

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

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**21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)**

**Urgent request.** Following the closure of schools on Friday 20th March 2020, the government has issued a request, asking "Where possible, we encourage school settings to also look after key workers' children and vulnerable children throughout the Easter holidays." If you are not in a high risk category for Covid-19 infection, have a parish DBS check and would have some spare time to volunteer to help in school over the Easter holidays, please could you make yourself known to Fr Geoffrey as soon as possible. Your help and support at this time would be a massive boost to the community and the fight against the virus. *Many thanks, Fiona Brooks, Foundation Governor SS Mary and Michael's Catholic Primary School, on behalf of Mr Parry, Deputy Head Teacher*

**CORONAVIRUS COVID-19:**

**Summary of the Bishops' Statement:**

Our Bishops have suspended all public worship, but our churches are open during the day for personal prayer.

For the time being:

**There is no public celebration of Mass, other liturgies, or devotions.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** If you wish to celebrate the Sacrament during this time please contact me, either by email: [ssmm.bonds@btinternet.com](mailto:ssmm.bonds@btinternet.com) with the word Priest in the subject line, or by telephone: 01995 602164, so that we can make an arrangement. *Fr Geoffrey*

**Helpful information:**

Weekly bulletins are on the parish website; printed copies, and a leaflet to use when Mass cannot be celebrated publicly are available at the back of church. If you pick up a leaflet from the back of church, for hygiene reasons please take them with you and do not put them back on the pile of leaflets. Thank you.

If you do not have your own Sunday Missal you are welcome to borrow one from church.

Father Geoffrey will continue to celebrate Mass in private, and the intentions will be listed in the newsletter.

Please continue to request Mass intentions: place your intention and offering in the envelopes provided on the bookstand at the back of church and post through the presbytery letterbox.

At the usual times of Mass, I invite everyone in their homes to join in prayer, using the leaflets available on the website or from the back of church.

Links to the live streaming of Mass are on the parish website.

**Weekly Church Offerings:** thank you to everyone who has a Standing Order for our parishes. If you give weekly through the collection, please set your donations aside at home and, once we are back to public celebrations, please make a cheque payable to the parish. This is to avoid people having to count money and visit the bank. Please continue your regular donations to CAFOD and other charities.

St Vincent de Paul Society: Can you help? If you would like to assist the members of our parish SVP, perhaps delivering/dropping off shopping for example, please contact Helen Forshaw: Email: [hm.forshaw@btinternet.com](mailto:hm.forshaw@btinternet.com) or Tel: 01995 603944.

If you are elderly and vulnerable and need assistance, please contact our SVP on the dedicated mobile number, which is: 07535 736975.

If you know of someone who might need help, please speak to them first and then contact the SVP on the dedicated number.

If you are wishing to help generally around Garstang and Scorton, please check out the Your Garstang Facebook group for ways in which you may be able to help our various communities.

Thank you to all who are offering help in whatever way at this difficult time. *Fr Geoffrey*

**SPIRITUAL HELP ON THE WWW**

The following resources may be helpful for your daily reflection and prayer: Fr Richard Rohr [www.cacradicalgrace.org](http://www.cacradicalgrace.org). Daily meditations are offered. Search for 'onlineministries' and click on the link to [www.creighton.edu](http://www.creighton.edu). The Jesuit university offers many resources for prayer and reflection.

**Mass on the internet:**

In our diocese:

**Our Lady of Furness**

<https://ourladyoffurness.org.uk/>

<https://ourladyoffurness.org.uk/live-streaming/>

## Workington

[www.mcncmedia.tv/camera/christ-the-good-shepherd](http://www.mcncmedia.tv/camera/christ-the-good-shepherd)

## Elsewhere

[www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

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**Prayerful Preparation for Fifth Sunday of Lent** The insert in the bulletin is to help us pray and reflect on the Scripture of the Sunday to come.

**Catholicism dvds** Although the public showing of these films is on hold at the moment, if anyone would like to borrow the dvds to watch at home please contact Elizabeth Horn, tel 07940 471617, to make arrangements to borrow them.

**The Minutes of the Chivuna Meeting** held on 6<sup>th</sup> March are now available at the back of church. *Thank you*

**LONDON MARATHON** has been postponed! I haven't decided if that is good or bad - but obviously inevitable! It will now be take place on Sunday October 4th so training will resume at sometime. So for the time being I will not be collecting sponsorship - but watch out for an announcement sometime in August! Thanks for the offers of sponsorship and encouragement I have received. *Frank Miller*

**Red Mission Boxes** (Garstang) These have been emptied and can be collected from the back of church. A total of £298.41 has been banked. In the last year, Red Box holders and contributors in our parish have raised £885.78 . Our sisters and brothers around the world continue to need our prayers and financial support. If you haven't got a box but would like one in your home, please contact Celia Horn Tel. 01995 602341. *Thank you.*

**A Missal for Little Ones** a hard-backed book aimed at young children. Available from the card stand near the church shop. Please put your payment in the Shop slot in the wall near the door.

**Lent Fast Day** Thankyou to you all for your great generosity! A wonderful £732.01 has been sent to CAFOD for their work with those in need.

**Garstang Parish Draw – March winners:** Congratulations go to John Blunt and Louise Catterall for being our March winners. Thank you to all who paid your subs a few weeks ago, it is helpful. 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 an opportunity to join this year's draw and support our church contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon on 604292 - each draw number costs £20 per year (you can have more than one number) and each month we draw two numbers - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £80, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £30 and an extra Christmas draw in December which pays out 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £35. All profits made each year are donated back to our Parish. Congratulations to all our winners this year, thank you for supporting our Parish. We have now published a list of all the 2019/2020 winners on the notice board at the back of church.

**PLEASE NOTE, THERE ARE NO PUBLIC MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

## **Mass Intentions for the week Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	Diane Pattinson Lately Dead
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	All Our Parishioners
Mon	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Thomas and Eleanor Bolton RIP
Tue	24 <sup>th</sup>	....
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	Agnes and John Carter RIP
Thurs	26 <sup>th</sup>	Myerscough Family
Fri	27 <sup>th</sup>	In memory of Brian & Stella McVey
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary – Ted & Ann Delaney
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	All Our Parishioners

## **Special Days this week:**

Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**Finance & Property Committee (Garstang)** – One key outcome from two recent meetings is the continuing need of the Parish to maintain the necessary funds required to run it. We have decided to explore the opportunities provided by external funders, e.g. Charitable Trusts and Foundations who provide grants to suitable applicants. We therefore need someone who would be willing to approach these types of organisations on behalf of the parish. We have a list of organisations to start with. Please let me know if you can help. *Thank you. Fr Geoffrey.*

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

Austin Walmsley, Harry Swarbrick, Kate Simkin, John Gillett, Dorothy Kelsall, Francis Bryan, Brian Richardson, Frank Walmsley, Gladys Richardson, Nellie Hodges, James Pooler, James Pedder and Mary Carr. **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:**

Jean Andrews, Keith Jones, Tony Smith, Sarah Preston, Roger Bevins, 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 Copple, 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.)*