

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

**Sts Mary & James, Scorton**

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**9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019**  
**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR C)**



“‘If you are the Son of God,’ he said to him, ‘throw yourself down from here....’  
But Jesus answered him, ‘It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

**This weekend** we have a letter from Bishop Paul. Copies are available from the back of church.

**A CAFOD Representative** will speak to us after Saturday/Sunday Masses.

**Next Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, is Lent Fast Day.** Lent Fast Day envelopes will be distributed today after all Masses, and collected next Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**First Holy Communions** – The fifth session for children and catechists will take place on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6.45 pm in the Plessington Chapel.

**Monthly Coffee Morning** – Come and join us! Fun, conversation, and cakes and biscuits, in the Plessington Chapel next Wednesday morning, 13<sup>th</sup> March, from 10 am – 12 noon. Meet up with old friends, or make new ones. *Everyone is welcome!*

**Thank you.** Pat & Jim Costain would like to thank everyone in our Parish who prayed for us before, during and after surgery. We are grateful for all your prayerful support and we are delighted to say Jim is now cancer free and feeling good. Praise God.

**Journey in Faith** – The next meeting of the JIF Group is at 7.15 pm on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March in the Plessington Chapel.

**Stations of the Cross** will be held at SS Mary & Michael's every Friday during Lent at 6.30 pm.

**Churches Together in Scorton** invite you to their **2019 Lent Lunches** at Scorton Methodist Chapel on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup> March and 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April, from 12 noon to 2 pm. Soup, cheese & biscuits; all donations to Christian Aid. *Everyone is most welcome.* **A big thank you** to all who supported the World Day of Prayer; especially for the highly-acclaimed buns and cakes! It was an inspiring service in the ecumenical spirit. *Thank you.* **Lenten Lunch (Garstang) Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** at the United Reformed Church. We have to provide and serve the food. Could you help by making soup to take there, (time to be announced) and especially with serving and/or setting tables? *Philippa Catterall, tel: 01995 238331.*

**Puen Club (Scorton)** – Veronica Spaven is the winner of the March Draw, and her prize money is £37.

**Garstang Parish Draw** – Congratulations go to Joan Brown and Fr David for being our February winners. **Thank you** to all who came along last weekend to pay your subs it has been a great help. We will continue to collect outstanding subs over the next couple of months; one of our Agents will be in touch shortly to arrange collection. If you would like to purchase an extra number for this year or to be part of our Parish Draw contact Trish on 01995 604292 (£20 per number per year).

**Lourdes 2019 Pilgrimage to coincide with the Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage** – Departs 25<sup>th</sup> July, returns 3<sup>rd</sup> August. This is with Northern Star Travel Ltd. For a booking form, contact Bernadette Roberts on 07443 639 364. See poster at back of church.

**Did you know?** ... At the beginning of 2019, CAFOD renewed its commitment to the poorest people in our human family around the world. We believe that no one should be beyond the reach of the love and support they need to thrive. As Catholics, we are driven by the belief that if one of us is hurt, hungry or abandoned, we all are hurt, hungry and abandoned. But at CAFOD we are forced to turn away one in three requests for help because we don't have enough money to go around. With your help, this Lent Fast Day CAFOD and our partners will be able to respond to every request for help. Thank you for your support and generosity.

**Please pray for** Henry Alan Richardson, who is being baptised this Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, at 11.30 am.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of** Lillian Swarbrick who died on Wednesday. Her Funeral Mass will be held **at 11.00 am on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, at SS Mary & Michael's**, followed by burial in our churchyard. ***May she rest in peace.***

**Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton:** Thomas Bolton, Alice Rustidge, Jane Fleming, Sue Tomlinson, Ellen Ryan, John Smith, Alice Wright, Winifrede Ainsworth, John Grayston, James Thomas Slater, Agnes Horn, Eddie Walmsley, John Hindle Law, Thomas Gornall, Ellen Wells, John James Dewhurst, Celia Lamoury, Agnes Rossall, John Kirkman, Barbara Nelmes and Winifred Moran. ***May they rest in peace.*** (There are blank forms at the back of both Sts Mary & Michael's & Sts Mary & James' Churches on which can be added the name of anyone you would like to be remembered in this way.)

**We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends in Scorton and Garstang, including:** Father David Elder, Brian

Dickinson, John Bolton, Kevin Horan, Chris Hepden, Paul Cain, Simon Ryan, Frances Dickinson, Jean Dunne, Tony McManmon, Louise Williams, A Very Sick Brother, Teresa Smith, John Cookson, Reverend Andrew Shaw, Wendy Seed, Graham Markham (Australia), Charlie Robinson (3 years old), Louise Gornall, Jim Cowburn, Marie Swarbrick, Mary Winstanley, Jacqui Elliot, Pat Nickson, a Sick Parishioner, Seamus Martin, Joseph Nugent, Peter Holland, Kathryn, Vin Cahill, Bob Cross, Martina Copple, Matthew Pearson, Dorothy Evans, Christine Cobane, Sheila Murphy, Florence Burgess, Ian Moran, David Winstanley, Pat Hickey, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, 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.)*

**Discernment Day for the Priesthood in the Diocese of Lancaster** – Young Catholic men (16+) in the Diocese are invited to discern and reflect on this vocation. Come and see on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March at St Joseph's Church, Lancaster, LA1 2HU. The Day begins with Mass at 10.00am and concludes at 2.00pm. For more information please contact Fr D Etienne on 01253 762227 at: [frdanieletienne@gmail.com](mailto:frdanieletienne@gmail.com)

**Garstang Catenians Annual President's Charity Evening** will be held at the Garstang Country Hotel at 7.30pm on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2019, when an evening of music will be provided by the Pilling Jubilee Silver Band in aid of the Meningitis Research Foundation. Admission £10, including tea/coffee/biscuits.

**An Evening with Paul Jones and Fiona Hendley** – In word and song, how their faith has changed their lives. **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30 pm, Garstang Golf Club.** Tickets £10 to include buffet meal are available from Bombshell Betty Boutique, High Street, Garstang Fish & Chips Shop (opposite M & Co), and Spar Convenience Shop, Lancaster Road. Further information from Garstang Free Methodist Church, Windsor Rd, tel. 01995 602 852 (Church Office) or 07970 203 620. See poster at back of Church.

**Wednesday Word** – copies for the Sunday Masses of 17<sup>th</sup> March can be found on green paper at the back of church. If you would like a copy, please help yourself.

**Pray for Yemen** - Due to the desperate situation in Yemen, the international development faith agencies CAFOD, Christian Aid, Tearfund, World Vision and Islamic Relief are inviting supporters to pray for Yemen.

*A Prayer for Yemen: Giver of Life, Who hears the cries from Yemen; of mothers choosing between medicine or food, of parents grieving children lost to starvation, of those who have given up everything in hunger. Hear our cries for hope, for change, for peace. In your mercy, break political deadlocks, soften hardened hearts, change closed minds, open unhearing ears. Let people come before power, let life be holy again, let your justice and peace shape the nation of Yemen. And the lives of all people. Amen.*

**Response to the psalm at the 10.30 am Mass:**

**Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Robert and Elsie Tomlinson (RIP)
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am (Scorton)	Canon O'Dwyer
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Thomas and Eleanor Bolton (RIP)
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tue	12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b> (Canon Tom Dakin's Funeral, 11.00 am, at Sacred Heart, Thornton)	
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Ben Kelsall
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am (Scorton)	LISCF
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Alice Graham
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Sue Tomlinson (Anniversary)
		8.30 am (Scorton)	Len and Lily Butler
		10.30 am (Garstang)	The Beesley Family

**Devotions and Celebrations this week:**

Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>	6.45 pm (Garstang)	Rosary
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm (Garstang)	Stations of the Cross
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy of the Word Service
		10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Confessions

**Special Days this week:**

Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Fast Day
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

**Meetings this Week:**

Tues	12 <sup>th</sup>	6.45 pm	First Communions – Session 5 (Plessington Chapel)
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup>	10 am – 12 noon	Monthly Coffee Morning
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Plessington Chapel)
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup>	7.15 pm	Journey in Faith (Plessington Chapel)

**Last Week's Attendance:**

Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 138	Children: 9	Total: 147
		8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 55
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 123	Children: 26	Total: 149

**Monies Received last week:**

**Garstang:** Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,145; Votive Lights: £50.50. *Many thanks to you all.*  
**Scorton:** Offertory: £264.80 (Including £150 standing orders); Votive Lights: £23.10; Piety Stall: £10. *Many thanks to you all.*

**Churches Together in Garstang & District**

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 7.45 am each Tuesday in March at the United Reformed Church.

**Hymns at 6.00 pm (Garstang):**

Ent:  
Kyrie:  
G.A.  
Off:  
Sanctus:  
Amen:  
Com:  
Rec:

**Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):**

Ent: Forty days and forty nights 206  
Kyrie: Taizé No. 7 517  
G.A. Praise to you, O Christ + Missal  
Off: Blest are you, Lord 603  
S, M, D: Mass of Peace 556, 557a, 558  
A.D: Com. Song 3 – Lent responses 611a  
Com: 1) On Eagle's wings 952  
2)  
Rec: Guide me O thou great redeemer 960