

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

and

Sts Mary & James, Scorton

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

*"I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold.....
Anyone who enters through me will be safe; he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture."*

New items and information

First Holy Communions – Please pray for all the children who are making their First Holy Communions this Sunday.

Bluebell Teas at Calder Vale – Bluebell time again at Calder Vale! Teas will be served every Sunday: 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th May 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!

North West Children's Support Group (Garstang) – The NWCSG would like to thank everyone who donated items or made cakes and sandwiches for our recent auction. We raised £2,016!! A few people told us how much they enjoy the auction, and that they look forward to it each year! We couldn't do it without your support, and we are very grateful to you all.

Parish Council Minutes (Scorton) – The minutes of the meeting held on 25th April have been published, and a copy is attached to the parish council notice board at the back of church. Please read and find out what is happening within the parish.

Bikes and Barrows (Scorton) – Thanks to all those who supported the event in any way. It is a great opportunity for all organisations within the village to work together and to gather much-needed funds for the various institutions and projects in the village. A special thanks must go to Kevin Morley, who spearheaded the parish input into the event in his usual enthusiastic and energetic way. Also thanks to those who worked on stalls, sold raffle tickets, baked cakes, prepared food and drinks, helped with car parking and in any way contributed time and effort to a great event. Congratulations to all!

Aid to the Church in Need – 'Christianity in the Middle East'; Sunday 7th May at 2 pm; Social Centre, Lancaster Cathedral LA1 3BT. **Please** join the parish of Lancaster Cathedral and the Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) **this weekend** for 'Christianity in the Middle East', and illustrated talk given by ACN NW's Area Secretary, Christopher Robson. This talk will be an opportunity to learn more about the history of Christianity in the Middle East and to reflect upon the crisis Christians are facing there today. Entrance is free; all are welcome. ACN literature and trading stock will be available.

Supporting Local Asylum Seekers – Information Evening – Wednesday, 10th May, 8 pm, St Thomas Church, Lancaster. The evening will include discussions with speakers who represent different perspectives amongst the key groups that work on this issue in Lancaster and Morecambe. They will share the various ways that they are currently supporting asylum seekers, and will provide information about the asylum process and the various legal and practical issues surrounding this. There will also be information provided about the different ways that people can get involved to support asylum seekers and refugees. For more information see poster at back of church or contact admin@st.tees.org.uk.

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.

Did you know.... as the election campaign unfolds, your voice is critical? With the news dominated by Brexit, there's a risk of other critical issues falling off the agenda. We'd like to thank CAFOD supporters who write and speak to MPs to ensure this doesn't happen. Pope Francis himself warns that people living in poverty can often be an 'afterthought' in political discussions and that's why it's so important that we remind candidates of the need to remain an outward-looking nation – one that cares for the interests of people in the world's poorest communities.

Parish Draw - Congratulations go to Catherine Eastham and Michael O'Neill for being our April winners. We have plenty of numbers available for new members to join the draw. It will only cost you £20 for the year for each number you wish to buy. If you would like an opportunity to join the draw and support our church contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon on 604292.

Previously Published Items

Children's Liturgists/Safeguarding (Garstang)– A useful document entitled “Coping with Difficult Behaviour in Children's Liturgy” has been written for you by the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. A copy is available for each of you on the Safeguarding Noticeboard at the back of Church. Please take one.

Saturday Liturgy Service – Scorton – In order to maintain the long-held tradition of Saturday morning worship at Scorton, there is now a parishioner-led Liturgy Service at 9.00 am each Saturday morning. The service lasts for around 20 minutes and consists of the Liturgy of the Word for the particular day, followed by General Intercessions and a decade of the Rosary. Following the service, it has become customary for some to resort to The Barn for a coffee and to socialise. It's a good way to start the day, and all are welcome to attend.

St Peter's Deanery – The following Deanery events are taking place, in which you are invited to participate: **1)** A series of talks 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: 9, 23 and 30 May and 6 June.** *Please bring your Bibles!* **2)** Mass, Procession and Prayers of Consecration to mark the Centenary of the Apparitions of Our Lady and Fatima on Saturday 13 May in the Cathedral, beginning with 11.30 am Rosary and 12.15 pm Mass. **3)** Healing Service run by Cor et Lumen Christi community at St Joseph's Church, Slyne Rd, Lancaster LA1 2HU from 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 24 May: prayer for everyone, praise and adoration, opportunity for reconciliation. Everyone welcome, especially those who are struggling at this time with any physical, emotional, mental or spiritual problems. Expect miracles!

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton : Stephen Richardson, Henry Banks, Violet Eydmann, Lucia Tesseyman, Mary Speight, Peter Nickson, Brenda Lever, Sarah Turner, Jane Gornall, Elizabeth Wrennall, Joseph Grayston, Cyril Lamoury, Ellen O'Brien, Tommy Morley, Wilfrid Swinburne, Ray Wilcock and William Gillett. *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: 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.)*

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 6th– Sunday 14th May 2017

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| Sat | 6 th | 6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang) | Reverend John Horn |
| Sun | 7 th | 8.30 am (Scorton) | RoS Ruth Cheadle (Lately Dead) (Scorton) |
| | | 10.30 am (Garstang) | 1 st Holy Communion Sheila Carroll (Second Anniversary) |
| Mon | 8 th | 9.30 am (Garstang) | Holy Souls |
| Tue | 9 th | } | |
| Wed | 10 th | } | |
| Thurs | 11 th | } No Mass | |
| Fri | 12 th | } | |
| Sat | 13 th | } | |
| | | 6.00 pm (Vigil) (Garstang) | Jimmy Tyrell (80 th Birthday) |
| Sun | 14 th | 8.30 am (Scorton) | Antonie Biermann |
| | | 10.30 am (Garstang) | Gerald Whittaker |

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

None

Special Days this week:

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| Sun | 7 th | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER |
| Fri | 12 th | Sts Nereus & Achillius (Martyrs); St Pancras (Martyr) |
| St | 13 th | Our Lady of Fatima |

Meetings next Week:

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| Wed | 10 th | 7.30 pm | Choir Practice |
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Last Week's Attendance:

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| Sun | 30 th | (Garstang) | 6.00 pm (Vigil) | Adults: 163 | Children: 12 | Total: 175 |
| | | | 10.30 am | Adults: 110 | Children: 22 | Total: 132 |
| | | (Scorton) | 8.30 am | | | Total: 307 |
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Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory (Inc. Standing Orders): £1,146; Votive Lights: £40.60; Funeral: £400; Cemetery: £200; Donation from Ladies' NFU: £120. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Inc Standing Orders): £322.60; Special Collection: £2. *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
Rec:

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent.
Gloria:
G.A.
Off: *See leaflet*
S,M,D:
A.D.
Com: 1)
2)
Rec: