

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

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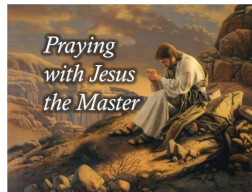


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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR A)



"Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God"

Pastoral Letter Our Bishop has sent a letter to parishes for the beginning of the Season of Lent. I've asked our Readers to read it because the Bishop is writing to all of us, priests and deacons as well as layfolk. It's important that I listen to it with you. *Fr Geoffrey*

Coronavirus Precautions The Church is aware that parishioners may be concerned about hygiene precautions regarding the Coronavirus spread; in relation to blessing ourselves from the holy water stoop as we come and go from church, and in the receiving of Holy Communion, especially from the chalice. Normal hygiene precautions such as washing hands thoroughly, and using tissues to catch coughs and sneezes are important.

Eucharistic ministers should also take special care when wiping the rim of the chalice between each person. The Bishops of England and Wales have provided guidelines:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/02/advice-for-parishes-regarding-coronavirus-V2ab.pdf>

Congratulations and best wishes to D'arcy on his latest birthday, last Friday.

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.** Please do come to this special devotion.

Monthly Coffee Morning It's that time again! Here we are: cold, wet, soggy.... did I mention WET? So we need something to cheer us up, warm the cockles of our hearts! And what better than our Coffee Morning? Wednesday, 4th March, from 10am – 12 noon, in the Plessington Chapel. Come and join in, have fun, in the warm and dry! **Everyone Welcome**

Red Mission Boxes Please bring boxes to be emptied to church next weekend. Thank you.

Chivuna Meeting (Garstang) Friday, 6th March, at 7.30pm in the Plessington Chapel.

Please note, there will be NO Catholicism dvd film on Friday 6th March.

Blessing of Fr David's Headstone This will take place in St Mary & St Michael's cemetery on Thursday 5th March, at 10.30am.

Children's First Confessions (Garstang) Please remember in your prayers our children who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confession for the first time on Sat 7th March.

Lent Family Fast Day Friday 6th March, and envelopes will be distributed this weekend. Perhaps you are able to live a little simpler on that day, thinking of those with not as much to eat as ourselves, and donate what you can spare. You have already given very generously to the Emergency Food Crisis Appeal earlier this year; Lent Fast Day enables CAFOD to continue its regular work helping some of the neediest in our world.

Parish Draw (Garstang) It's that time of year! 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 7th / 8th March. 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.

CAFOD Fundraising Quiz Congratulations to the winners: the Brooks family, and to the runner up: Elizabeth Horn - both will receive some Fairtrade goodies. Thankyou to everyone for your support, and well done to those who spotted the deliberate mistake on the Ghana flag question! Answers at back of Church. Helen Spencer

Oaklands (former Leonard Cheshire Home) on Dimples Lane, is holding a charity table top sale on Sunday 8th March from 2pm to 4pm. There will be a wide range of items on sale including toys, clothes, bric-a-brac, speciality teas and delicious cakes and refreshments. Entry £1 for adults, free for children. All funds raised will be used to provide our residents with opportunities for a more enjoyable and inclusive life. All welcome, please come and show your support. Any enquiries, please contact Paul Ferguson on 07944 603684.

The Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry - 29th March 2020 –A link providing more information on this great occasion and what we can do to be involved has been put on our parish website.

LiveSimply –We are invited to consider the 6Rs for sustainability. For March, we will focus on the first of these: **Rethink**. Do you ever think about how much plastic you use, how much rubbish you generate each week? For more information, please go to the LiveSimply page on the Parish Website.

Prayerful Preparation for Second Sunday of Lent The insert in the bulletin is to help us pray and reflect on the Scripture of the Sunday to come. If we look through the readings before we come to Church, when we hear them proclaimed, the Word of God will be fresh in our memory, and God will be able to use the Scriptures to speak to us more easily. Spending quality time in prayer with the readings before Mass will significantly improve our receptivity to God's Word as it is proclaimed.

Votive Lights When our current stock of votive lights in plastic containers is finished, we will be replacing them with lights in metal containers. This will enable recycling and will assist fire safety in our churches.

Traidcraft Spring Catalogues are available from the back of Church. Because we have a Fairtrader Account, we receive a discount on orders placed, which as usual will be donated to the friends of Chivuna for the clinic. Your Fairtrade purchases will also ensure a fair return for some of the world's poorest producers, as well as generating a Fairtrade premium which helps to benefit their communities. Thank you.

Gift Aid Offertory Envelopes There are still some envelopes ready for collection at the back of SSMM church.

Quiz Night at The Barn, Friday 27th March at 7.30pm £2.00 entry, pay on the door, includes endless chips! Full bar facilities. **Over £1,000 of prizes to be won!** Teams of 4-6, bring your friends, have a great night.

The Catholic Voice – There are copies of the latest edition at the back of church – please take one as you leave. *Thank you.*

Women's World Day of Prayer, Friday 6th March - Service at 2pm to be celebrated in Scorton Methodist Church. Please consider taking an active part in the service. Philippa Catterall Tel 238331.

Lenten Lunches – All proceeds to Christian Aid

Scorton: Saturdays 7th March to 4th April – Churches Together in Scorton invite you to their 2020 Lent Lunches at Scorton Methodist Chapel on the remaining Saturdays of Lent: **7th, 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.

Choral Evensong – Sunday, 8th March at 6.00 pm at St Peter's, Scorton. A programme of sacred songs and music for the organ, led by The Rawstorne Singers, conducted by Marc Murray FRCO, Organist Karen Au. *See poster at back of church.*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of: Margaret Mary 'Carmel' Hayden of Catterall, lately dead. Funeral Liturgy at St Mary & Michael's: Friday 6 March, 11.15am, followed by cremation.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton: Pauline Lord, Robert Waddingham, Richard Dodd, Donald Slater, Ellen Greenall, Margaret Mary Holden, John Foley, Eileen Gleeson, Sister Catherine Waring, Martin Mears, Dorothy Hayes, Elizabeth Griffin, Jane Brown, Annie Grayston, Maureen Hollis, Maureen Ingleby, George Pearce, Mary Ann Smith, John Conway, Mary Bevins, Madeleine Looby, Alice Ann Lydiate, Lillian Swarbrick, Dorothy Nugent and Ellen Moxham. **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: 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 29th February – Sunday 8th March 2020

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| Sat | 29 th | 6.00 pm Vigil (Garstang) | Neal Walmsley (RIP) |
| Sun | 1 st Mar | 8.30 (Scorton) | Maira Linaker (lately dead) |
| | | 10.30 am (Garstang) | Jacqui Elliot (RIP) |
| Mon | 2 nd | 9.30 am (Scorton) | Rev John Horn (RIP) |
| Tue | 3 rd | No Mass | |
| Wed | 4 th | 7.00 pm (Garstang) | Des Trainor (RIP) |
| Thurs | 5 th | 9.30 am (Garstang) | Maureen Ingleby (RIP – Anniversary) |
| Fri | 6 th | 9.30 am (Scorton) | LISCF |
| Sat | 7 th | 9.30 am (Garstang) | All Our Parishioners |
| | | 6.00 pm Vigil (Garstang) | William and Ellen Greenall (RIP) |
| Sun | 8 th Mar | 8.30 am (Scorton) | Joe and Dorothy Nugent |
| | | 10.30 am (Garstang) | Richard Hogarth (RIP) |

Devotions and Celebrations this week

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| Wed | 4 th | 6.45 pm | Rosary (Garstang) |
| Thurs | 5 th | 10.30am | Blessing of Fr David's Headstone |
| Fri | 6 th | 11.15am | Funeral Liturgy of Margaret Mary 'Carmel' Hayden |
| | | 7.00 pm | Stations of the Cross (Garstang) |
| Sat | 7 th | 9.00 am | Saturday Liturgy of the Word (Scorton) |
| | | 10.15 am | Children's First Confessions (Garstang) |
| Sun | 8 th | 4.00 pm | Stations of the Cross (Scorton) |

Special Days this week:

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| Sun | 1 st Mar | FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT |
| Fri | 6 th | LENT FAST DAY |
| | | Women's World Day of Prayer |
| Sun | 8 th | SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT |

Meetings this Week:

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| Wed | 4 th | 10.00 am-12 noon | Coffee Morning (Plessington Chapel) |
| | | 7.30 pm | Choir Practice (Plessington Chapel) |
| Thurs | 5 th | 6.30 pm | First Confessions (Session 4) (Plessington Chapel) |
| Fri | 6 th | 7.30 pm | Chivuna Meeting (Plessington Chapel) |

Last Week's Attendance:

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| Sat | 22 nd | 6.00 pm (Garstang) | Adults: 131 | Children: 7 | Total: 138 |
| Sun | 23 rd | 8.30 am (Scorton) | | | Total: 56 |
| | | 10.30 am (Garstang) | Adults: 123 | Children: 28 | Total: 151 |

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory: £1,125.00 (Inc. £390 Standing Orders); Gravestone: £70; Donations for Sound System: £20; Votive Lights: £50; Shop: £10.

Many thanks to you all.

Scorton: Offertory: £298.11 (Inc. £150 Standing Orders); Votive Lights: £8.80. **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):

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| Ent: | Dear Lord and Father | 934 |
| Gloria: | | |
| G.A. | Praise to you O Christ, King of Eternal Glory | |
| Off: | Lord Jesus, think on me | 204 |
| S,M,D: | Schubert | 576, 577a, 578 |
| Com: | | |
| Rec: | Lead us Heavenly Father, lead us 315 | |

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

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| Ent: | Forty days and forty nights | 206 |
| Kyrie: | Kyrie 7 (Taize) | 517 |
| G.A: | Praise to you O Christ + Missal | |
| Off: | Blest are you, Lord | 603 |
| S,M,D: | Mass of Peace | 556, 557a, 558 |
| A.D | Communion Song 3 | 611a |
| Com: | Dear Lord and Father | 934 |
| Rec: | Guide me, O thou great Redeemer | 960 |