

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

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23rd / 24th NOVEMBER 2019

FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (YEAR C)
Youth Sunday



“Lord, remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.”

Emailing the Parish When e-mailing the parish with an item for the newsletter/bulletin, please include in the subject line either the word ‘newsletter’ or ‘bulletin’. If you’re emailing something for Fr Geoffrey’s personal attention, especially if confidential, please include the word ‘priest’ in the subject line. *Thank you*

Youth Sunday - This weekend there will be a Special Collection for Youth Services.

Next Sunday – 1st Sunday of Advent Special Collection for Poor Missions

Hummingbirds Christmas Fair is to be held on **Sunday, 1st December** from 11.30 am to approximately 1 pm. Refreshments will be available as well as Santa’s Grotto, Tombola, Raffle AND Turkey Sandwiches! *Please do come to support us!* (Please note there will be no tea/coffee in the Plessington Chapel on that Sunday.) Raffle tickets will be on sale after both Garstang Masses this weekend, Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th November.

Red Mission Boxes Would you please bring boxes to be emptied to church next weekend. *Thank you*

Churches of Scorton are holding a Christmas Meal Together 2019 at the Priory, Friday 6th December, 6.30 for 7.00pm at SS Mary & James, Scorton. Bring a friend, all welcome – 3 courses £18; 2 courses: £16. See poster at the back of church.

Garstang Parish Draw –Last chance to buy a number and be in our big Christmas draw. All enquiries contact Trish and Kev O’Hanlon on 01995 604292.

Live Simply In 2015, Pope Francis in his encyclical letter *Laudato Si*: ‘care for our common home’ called us to ‘Live Simply so that others may simply live’. There is an urgent need for radical change in our conduct and the ill-considered exploitation of nature... we are called to: ‘Live simply and sustainably in solidarity with the poor’. With this in mind, the Cafod group would like to invite you, throughout Advent, to participate in a ‘reverse Advent calendar’. Rather than receive, we ask that you donate some of the items listed on the calendar (copies available at back of church **or can be downloaded from the link on the Live Simply page on our website**) each week of Advent. All items donated will be collected and delivered weekly to Sr Eileen for the Food Bank at Share-IT in Ingol. For further information please contact Helen on 01995 238652. *Thank you*
‘The God Who Speaks’ Advent Series begins **Thursday 5th December**, with the talk **‘John 1: The Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us’** by **Br John Michael OFM**, who is a Franciscan Friar involved with the THOMAS Project in Blackburn, working with those on the margins of society. 7.30 – 9.30pm, St Wilfrid’s Parish Centre, Preston. ALL WELCOME! More information at the back of church or please contact Joe/Ruth on 07957 566741 www.metanoiaproject.co.uk.

Apostleship of the Sea Christmas cards available at the back of church; if you would like to send greetings to seafarers who are a long way from home at this time of year please write a card and put it in the box provided (please do not include your surname/contact details; envelopes will be provided). They will be passed on by the Apostleship of the Sea port chaplains; we understand they make a real difference. *Thank you.*

Oaklands (former Leonard Cheshire Home on Dimples Lane) table-top sale on **Sat, 7th December, 1pm-4 pm**. Tables available in advance at £8 by calling 01995 602290, or from Paul Ferguson on 07944 603684. On the day, entry will be £1 for adults, children free; refreshments available. *All welcome; come and grab yourself a bargain!*

Catholicism Series of DVDs, including commentary (on DVD) by Bishop Robert Barron, acclaimed author, theologian and engaging speaker, commencing Thurs, **5th Dec at 7.00pm**, in the Plessington Chapel at the back of SS Mary & Michael’s Church. This is an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith, open to all, Catholic and non-Catholic. Film / discussion / questions. Everyone is welcome.

Castlerigg Manor:

Advent Retreat 6th-8th December, open to young people in year 9 and above. It is a great opportunity for young people to step back from the busy-ness of life and spend some time with God and with other young people. They often tell us these experiences and the friendships they make are what sustain them in their faith. See website for more info: www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/events-whats-on

Lourdes Joining us on pilgrimage to Lourdes, young people will make lifetime friendships; serve others and receive so much more than they give; find peace and joy in a place where heaven and earth meet; and have an amazing time. Open to young people currently in year 10 and above. Book now on our website www.castleriggmanor.co.uk/new-events/lourdes-2020. Cost £595.

Lancashire Sings Christmas A countywide event organised by Churches Together in Lancashire with Radio Lancashire. This year we have a live link at St Peter’s Church, Scorton. **Thursday, 19th December:** gather at 6.00pm for broadcast from 7.00-8.00pm. All welcome, and let’s have a good representation from our parishes. For more information: <https://lancshiresingschristmas.co.uk/>

Lancaster & District Choral Society: Handel's Messiah will be performed at Lancaster Priory Church on 30th November 2019 at 7.30 pm. See notice in church porch.

Garstang Church Shop: Christmas cards and gifts now on sale after Sunday Masses.

Radiant – A Eucharist-centred event offering high-quality speakers, praise and worship and opportunities of encounter. Saturday, 30th Nov Corpus Christi RC High School, Preston PR2 8QY. Cost: Adults £8; young adults £5; young people in a family group free (13 and under). See poster at the back of church.

Preston Orpheus Choir “A 90th Season's Festive Christmas” featuring Freckleton Brass Band. Saturday 14th December from 7 pm, St Michael & All Angels, Egerton Road, Preston, PR2 1AJ. Pay on door: Adults £12; under 18s £5; Family: £30. For further information see poster at back of church.

Monthly Prayer Meeting for Schools: An ecumenical group of Garstang parishioners who pray together for all who work in our local schools, sharing prayer requests and supporting adults & children in their work and faith. Representatives from our Church and School would be greatly welcomed and encouraged by quiet time of devotion & dedication in prayer. Next date **Fri 6th Dec 2-3pm** at Garstang Free Methodist Church. For further enquiries contact Julia Horn 601508/Alex Fernhead 606738.

Red Wednesday: Each year in late November, civic buildings and places of worship in UK and the world light up red to mark #REDWEDNESDAY, to celebrate religious freedom – the right for people to embrace any religious faith or none as set out in Article 18 of the UN's Universal Declaration of Human Rights. To mark this there will be a Prayer Vigil at 7.30 pm on 27th November at Lancaster Cathedral.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mgr Tony Boylan (friend and former colleague of Fr Geoffrey). *May he rest in peace.*

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

Scorton: Rev Austin William Splain, George Bamber, Nellie Winder, Dr Gerard Flood, Thomas Cooney, Cath Bagot, Eleanor Elizabeth Ratcliffe, Mgr Paddy O'Dea, Eugenia McCarthy, Sarah Ingleby, Maureen Pyke, Very Rev Canon Joseph Tootall and Jack Noblett. *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: 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, Jacqui Elliot, 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 and then write down their name and hand it to Father or to D'arcy, or send in by email, and please also let us know when a name is to be removed. Thank you.)*

Wednesday Word – copies for the Sunday Masses of 24th November can be found on green paper at the back of church. If you would like a copy, please help yourself.

Psalms Response

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 23rd November – Sunday 1st December 2019

Sat	23 rd	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Brian Hargreaves (4 th Anniversary)
Sun	24 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Betty Gornall RIP
		10.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
Mon	25 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	Mgr Michael Tully & Parents RIP
Tue	26 th	No Mass	
Wed	27 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Fr David Elder RIP
Thurs	28 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	Kathleen Mona Hughes RIP
Fri	29 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	Brian Winstanley RIP
Sat	30 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	Cdr Simon Ryan, RNR RIP
		6.00 pm (Garstang)	Neal Walmsley RIP
Sun	1 st Dec	8.30 am (Scorton)	All Our Parishioners
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Bill & Nellie Bateson RIP

Devotions and Celebrations this week

Wed	27 th	6.45 pm (Garstang)	Rosary
Sat	30 th	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy of the Word
		10 - 10.30 am (Garstang)	Confessions

Special Days this week:

Sun	24 th	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (Youth Day)
Sat	30 th	ST ANDREW, Apostle
Sun	1 st Dec	First Sunday of Advent, Year A

Meetings this Week:

Wed	27 th	7.30pm	Choir Practice
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Last Week's Attendance:

Sat	16 th	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 121	Children: 4	Total: 125
		8.00 am (Scorton)			Total:
Sun	17 th	10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 128	Children: 24	Total: 152

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory: (Inc. £390 Standing Orders): £1,005; Votive Lights: £45; Donation: £20; Diaries: £10; Funeral: £600; Grave Inscription: £30; AB Grace Trust: £2,200. *Many thanks to you all.*

Scorton: Offertory (Inc. £150 standing orders): £; Votive Lights: £; CAFOD: £; Sick & Retired Priests: £; All Saints Day: £; Donation: £. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 7.45 am each Tuesday in November at the United Reformed Church.

Hymns at 6.00 pm (Garstang):

Ent:	O Worship the King	683
Gloria:		
G.A.		
Off:	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	601
Sanctus:		
Amen:		
Com:	Music	
Rec:	Hail Redeemer, King Divine	320

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	Hail Redeemer, King Divine	320
Gloria:	Duffy	527
G.A.	Triple + Missal	
Off:	Lord, accept the gifts we offer	604
S,D:	Celtic	553, 554b, 555
A.D	Jeanne Jugan	593
Com: (1)	My song is love unknown	752
(2)	Jesus, remember me	253
Rec:	Crown him with many crowns	321