

**St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church
Garstang and Calder Vale
and
SS Mary & James, Scorton**

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18th / 19th January 2020

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

Day of Prayer for Peace



"Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world"

Parish Finance and Property Committee – Following my note in 7th/8th December Weekly Bulletin I can now confirm that the Diocese will be visiting us to discuss and assess the proposed structural repairs to the Church Tower and the internal redecoration of the Church. At the Committee's last meeting members discussed at length not only these projects but also other requirements and issues relating to our Parish estate of which I have given a brief overview below. These include necessary works needed to our Community Centre, which was subject to a Quinquennial Survey in 2017, management of Parish Health & Safety issues and compliance with the recently issued updated Diocesan "Parish Property Management Guide." We also need to look at Fundraising which will be a factor in how and when improvements to our Parish can be carried out. There also remains an ongoing range of items of work, many minor but which all cost money, which require attention. Whilst the above covers Property issues, central to all of this is finance, and so I am asking for two additional volunteer members of this committee. One would require relevant financial experience and one should have relevant property management experience. It is suggested that the roles be time limited, say for 3 years. The Committee currently meets around six times a year. In addition, it is possible some of the above roles could be done on an ad hoc basis which could involve liaising with the Committee without having to be part of it or attending meetings. Please let me know if you can help with this. I would be pleased to have an informal chat with those who may be interested. For more information and clarification, please contact Manus Adamson, adamson277@outlook.com or 07970-819492. Many thanks, *Fr Geoffrey*.

Sts. Mary & James, Scorton - Proposed Presbytery Renovations The diocesan property and finance committees discussed at their January meetings our proposed renovation of the presbytery to provide a flat and rooms for parish use. The committees recognised the need for the renovation, but have asked us to relook at the plans with the intention to remove a substantial amount from the proposed costings. We will complete this & hope to be able to present the amended plans to the trustees for their February meeting.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from 18th – 25th January. Please keep this in your prayers. Churches Together in Garstang have prepared intercession prayers for each other's churches. If you would like to join in these prayers they are available on our parish website, or copies at the back of church (printed on pale blue paper) – please take one if you would like to join in these particular prayers, .

Whist and Dominoes – Your patience is rewarded! The postponed Whist and Dominoes takes place this **Monday 20th January, 2-4 pm in the Plessington Chapel**. All welcome.

SVP meeting The next meeting will be on this **Tuesday 21st January at 7.30pm** in the **Community Centre**.

Church Shop Sale (Garstang) All Christmas cards and items reduced for the next two weeks. Come and collect a bargain. All proceeds from the shop go into church funds.

Rotas (Garstang) This week sees the start of new rotas for Readers, Ministers, Altar Servers and Tea/Coffee brewers for the next 6 months. Our thanks to all but especially to Tricia Pearson, Brenda Richardson, Caroline Nurse, Luke and Matthew Dodd and Luke Wilkinson who have stepped down after many years of faithful service.

If anyone would like to read, minister, serve on the altar or brew up after Sunday morning Mass please don't hesitate to get in touch for more information (tel 604030).

The new **Counters' Rotas** are now ready and are available from the back of church.

Date for your diary On Wednesday 18th **March** our parish is to provide cheese and soups for the Ecumenical Lenten Lunches at the United Reformed Church (proceeds to Christian Aid). Please consider donating food, or offering to help at the event. Details later. Thank you *Philippa Catterall*

Safeguarding There will be a Safeguarding awareness training session at Our Lady & St Edward's Parish Centre in Preston on **Saturday 21st March** from 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. This training will be of value for those helping with children's liturgy and visiting sick or elderly parishioners. The cost (which will be covered by the Parish) is £20 per person and includes refreshments and lunch. If you would like to book a place please let me know - Helen Forshaw, Parish Safeguarding Representative 01995 603944.

Food Collection – Future food collections will take place once a month at the end of each month. In January this will be **31st January to 2nd February**, and the food will be delivered immediately after the collection. We have been particularly asked for: instant pot meals (add water, then microwave), individual ready-made jellies and ready-made custard. These items will be very gratefully received.

Clothing Collection – The SVP are continuing to collect men's clothing for a couple of months for distribution to ex-prisoners. It would be greatly appreciated if items could be left at the back of church **this weekend, 18th/19th January**. *Thank you*.

Garstang Parish Draw – Congratulations go to Angela Carr and Joan Walbank for being our January winners. Do you want to get involved with the Church but don't have a lot of time to spare? If you have a couple of hours to help us collect this year's subs in March, we would love to hear from you - please contact Trish & Kev on 01995 604292.

Emailing the parish – For items for the newsletter/bulletin, please include in the subject line the word ‘newsletter’ or ‘bulletin’. If item is for Fr Geoffrey’s personal attention, especially if confidential, please include the word ‘priest’ in the subject line. *Thank you.*

From now until the end of January 2020, St Joseph’s Church, Skerton, is hosting the nationally-acclaimed **Knitted Bible Exhibition**. Thirty-three biblical scenes knitted to tell the story of salvation, from Adam and Eve, to Noah’s Ark, to Daniel in the Lion’s Den, and Jonah and the whale, to all the beautiful stories of the Gospel. This is perfect for families, for young and old alike, and a great way to begin our year dedicated to the Word of God. The church is open every day after weekday or weekend Masses.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jacqui Elliot, sister of Barry Whittaker, who died on 5th January after a long battle with cancer. She died peacefully at Trinity Hospice in Bispham, and we would like to thank all those in our parish who have remembered her in their thoughts and prayers. We are very grateful for all your messages of support at this very sad time.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Deacon Frank Bell who died on 9th January. His funeral Mass will be at St Bede’s Church, Carlisle at 11am on 24th January.

May they rest in peace.

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

Scorton – Ann Swarbrick, John Joseph Heyes, Elizabeth McGolderick, Thomas F McNicholas, Jim Bamber, Ben Kelsall, Belle Metcalf, Thomas Bamber and Hugh Grimbaldeston. **May they rest in peace.** (There are blank forms at the back of both Sts Mary & Michael & 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: Margaret Pendleton, Janet Howarth, Austin Walmsley, Eileen Cartner, Andrew Whipp, Brenda Richardson, Charlie Robinson (3 years old), Ellen Worsley, Simon Crossley, Mary Winstanley, Kevin Horan, Paul Cain, Frances Dickinson, Jean Dunne, Louise Williams, Teresa Smith, John Cookson, Reverend Andrew Shaw, Wendy Seed, Graham Markham (Australia), Louise Gornall, Colin and Marie Swarbrick, Pat Nickson, a Sick Parishioner, Seamus Martin, Peter Holland, Kathryn, Vin Cahill, Bob Cross, Martina Coppole, Matthew Pearson, Dorothy Evans, Christine Cobane, Ian Moran, David Winstanley, Pat Hickey, Nigel Lord, Ewan, Francisca Rainford, Michael Hendry, Lucy and Family, Ann Wicks, Jessica Holmes and Phoebe. (If you would like to add someone, please ask the person involved if they wish to be put on the sick list, write down their name and hand it to Father or to D’arcy, or send in by email. Please also let us know when a name is to be removed. Thank you.)

Wednesday Word – copies for the Sunday Masses of 26th January 2020 can be found on green paper at the back of church. If you would like a copy, please take one.

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 18th – Sunday 26th January 2020

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| Sat | 18 th | 6.00 pm (Garstang) | Thomas Reilly (sick) |
| Sun | 19 th | 8.30 am (Scorton) | Reverend M Tully (RIP) & Family |
| | | 10.30 am (Garstang) | The Rowley Family |
| Mon | 20 th | 9.30 am (Scorton) | LISCF |
| Tue | 21 st | | No Mass |
| Wed | 22 nd | 7.00 pm (Garstang) | In thanksgiving |
| Thurs | 23 rd | 9.30 am (Scorton) | Tom Kennedy (RIP) |
| Fri | 24 th | 9.30 am (Garstang – in School) | Brian Winstanley (RIP) |
| Sat | 25 th | 9.30 am (Garstang) | For intentions of Bill & Mary Bateson |
| | | 6.00 pm Vigil (Garstang) | Remembering Sheila Murphy on her birthday |
| Sun | 26 th | 8.30 am (Scorton) | Gerry Steel (RIP) |
| | | 10.30 am (Garstang) | All our parishioners |

Devotions and Celebrations this week

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| Wed | 22 nd | 6.45 pm | Rosary (Garstang) |
| Sat | 25 th | 9.00 am | Saturday Liturgy of the Word (Scorton) |
| | | 10.00 – 10.30 am | Confessions (Garstang) |

Special Days this week:

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| Sun | 19 th | SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) |
| Tues | 21 st | St Agnes (Virgin & Martyr) |
| Fri | 24 th | St Francis de Sales (Bishop & Doctor) |
| Sat | 25 th | THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL (Apostle) |
| Sun | 26 th | THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) |

Meetings this Week:

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| Wed | 22 nd | 7.30 pm | Choir Practice |
| Thurs | 23 rd | 2.00 pm | Property & Finance Group (Garstang) |
| | | 4.00 pm | Liturgy & Spirituality Group (Garstang) |

Last Week’s Attendance:

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| Sat | 11 th | 6.00 pm (Garstang) | Adults: 121 | Children: 8 | Total: 129 |
| Sun | 12 th | 8.30 am (Scorton) | | | Total: 59 |
| | | 10.30 am (Garstang) | Adults: 120 | Children: 23 | Total: 143 |

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory: £1,095.00 (Inc. £390 Standing Orders); Funeral: £600.00; Votive Lights: £50.00; Shop: £25.00. **Many thanks to you all.**

Scorton: Offertory: £283.30 (Inc. £157.80 Standing Orders); Votive Lights: £12.90; Holy Souls: £1.00. **Many thanks to you all.**

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 7.45 am each Tuesday in January at St Thomas’s.

Hymns at 6.00 pm (Garstang):

Ent:
G.A.
Off:
Sanctus:
Mem. Acc.
Amen:
Rec:

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent: Here I am Lord 865
Gloria: Salazar 998
G.A: Halle, halle, halle 178
Off: This is my body 627
S,M,D: Celtic 553, 554a, 555
A.D
Com: (1) Bread of life 631
(2)
Rec: The Spirit lives to set us free 771