

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

**and
Sts Mary & James, Scorton**

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

(World Communications Day of Prayer)



“He was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight.....suddenly two men in white were standing near them.”

New items and information

Today is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord and World Communications Day of Prayer – There will be a special collection for Catholic Media, and there are prayer cards at the back of church for you to take home.

Bluebell Teas at Calder Vale – Today, 28th May, is your last opportunity to sample the Bluebell Teas at Calder Vale in the Village Hall, from 11 am – 5 pm! There will be soup, sandwiches and homemade cakes. Items for sale include bedding plants, jam/preserves, eggs, Bluebell soap, hand cream, rhubarb etc. All proceeds are for various village ventures. We look forward to seeing you there!

Holy Communion for the Sick – Would those who take Holy Communion to the sick at home or in residential care please write out a list of names, addresses and phone numbers. Our records have become out of date. *Thank you.*

Red Mission Boxes – would you please bring your boxes ready for emptying into church next weekend. *Thank you.*

Celebrate the Feast of the Visitation of Mary on 31st May at Ladyewell, from 11.30 am – 1.00 pm. *See the poster on the notice board at the back of church.*

Coffee Morning – There will be a Coffee Morning in support of Oaklands, our local Leonard Cheshire Home, on **Thursday, 1st June, from 10.00 am in Garstang United Reformed Church Hall.** If you are available, the residents, staff and volunteers would love to see you.

St Peter's Deanery – There are two talks left for the Deanery on *The Miracles in the Gospels* at the Education Centre (Balmoral Road, Lancaster, LA1 3BT) by Canon Luiz Ruscillo, from 7 – 8 pm on **Tuesdays 30 May and 6 June.** *Please bring your Bibles.*

Please remember in your prayers Anne Humphreys who was Chairman of the Garstang Churches Together, who is ill in Chorley Hospital.

Did you know ...the secret ingredient that makes all of CAFOD's work possible?

Volunteers. Volunteers have been at the heart of CAFOD since our very beginning in 1960, when four volunteers from the National Board of Catholic Women organised the first Family Fast Day. Over half a century later, more than 5000 people from all over England and Wales actively put their faith into action each year as CAFOD volunteers. Thank you! Are you looking for new volunteer opportunities in parishes and schools? For more information contact CAFOD Lancaster on (01772) 733310 or email

lancaster@cafod.org.uk

Brock Valley Churches Together have arranged a hustings at which all the candidates in the forthcoming election for the Wyre and Preston North parliamentary constituency will be present: Ben Wallace (Con); Michelle Heaton-Bentley (Lab); John Potter (Lib-Dem); Ruth Norbury (Green). This will take place on **Monday, 6th June, at 7.30 pm, at Barton Village Hall** on the A6, just by the railway bridge. If anyone is interested in going, you are very welcome.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vinnie Robinson who died recently. He will be received into St Thomas the Apostle Church, Claughton, on Tuesday, 30th May at 7.00 pm, and his Funeral Mass will be at St Thomas the Apostle on Wednesday, 31st May, at 10.00 am, followed by burial in the churchyard.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton : Richard Redhead, John Garret, Victor Richmond, John Ryan, Jerome Grayston, Margaret Madge Wrennall, Renee Rafferty, Thomas Hezel, Brian Griffin, Wynn Dunn, William Rawlinson, Bernard Holland, Jean Leach, Theresa Bamber, John Dixon, Josephine Barton, George Holt, Alfred Yates and Robert Catterall. *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: Matthew Pearson, Anne Humphreys (URC), Martina Copple, Simone and Nigel Lord, 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, Pat Nickson, Gerard Gough, Bob Cross, Brian Moss, Jim Winstanley, Fiona Catterall, Rod Pearson, Marie Corrigan, Jean Parkinson, Ann Wicks, Ewan, 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.)*

Previously Published Items

Catholic Newspapers (Garstang) – If anyone would like to receive a copy of The Universe, Catholic Times, etc, on a regular basis, please let D'arcy know and it will be ordered for you, and delivered to the Presbytery on Fridays. *(Yes, you will have to pay for it!)*

Noddfa Retreat 2017 – There will be a visit to Noddfa for anyone who would like to experience a retreat in the peace and tranquillity of this special place. Date: Monday 11th – Friday 15th September 2017 (it is some time off, but people have busy diaries!) Cost: stays the same at £200, including full board. Special food requirements can be catered for. For those who haven't been to Noddfa, it is a spirituality centre on the outskirts of Penmaenmawr, near Llandudno, North Wales, run by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary. There is a chapel on site. We run our own retreat – usually prayers and reflections morning and evening, with the addition of some sessions by two of the Sisters, and afternoons free to 'do your own thing', visit the surrounding area etc. Travel is by private car, with lifts arranged between us. We will have a meeting closer to the time to discuss the programme etc. If interested, please put your name and contact details on the list at the back of church. For more information contact Jean Andrews on 01995 603802.

Date for you diary – Thursday, 1st June 2017 – An Evening with Michael Dopp, creator of the relit programme for parish evangelisation. Explored will be the path to discipleship, including practical approaches to evangelisation, how to have 'threshold conversations' and training your evangelising team. The evening will be held at the Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre, Bailrigg, Lancaster, LA1 4YW, from 7 pm – 9 pm. Plenty of parking available. Open to all priests and parishioners. There will be no charge, but donations would be most welcome. For further information please contact Barbara Mason, mission2017@proclaimpublications.com.

Response to the psalm at the 10.30 am Mass (Garstang) :

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 27th May – Sunday 4th June 2017

Sat	27 th	6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Kathleen Myerscough (Lately Dead)
Sun	28 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	In honour of Our Blessed Lady
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Living Members of Broughton Catholic Charitable Society
Mon	29 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	The Horrabin Family
Tue	30 th	No Mass	
Wed	31 st	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Fr Frank Barnish (Lately Dead)
Thurs	1 st June	9.30 am (Scorton)	Almond & Sweeney Families
Fri	2 nd	9.30 am (Garstang)	Fr John Conway (Anniversary)
Sat	3 rd	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang)	Arnold and Monica Hargreaves
Sun	4 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Mary Agnes Gornall & all deceased relatives and friends of the Gornall Family
		10.30 am (Garstang)	In Thanksgiving

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Wed	31 st	6.45 pm	Rosary
Fri	2 nd June	10-10.30 am (Garstang)	Exposition
Sat	3 rd	10-10.30 am (Garstang)	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	28 th	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Wed	31 st	VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Thurs	1 st	St Justin (Martyr)
Sat	3 rd	Sts Charles Lwanga & Companions (Martyrs)
Sun	4 th	PENTECOST

Meetings this Week:

Wed	31 st	7.30 pm (Garstang)	Choir Practice
Thurs	1 st June	10 am (following Mass)	Scorton Finance Committee
		7.30 pm (Garstang)	Journey in Faith (Closing Session)
Sat	3 rd	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy Service

Last Week's Attendance:

Sun	21 st	(Garstang)	6.00 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 140	Children: 7	Total: 147
			10.30 am	Adults: 118	Children: 37	Total: 149
		(Scorton)	8.30 am	(No information)		Total: 296

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,222.80; Votive Lights: £47.40; Shop: £10;

Photocopying: £5.60; Ecclesiastical Education Fund: £32. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Inc Standing Orders): (No information) *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in May at St Thomas's.

Hymns at Vigil Mass (Garstang):

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

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent. 291 Hail the day that sees him rise
Gloria: Back of Hymn Book
G.A. Triple + words in Missal
Off: 366 Holy Virgin, by God's decree
S,M,D 556, 557(3), 558 – Mass of Peace
A.D. 592 Mass of Hope (Stephen Dean)
Com: 1) 761 He is Lord
2) 302 Breathe on me, breath of God
Rec: 866 I will be with you