

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

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (YEAR A)

Youth Sunday



"...he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death."

New items and information

This Sunday is Youth Sunday – The liturgy at the 10.30 am Mass is being led by our Youth Group.

Next Sunday, 3rd December, is the First Sunday in Advent (Year B). Our school will be leading the singing at the 10.30 am Mass.

Hummingbirds Christmas Fair – This will take place next Sunday, 3rd December, following the 10.30 am Mass. There will be no teas and coffee served in the Plessington Chapel, but everyone is welcome to come and support the Fair in the Castle Lane Community Centre. Raffle tickets are on sale, available from Frank Miller.

Nativity Set (worth £30 RRP) – The draw for this raffle will take place next Sunday after the 10.30 am Mass. Christmas cards and gifts are also now on sale in the church shop.

Journey in Faith (Garstang) – The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 30th November, 7.15 for 7.30 pm start, in the Plessington Chapel.

Advance Notice
Times of Christmas Masses (Garstang and Scorton)

Christmas Eve (Sunday)	8.30 am	Scorton
	10.30 am	Garstang
	6.00 pm Vigil for Christmas	Garstang
Christmas Day (Monday)	8.30 am	Scorton
	10.30 am	Garstang

Do you support Catholic Schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

Tabor – The Discalced Carmelite Friars announced in May 2017 that, due to a shortage of personnel, Tabor Carmelite Retreat Centre was to close. The Carmelites immediately sought a group who would buy Tabor to continue the Christian ministry there. With the Statement of the Provincials of the Order of Discalced Carmelites and the Xaverian Missionaries, on 6th October 2017, we were delighted to receive the news that there was an agreement, in principle, to sell the property to the Xaverian Missionaries. This will ensure continuity of the ethos and work of Tabor. We understand that there will be a period of transition before Tabor re-opens probably in early 2018.

Mission Boxes – Would you please bring your Mission Boxes to be emptied to church next weekend. *Thank you.*

Apostleship of the Sea – There is a campaign whereby people can send a Christmas card (or greeting cards/Mass cards at any time) to be forwarded to seafarers in various ports whom they feel are isolated and lonely and who will be comforted by people's thoughts and prayers. A selection of blank Christmas cards will be provided at the back of the church, for people to add a message and sign (first name only, no contact details), and a box for their collection. Appropriate messages might be: "You are in our prayers," or "Thank you for the work you do for us at sea," etc. The Apostleship has asked that these be returned to them in **blank, unsealed envelopes** for forwarding on.

'Canticles' Advent Series – Thursday 7th December, there will be a talk 'Vox Clamantis: The Song of John the Baptist' by Fr Christopher Joseph CFR who is a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal currently based in their Bradford house. They strive to fulfil the command of the gospel through serving the materially poor amongst other evangelising activities. Understand God's plan of salvation more fully and allow your heart to be opened to welcome Jesus in a deeper way this Christmas. 7.30 – 9.30pm, St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, Preston. ALL WELCOME! More info at back of church or please contact Joe/Ruth on 07957 566741 www.metanoiaproject.co.uk

SPUC – Carols for the Unborn – On Saturday, 16th December, there will be an outdoor Christmas Carol Singing event from 2 – 4 pm at Market Square, Lancaster (on the plinth

near the museum). Everyone is welcome. See poster at back of church for further information.

Copies of the Catholic Voice are now available for collecting from the back of church. **St Paul's Sunday Missals for 2018** – These are now available from the Church Shop, price £5 each.

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

George Bamber, Nellie Winder, Thomas Cooney, Dr Gerard Flood, Eleanor Elizabeth Ratcliffe, Cath Bagot, Father George Pennington, Sarah Ingleby, Eugenia McCarthy, Maureen Pyke, V. Rev. Canon Joseph Tootell, Jack Noblet, Margaret Stopforth, Nellie Bateson, William Kelsall, Joseph Smith and Grace Lillian Salles. *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:

Ros Drake, Margaret Hibberdine, Tony McManmon, Vin Cahill, Anne Miller, Simon Crossley, Alan Lowe, Father Jerome Ainsworth, Joan Place, Bob Cross, Martina Copple, Matthew Pearson, Jim Winstanley, John Fairey, Rod Pearson, Dorothy Evans, Christine Cobane, Philomena Morgan, Sheila Murphy, Florence Burgess, Ian Moran, David Winstanley, Pat Hickey, Simone & Nigel Lord, Pat Nickson, Marie Corrigan, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Wayne Martin, Michael Hendry, Fiona Catterall, 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

Christmas Flower Arrangement Demonstration – Andrew Thompson (from The Barn at Scorton) and Liz Billington will be making simple flower arrangements (including Christmas Wreath) that we can replicate in our own homes. This event will take place on **Tuesday, 5th December, 7.30 pm, at Kirkland & Catterall Memorial Hall, in aid of the North West Children's Support Group.**

Tickets are £5, including refreshments, and will be on sale at the back of church after Mass.

Clothing Appeal – The SVP will be collecting warm clothing over the next few weeks. There will be the usual box at the back of church for any items. Thank you all for your support with this appeal in the past.

“Praying for those whose anniversaries occur about this time” – Each week in the newsletter there is a list of those people who have died and for whom we have been asked to pray. If you would like someone remembered in this way, there is a form on the noticeboard by the stairs at the back of church on which you can write a name, and a date of death, and they will be added to our list of anniversaries, and will appear in the newsletter in due season. We do not put anyone's name on automatically, only at someone's request.

Wednesday Word – There are copies of The Wednesday Word, on green paper, for the Mass of 3rd December at the back of church; if you would like one, please help yourself.

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 25th November – Sunday 3rd December 2017

Sat	25 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	(CAFOD Mass) John Sweeney (1 st Anniversary)
Sun	26 th	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang) 3.00 pm (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners Rose Thistlethwaite Broughton Charitable Society Mass
Mon	27 th	No Mass	
Tue	28 th	12 noon (Scorton)	Deceased Members of the Langley & Bolton Families
Wed	29 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Paul Stevenson (RIP)
Thurs	30 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	David and Audrey Spencer Celebrating Silver Jubilee
Fri	1 st Dec	9.30 am (Garstang)	Tony Noblett (Lately Dead)
Sat	2 nd	9.30 am (Garstang) 6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	One Sick Bill and Nellie Bateson
Sun	3 rd	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Anne Gelderd Maureen Ingleby (Birthday Anniversary)

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	29 th	6.45 pm (Garstang)	Rosary
Fri	1 st Dec	10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Exposition
Sat	2 nd	9.00 am (Scorton) 10 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Saturday Liturgy Service Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	26 th	FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
Thurs	30 th	ST ANDREW (Apostle)
Sun	3 rd Dec	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)

Meetings this Week:

Wed	29 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Garstang)
Thurs	30 th	7.15 for 7.30 pm	Journey in Faith (Garstang)

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	19 th	(Garstang) 6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 119	Children: 10	Total: 129
		10.30 am	Adults: 128	Children: 21	Total: 149
		(Scorton) 8.30 am	Total: 52		Total: 278

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,121.35; Funeral: £600; Votive Lights: £38; Shop: £45. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £380; Votive lights: £8.25; CAFOD: £20; Holy Souls: 58p. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in November at The United Reformed Church, and in December at St Mary & St Michael's.

Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):

Ent.	644	Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Gloria:		
G.A.:	710	
Off:	768	Our God Reigns
Sanctus:	576	The German Mass
Amen:	578	
Com:		
Rec:	320	Hail Redeemer, King Divine

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	816	The Kingdom of Heaven
Gloria:		Call and Response
G.A.:		
Off:	643	Gifts of bread and wine
S,M,D:		Call and Response
A.D.:		Call and Response
Com: 1)		Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (SS)
2)	627	This is my body
Rec:	787	Sing it in the valleys