

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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)



"His face shone like the sun"

Coronavirus: instructions from our Bishop The Bishop has issued the following instructions, effective 5-21 March, and to be reviewed.

The sign of peace at Mass is suspended: rather than shake hands or kiss, I suggest that we simply turn to one another and say, "Peace be with you."

Holy Communion from the chalice is suspended.

Receiving the Consecrated Bread, the Host. The Bishop encourages everyone to receive Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue, as an act of loving charity to our community. **Holy Water stoups are to be emptied. High contact surfaces.** In our churches, we are asked to clean door handles, light switches, etc thoroughly and regularly.

Ministers of Communion will sanitise their hands before and after distributing Holy Communion. We will begin this practice in our parishes as soon as we can source the high-alcohol sanitiser. (Anti-bacterial gel is ineffective on the virus.) **Hymnbooks and missals.** We might not be able to avoid using shared hymnbooks and missals altogether, but please pick up your own copies so that folk are not having to hand them out. Finally, **our own personal responsibility:** for the good of all, and especially those among us most at risk, everyone, please wash your hands thoroughly and regularly in hot soapy water, use tissues in which to sneeze or cough. If you have a noticeable cough or cold, it might well not be Coronavirus but, at this time especially, it can be unsettling for those around you in church: stay at home. Please pray for all who are ill with the virus, all medical staff, and those working in medical research. Thank you, Fr Geoffrey.

Scorton Magdalena Club Jane Eydmann was the March winner of the draw and her winnings were £37.50.

"God who Speaks", The Xaverian Missionaries are hosting a series of events. Next Saturday the theme is Women in the Bible. See poster on church notice board for further details

Lent Devotions – Stations of the Cross – During Lent this year some of our parishioners, as individuals or on behalf of various groups, will be leading the Stations, **Fridays at Garstang 7.00pm, Sundays at Scorton 4.00pm.**

Fri Mar 13th – St Vincent de Paul group

Fri Mar 20th - Mary & Roger Mason (theme Mothers Day)

Fri Mar 27th - school with Alison Dodd

Fri Apr 3rd - Winifride & Manus Adamson (theme Parents)

Fri Apr 10th (Good Friday) - Youth Group. Please do come to this special devotion.

Ministries and roles for Holy Week

Our two parishes will be celebrating the special Holy Week liturgies together at Garstang. **Readers** from both parishes are invited to serve. Also, if you're not usually a Reader and would like to take a turn, you are more than welcome to do so. **Holy Thursday.** If you'd like to be involved in the Rite of Washing Feet, please let us know. **Easter Vigil refreshments.** We need a couple of folk to help prepare refreshments to follow our Easter Vigil. If you can help with any of these, please contact Frank & Anne Miller, 604030 or frankmiller_bhs@hotmail.com.

Thank you, *Fr Geoffrey*

Parish Draw (Garstang) Annual subscriptions are due. The cost is being kept at £20 per number for this year. Trish & Kev O'Hanlon will be at the back of church before and after Mass on Saturday / Sunday this weekend. You can pay by standing order, cash or cheque (cheques made payable to 'Parish of SS Mary & Michael, Garstang'). Please could you bring your payment to either Mass and check your details are up to date. Any issues, please contact Trish on 01995 604292.

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

Lenten Lunches – All proceeds to Christian Aid. Churches Together in Scorton invite you to their 2020 Lent Lunches at Scorton Methodist Chapel on the remaining Saturdays of Lent: **14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th April.** All donations to Christian Aid. Please see poster at the back of church. Contact: Joan Drinkall 01524 791368. **Garstang** Provided by each local church in turn at the United Reformed Church Hall every Wednesday at 12 o'clock. Please support them. St Mary & Michael's date is **Wednesday 18th March.**

Could you make a definite commitment to either make a pan of soup; or spare up to 2 hours to serve the food? Please ring me to offer either. Philippa Catterall 01995 238331..

CAFOD The humanitarian situation in north-east Syria has also worsened, and the escalation of fighting in the region has led to thousands of civilians fleeing their homes. CAFOD is supporting local aid workers who are assessing the situation and responding to the emergency. Please keep all those affected by conflict in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you for your latest donation of £406.38 which we received on 25th February 2020.

Finance & Property Committee (Garstang) As reported previously, the F & P Committee met with the Diocesan Property team here in church on Thursday 13th February. We also had our normal meeting on Thursday 20th February. The Minutes of both meetings are now available in the Narthex. One key outcome from both of these 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.

All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: gov.uk/eusettledstatus. Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme. The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.

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

Thomas Ibison, Cookson & Hine families, Leo Wells, Constance Mary Rogers, Edward Hodgson, Joan McCall, Richard Hogarth, Marie Kelly, Annie Lillian Henderson, Thomas Bolton, Alice Rustidge, Jane Fleming, Sue Tomlinson, Ellen Ryan, John Smith, Alice Wright, Winifrede Ainsworth, John Grayston, James Thomas Slater, Agnes Horn, Thomas Gornall, Eddie Walmsley, John Hindle Law, Ellen Wells, John James Dewhurst, Celia Lamoury & Agnes Rossall. **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.)

Response to the psalm at the 10.30 am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday Sunday 8th – 15th March 2020

Sat	7 th Mar	6.00 pm Vigil (Garstang)	William & Ellen Greenall RIP
Sun	8 th Mar	8.30 (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Joe & Dorothy Nugent Richard Hogarth RIP
Mon	9 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	Kevin Graham (Ann)
Tue	10 th		No Mass
Wed	11 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Linsey Andrews RIP
Thurs	12 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	Tony Ashcroft
Fri	13 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	Jane Fleming
Sat	14 th	9.30 am (Garstang) 6.00 pm Vigil (Garstang)	No Mass Sue Tomlinson RIP
Sun	15 th	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Betty Gornall RIP Gerald Whittaker (RIP)

Devotions and Celebrations this week

Mon	9 th	11.00 am	Funeral Liturgy Neil Patrick McLaughlin
Wed	11 th	6.45 pm	Rosary (Garstang)
Fri	13 th	11.00 am	Interment of Ashes - John Boulter
Fri	13 th	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross (Garstang)
Sat	14 th	9.00 am	Saturday Liturgy of the Word (Scorton)
Sun	15 th	4.00 pm	Stations of the Cross (Scorton)

Special Days this week:

Sun	8 th Mar	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
Sun	15 th	THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Meetings this Week:

Wed	11 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Plessington Chapel)
Thurs	12 th	11.30 am 6.30 pm	Liturgy & Spirituality Group Meeting 1 st Holy Communion meeting (session 1)

Last Week's Attendance:

Sat	29 th	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 126	Children: 7	Total: 133
Sun	1 st	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 123	Children: 19	Total: 142

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory: £1,075.00 (Inc. £390 Standing Orders); Donations for Sound System: £260; Votive Lights: £51; Shop: £10.

Many thanks to you all.

Scorton: Offertory: £290.91 (Inc. £150 Standing Orders); Votive Lights: £16.15. **Many thanks to you all.**

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 7.45 am each Tuesday in March at the URC.

Hymns at 6.00 pm (Garstang):

Ent:	At the Name of Jesus	762
Gloria:		
G.A.	Praise to You O Christ, King Of Eternal Glory	
Off:	Be still for the Presence of the Lord	720
S,M,D		
Com:		
Rec:	Immortal Invisible	725

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	Be Thou My Vision	970
Kyrie:	Russian Chant	519
G.A:	Praise to you O Christ + Missal	
Off:	All that I am	600
S,M,D:	Schubert	576, 577b, 578
A.D	Communion Song 3	611a
Com:	Transfigure us Lord	215
Rec:	Crown Him with Many Crowns	321