronica Pickering, Jack Metcalfe, James Parker Richardson, Rose Skillen, Bob Miller, Kevin Kavanagh, William Barnes, Bernadette Paton and Joan Preston. *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: 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.)*

Response to the Psalm at 9.45 am Mass :

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 8th – Sunday 16th April 2017

Sat	8 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Kathleen Richardson
Sun	9 th	09.45 am (Garstang)	Birthday Remembrance Ruth Fairey RIP
		11.15 am (Scorton)	Betty Gornall
Mon	10 th	No Mass	
Tue	11 th	12 noon (Scorton)	Almond and Sweeney Families
Wed	12 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Walter Drake
Thurs	13 th	11.30 am	Maundy Thursday Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
		7.30 pm (Garstang)	Mass of the Lord's Supper – Donald Storey LD
Fri	14 th	3.00 pm (Garstang)	Good Friday Service
Sat	15 th	Holy Saturday	
		7.30 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Michael O'Neill (Sick)
Sun	16 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	All Our Parishioners
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Annie and Jerome Grayston

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	12 th	6.00 pm	Service of Reconciliation (Garstang)
Fri	14 th	10.30 am	Stations of the Cross (Garstang) (<i>D'Arcy</i>)
		10.30 am	Stations of the Cross (Scorton) (<i>Fr Tom</i>)

Special Days this week:

Sun	9 th	PALM SUNDAY
Thurs	13 th	Holy Thursday
Fri	14 th	GOOD FRIDAY – Day of Fasting and Abstinence THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Meetings next Week:

Mon	10 th	2 – 4 pm	Whist & Dominos (Plessington Chapel, Garstang)
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Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	2 nd	(Garstang)	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 155	Children: 10
		(Garstang)	10.00 am	Adults: 112	Children: 14
				Plus 40 Visiting Choir	Total: 331
			(Scorton)		Total: 42

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (including Standing Orders): £1,171; Votive Lights: £37; Shop: £10; Ted McMahon Collection (Church): £96; Cemetery: £220. ***Many thanks to you all.***
Scorton: Offertory (including Standing Orders): £367.01. ***Many thanks to you all.***

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in April here at St Mary & St Michael's.

Hymns at 6 pm Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	722	Sing Hosanna
G.A.		Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory
Off.	230	Ride on, ride on in majesty
Sanctus	553	Celtic
Rec.	320	Hail, Redeemer, King divine!

Hymns at 9.45 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	722	Give me joy in my heart
G.A.		Praise to you O Christ
Off.	752	My song is love unknown vv 1, 2, 3 & 7
S.M.D.	553	Celtic
A.D.	591	Celtic
Com.	1) 633	Eat the bread, drink this cup
	2) 749	The Servant King
Rec.	767	Majesty