

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

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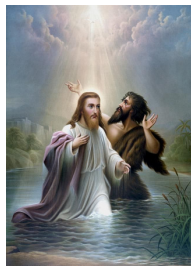


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11th / 12th January 2020

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



"This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him."

Parish Finance and Property Committee – Following my note in 7th/8th December Weekly Bulletin I can now confirm that the Diocese will be visiting us on 16th January to discuss and assess the proposed structural repairs to the Church Tower and the internal redecoration of the Church.

At the Committee's last meeting members discussed at length not only these projects but also other requirements and issues relating to our Parish estate of which I have given a brief overview below.

These include necessary works needed to our Community Centre, which was subject to a Quinquennial Survey in 2017, management of Parish Health & Safety issues and compliance with the recently issued updated Diocesan "Parish Property Management Guide." We also need to look at Fundraising which will be a factor in how and when improvements to our Parish can be carried out.

There also remains an ongoing range of items of work, many minor but which all cost money, which require attention.

Whilst the above covers Property issues, central to all of this is finance, and so I am asking for two additional volunteer members of this committee. One would require relevant financial experience and one should have relevant property management experience. It is suggested that the roles be time limited, say for 3 years. The Committee currently meets around six times a year.

In addition, it is possible some of the above roles could be done on an ad hoc basis which could involve liaising with the Committee without having to be part of it or attending meetings. Please let me know if you can help with this. I would be pleased to have an informal chat with those who may be interested. For more information and clarification, please contact Manus Adamson, adamson277@outlook.com or 07970-819492. Many thanks, *Fr Geoffrey*.

Whist and Dominoes – There is no Whist and Dominoes this week; it has been postponed until **Monday 20th January**. You will have to be patient, and wait a further week for your fun!

Christmas Liturgies – *Thank you:* to all who cleaned, prepared, and decorated our two lovely churches, polished the brasses, and erected the cribs; those who prepared the refreshments after the 10.00pm, 8.30am, and 10.30am Masses; those who led the children's Liturgy of the Word on Christmas morning; and to all who served the Christmas liturgies as welcomers, musicians, singers, servers, readers, collectors, and ministers of holy communion. *Fr Geoffrey*

Food Collection – Thank you to everyone who helped with the reverse LiveSimply Advent calendar. Over 500 items were taken to Sister Eileen for the Ingol Food Bank. Future food collections will take place once a month at the end of each month. In January this will be over the weekend of **31st January to 2nd February**, and the food will be delivered immediately after the collection. We have been particularly asked this month for: instant pot meals (add water, then microwave), individual ready-made jellies and ready-made custard. These items will be very gratefully received.

Clothing Collection – Thank you for the clothing which has been donated to date. Your help with this valuable work is greatly appreciated. The SVP are continuing to collect men's clothing for a couple of months for distribution to ex-prisoners. To aid delivery to Caritas, who run the ACE project, it would be greatly appreciated if items could be left at the back of church over the weekend of **18th/19th January**. *Thank you.*

Garstang Parish Draw – Congratulations go to Teresa Carter and Ian Murray for being our Christmas winners. Thank you all for your support with our Parish Draw during 2019. *Trish & Kev – 01995 604 292.*

Magdalena Club Draw (Scorton) – Angela Carr is the winner of the January draw, winning £37.50.

Medjugorje Irish Centre – Pilgrimages to Medjugorje are organised from April – October 2020. Seven-night stay and airport shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split for 266 Euros per person sharing. Book any flight – any time and we provide airport shuttle service. Call us for further information and book the dates that suit you. Tel: 02032 398 662 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com. See poster at back of church.

Emailing the parish – For 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.*

From now until the end of January 2020, 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 11th and 18th January, from 11am - 3pm.

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

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.

Vacancy – Lead Diocesan Education Officer The Bishop and Trustees are seeking to appoint a Lead Diocesan Education Officer to work for the Education Service. 0.8 FTE Term time only – Leadership salary £40,987 to £45,220 – required for Easter 2020.

Closing Date: 12.00 noon Friday, 1st February 2020. A Job Description, Person Specification and Application Form can be obtained by emailing education@lancasterdiocese.org.uk or telephone 01524 841190. See copy of advertisement on noticeboard at back of church.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ellie Forker, Mary Mason's Mother, who died last Tuesday, 7th January. *May she rest in peace.*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton – Peter Winstanley, Jane Greenall, Beryl Bellamy, Marina Poulton, Monica Elder-Woodward, Teresa Fox, James Wilson, Rosemary Austin, Monica Jepson, Winifred Kavanagh, Paul Haslehurst, John Tully, Leonard Sinar, Jack Rawlinson, Frederick W. Garvey, Greg Eastham, Elizabeth Ellen Pedder, Renee Williams, David Trevor Orr, Tom Thompson, Thomas Henry (Harry) Horn and Eileen Darby. *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: Deacon Frank Bell, 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 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 19th January 2020 can be found on green paper at the back of church. If you would like a copy, please take one.

Response to the psalm at the 10.30 am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 11th – Sunday 19th January 2020

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| Sat | 11 th | 6.00 pm (Garstang) | Terry & Sheila Murphy (RIP) |
| Sun | 12 th | 8.30 am (Scorton) | All our Parishioners |
| | | 10.30 am (Garstang) | Thomas & Eleanor Bolton (RIP) |
| Mon | 13 th | 9.30 am (Scorton) | Canon Charles Canning (RIP) (Liverpool Diocese) |

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| Tue | 14 th | | No Mass |
| Wed | 15 th | 7.00 pm (Garstang) | Intentions of Frank and Betty Carter |
| Thurs | 16 th | 9.30 am (Garstang) | Intentions of Peter and Christine Houghton |
| Fri | 17 th | 9.30 am (Scorton) | Alice Graham (RIP) |
| Sat | 18 th | 9.30 am (Garstang) | Charlotte McAleer |
| | | 6.00 pm Vigil (Garstang) | Tony Ashcroft |
| Sun | 19 th | 8.30 am (Scorton) | Reverend M Tully & Family |
| | | 10.30 am (Garstang) | For the The Rowley Family |

Devotions and Celebrations this week

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| Wed | 15 th | 6.45 pm | Rosary (Garstang) |
| Sat | 18 th | 9.00 am | Saturday Liturgy of the Word (Scorton) |
| | | 10.00 – 10.30 am | Confessions (Garstang) |

Special Days this week:

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| Sun | 12 th | THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR A) |
| Mon | 13 th | St Hilary (Bishop & Doctor) |
| Fri | 17 th | St Anthony (Abbot) |
| Sun | 19 th | SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) |

Meetings this Week:

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| Wed | 15 th | 7.30 pm | Choir Practice |
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Last Week's Attendance:

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| Sat | 4 th | 6.00 pm (Garstang) | Adults: 129 | Children: 4 | Total: 133 |
| Sun | 5 th | 8.30 am (Scorton) | | | Total: 65 |
| | | 10.30 am (Garstang) | Adults: 116 | Children: 14 | Total: 130 |

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory: £1,065.00 (Inc. £390 Standing Orders); Votive Lights: £41; Shop: £40.

Many thanks to you all.

Scorton: Offertory: £299.20 (Inc. £157.80 Standing Orders); Votive Lights: £18.61; Holy Souls: 20p; Piety Stall: £1.05. *Many thanks to you all.*

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 7.45 am each Tuesday in January at St Thomas's.

Hymns at 6.00 pm (Garstang):

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| Ent: | On Jordan's Bank | 94 |
| G.A. | | 710 |
| Off: | Lord, accept these gifts | 604 |
| Sanctus: | Celtic | 553 |
| Mem. Acc. | | 554 |
| Amen: | | 555 |
| Rec: | O praise ye the Lord | 406 |

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

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| Ent: | On Jordan's Bank | 94 |
| Gloria: | Leftley | Back of Book |
| G.A.: | Triple + missal | |
| Off: | Blest are you, Lord | 603 |
| S,M,D: | St Andrew's Mass | 565, 566, 569 |
| A.D | Mass of Hope | 592 |
| Com: | (1) Baptised in water | 407 |
| | (2) Spirit of the Living God | 306 |
| Rec: | The Light of Christ | 747 |