

The Catholic Parishes of Garstang & Scorton Advent & Christmas 2019



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Reverse Advent Calendar

Pope Francis has called us “to *Live Simply* so that others may simply live”. Our *Cafod* group invites you to participate in a reverse Advent calendar. Rather than receive, you are asked to donate the items listed on the calendar.

Copies of the calendar are available at back of our churches, and can be downloaded from the link on the *Live Simply* page on our parish website.

Donations will be delivered weekly to Sr Eileen for the Food Bank at *Share-IT in Ingol*.

Love, a Guide for prayer

Three prayer periods are being offered, based on sessions in this book by J. S. Bergan & S. M. Schwan, **Tuesdays 3, 10 & 17 December**, 7.00pm for 7.15pm start with prompt 8.15 close, Plessington Chapel, Garstang.

Each session stands alone, so you can taste and see if it is for you with no commitment needed. Please come along if you feel drawn to put a toe in the water. No one will be put on the spot.

The main focus will be on guided silent prayer.

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Faith formation

Opportunities to watch and reflect on DVDs, from the *Catholicism* series by Bishop Robert Barron, acclaimed author, theologian, and an engaging speaker. **Thursdays 5, 12 & 19 December**, 7.15pm, Plessington Chapel, Garstang. An opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith, open to all, everyone is welcome.

Warm clothing for homeless people

You are invited to donate items of warm clothing: coats, scarves, gloves, hats. Leave them at the back of either of our churches, clearly labelled.

Advent & Christmas liturgies

Scorton Advent Service

All welcome to St Mary & St James' church, Scorton, **Sunday 8 December**, 4.00pm.

Followed by sandwiches, mince pies, and mulled wine at *The Priory*.

Junior Schools' Carol Service

Hosted at St Mary & St Michael's church, Garstang, **Thursday 12 December**, 11.00am. All welcome.

Advent Liturgy of Reconciliation

An opportunity to gather together, to reflect on the Advent Scriptures, to pray with and for one another, and celebrate God's gift of mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Saturday 14 December**, 10.15am, St Mary & St Michael's church, Garstang.

St Mary & St Michael's school end of term Mass

All are welcome, **Thursday 19 December**, 9.30am, in the school.

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 19 December**, gather at 6.00pm for broadcast from 7.00-8.00pm. All welcome.

<https://lancashiresingschristmas.co.uk>

Carol Service

St Peter's church, Scorton, **Sunday 15 December**, 7.00pm. All welcome.

Christmas Masses

24-25 December

Vigil Mass

Garstang, 6.00pm.

Mass during the Night

Garstang, 9.30pm, carols & poems; Mass at 10.00pm.

Followed by mince pies and drinks.

Mass at Dawn

Scorton, 8.30am.

Mass during the Day

Garstang, 10.30am.

Followed by tea & coffee.



Father Geoffrey & Deacon D'arcy wish you all
a rich and prayerful Advent and send you their Christmas blessings