

**Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	6.00 pm (Garstang)	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary – Gregory Place (RIP) & James Bolton (RIP)
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Mgr Michael Tully and Parents (RIP) Ann Nugent (RIP)
Mon	23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am (Scorton)	Derek Young - ill
Tue	24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Morning Mass</b> <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 6.00 pm Vigil (Garstang) 9.30 pm (Garstang) Carols 10.00 pm (Garstang)	All our parishioners Rev John Horn (RIP)
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	John & Winifred McNulty (RIP) Gerald Whittaker (RIP)
Thurs	26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Fri	27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am 6.00 pm Vigil (Garstang)	Gerry Steel (RIP) Margaret & Joe Walmsley (RIP)
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Sam & Monica Carr (RIP) All our parishioners

**Devotions and Celebrations this week**

Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am (Scorton)	Saturday Liturgy of the Word
		10.00 – 10.30 am (Garstang)	Confessions

**Special Days this week:**

Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers)
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
Thurs	26 <sup>th</sup>	ST STEPHEN, First Martyr
Fri	27 <sup>th</sup>	ST JOHN, Apostle & Evangelist
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs
Sun	29 <sup>th</sup>	THE HOLY FAMILY

**Meetings this Week:**

**Last Week's Attendance:**

Sat	15 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Adults:	Children:	Total:
		8.00 am (Scorton)			Total: 49
Sun	16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults:	Children:	Total:

**Monies Received last week:**

**Garstang:** Offertory: (Inc. £390 Standing Orders): £1,035.00; Funeral: £600; Votive Lights: £50; Shop: £25. *Many thanks to you all.*

**Scorton:** Offertory (Inc. £150 standing orders): £265.37; Votive Lights: £13.40; 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 December at SS Mary & Michael's (please note – no meeting Christmas Eve but meeting as usual on New Year's Eve).

**Hymns at 6.00 pm (Garstang):**

Ent:	Holy Virgin, by God's decree	366
Gloria:		
G.A.		
Off:	This is my body	627
Sanctus:		
Acc.		
Com:		
Rec:	O come, O come Emmanuel	112

**Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):**

Ent:	O come, O come Emmanuel	112
Kyrie:	Taize 1	516
G.A.	Triple + missal	
Off:	Let all mortal flesh... vs 1 & 2	607
S,M,D:	Celtic	553, 554c, 555
A.D	Jesus, Lamb of God (Advent responses)	611a
Com:	1) Holy Virgin, by God's decree	366
Rec:	The Angel Gabriel	113

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Garstang and Calder Vale  
and  
SS Mary & James, Scorton**

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**22<sup>nd</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

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

**Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers**



*"Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David."*

**Christmas Eve: 10.00pm Mass. Servers?**

If any of our servers are available to assist at this Mass, please let Bill know over the weekend. Many thanks, *Fr Geoffrey.*

**Church Decorating** (Garstang) – We will be decorating the church for Christmas this Sunday afternoon, **22<sup>nd</sup> December at 1.30 pm**. With the kindness of parishioners we should have plenty of green foliage to create a lovely display. As it is Father Geoffrey's first Christmas in Garstang, let's make it a very special one. All members of the parish are invited to help; the more the merrier. *Thank you. Bernadette Ferguson*

**Christmas flower arranging** (Garstang) – this will take place on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** at 9.30am. Everyone welcome, experienced or not. There's plenty to do and it is a fun morning decorating our Church ready for the birth of our Saviour. If anyone has any greenery it would be greatly appreciated. Please leave by the back door of the Presbytery. *Thank you.*

**Local Food Bank** – If you know someone locally who needs help with food please refer to poster at the back of church. Contact 07731 846124. Any food we collect goes to Sr Eileen for the Ingol Food Bank.

**Christmas Collection** In this diocese, the Christmas collection forms a major part of the priests' annual salary. *Thank you for your support. Fr Geoffrey.*

**Parish Draw** Congratulations go to Peter Brown and Mary & Robert Mason for being our December winners. Our extra Christmas winners will be drawn on **Sunday 22 December**. Thank you all for your support with our Parish draw. We'd like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Trish & Kev O'Hanlon (01995 604292)

**‘Lancashire Sings Christmas’** – This was a great gathering for the event organised by Churches Together in Lancashire, with Radio Lancashire, and was rounded off with a drink and mince pies! To Fr Geoffrey’s surprise he was asked by Radio Lancashire for an interview – though short this will be well worth catching up with on the radio. (*Go to ‘BBC Sounds’ or search BBC Radio Lancashire and go to ‘Listen Again’ where the Lancashire Sings Christmas recording appears.*)

**Ss Mary & James Presbytery renovation:** Plans for the renovation of the presbytery at Scorton have been agreed by the Parish Council. Last week, Fr Geoffrey presented them to the Bishop and the Diocesan Property Manager. They will now be presented to the Diocesan Trustees for (hopefully) final approval at their meeting on 7th January 2020. Please offer your prayers for a successful outcome.

The renovation will create an upstairs flat and, on the ground floor, rooms and a fully-accessible toilet for parish use.

**Red Mission Boxes** – These can now be collected from the church porch along with a calendar for 2020. £93.09 has been banked. Thank you. **A copy of the calendar is available for all mission boxes holders.**

**From now until the end of January**, 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 or on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January, from 11am - 3pm.

**St Peter’s Deanery Bereavement Support Group** – Seven Sessions fortnightly 10am - 12noon. If you are interested, or for further information, see poster at back of church. Contact No. 01524 64256.

**Emailing the parish** – 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.*

**Stars at Christmas (Garstang) – 2019** Stars still available this weekend. By writing the names of loved ones on a star we symbolise the prayers we offer on their behalf whilst we worship together during this important time of the year. There is no charge, but any donation will go towards helping the poor people of Chivuna.

**Live Simply Reverse Advent calendar** Another week, another fantastic response from our Parish. Thanks also to the donation following the cancellation of the Tuesday night Victorian Evening as a result of the awful weather. This week we were able to pass on over 200 items to Sister Eileen, once again she has asked us to thank everyone who has donated.

**CAFOD** Did you know? ... This year you have helped to protect our common home by signing CAFOD’s petition calling on the government to commit to a net zero emissions target by 2050 – and it happened! On Wednesday 26 June, thousands of us gathered at Westminster for The Time is Now mass lobby of Parliament with 380 MPs meeting their constituents. You also sent messages of solidarity to Human Rights Defenders around the world this Christmas, letting them know that we are praying for their safety. Thank you for all your prayers and generosity over the last year. CAFOD wishes you a very happy and holy Christmas.

**First Eucharist / First Reconciliation** – We have started to prepare for the 2020 Holy Communion programme for children in year 3. If you have a child, or know of any children, who do not attend SS Mary & Michael’s School, Garstang, but who would wish to take part in the programme, could you please inform Fr Geoffrey as soon as possible.

**Lancaster Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020:** This will take place from 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020. Return flights from Manchester Airport, 7 nights hotel accommodation. £779 per person. For further details see poster at back of church.

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

***Scorton*** – Mary Grayston, Margaret Nixon, John Francis Green, Thomas Leo Horn, Doris Mary Wilson, Jas G Hall, Keith Barton, Kathleen Boden, John Kirby, Winifred Bracegirdle, Thomas Wilcock, Kathleen Collins, Anthony Ingleby, Rev John Michael Horn, Thomas Francis Horn, Louis Appleton Darbyshire, Mary Ibison, Elizabeth Quick and Katie McDonald. ***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, 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, 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 29<sup>th</sup> December can be found on green paper at the back of church. If you would like a copy, please help yourself.

Psalm Response: 10.30am Mass (Garstang)

### **Christmas blessings**

Fr Geoffrey & Deacon D’arcy send all our parishioners in  
Garstang & Scorton, our visitors and guests in both churches,  
their blessing and prayers.

May the Season of Christmas be rich in joy and hope  
for you, and all your family.