

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

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (YEAR A)

Candlemas



"You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel.....and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

Welcome to Fr Ted Gannon, who is presiding at our Masses this weekend while Fr Geoffrey is on his post-Christmas break. Fr Ted is currently Priest in Residence at St Gregory's, Preston, from where he exercises his ministry of spiritual direction and formation in prayer.

CAFOD Special Collection – There is a special collection in both parishes this weekend for CAFOD's work to help relieve the famine taking hold in Zimbabwe and Zambia. Crippling drought and spiralling food prices continue to worsen the food shortages in both countries. CAFOD along with local Church aid workers have been working around the clock to get food and clean water to communities in need. CAFOD's Zambia representative, Mwila Mulumbi, has said "People have run out of ways to cope, and are forced to survive on wild fruits and leaves". To help with the fund-raising, there are Parish Quiz sheets available from the back of both Churches (suggested donation £1 with prize of a small Fairtrade hamper for most correct answers).

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

First Holy Communions and Confessions – The first session will be held next **Thursday, 6th February beginning at 6.30 pm**. If your child was not baptised at St Mary and St Michael's, Garstang, could you please provide a copy of their Baptism Certificate.
Monthly Coffee Morning – Isn't it amazing how quickly these mornings come around! Come along, enjoy a chat, a laugh (*very important!*) as well as scrumptious cake and delicious teas and coffees from **10 am next Wednesday, 5th February, in the Plessington Chapel.** *All welcome.*

Liturgy & Spirituality, Garstang – The group met last week to review our celebration of Advent and Christmas and to look at how we will keep the holy season of Lent this year. Copies of the minutes are available in the foyer. One of the items discussed was Stations of the Cross and how to encourage us as a parish to participate more fully in these. It was suggested that representatives of different groups may feel able to lead the Stations each week, for example from Live Simply, the SVP, Chivuna, the Youth Group, the Readers, Lit & Spit etc. The Groups may wish to choose their own Stations, or use the copies of various forms of the Stations which are available at church. Please discuss this idea as soon as possible and confirm your interest to Fr Geoffrey and Frank Miller. *Thank you.*

Churches Together in Scorton invite you to their 2020 Lent Lunches at Scorton Methodist Chapel on the six Saturdays of Lent: **29th February, 7th, 14th, 21st, 29th March and 4th April**. All donations to Christian Aid. See poster at the back of church.

Food Collection – Future food collections will take place once a month at the end of each month. In January it is this weekend, and the food will be delivered immediately after the collection. We have been particularly asked for: instant pot meals (add water, then microwave), individual ready-made jellies and ready-made custard. These items will be very gratefully received.

Monthly Prayer Meeting for Schools – Our next meeting will be held at St. Thomas's Church Hall on **Friday the 7th February, 2pm**. You will be warmly welcomed to share in a quiet prayer time for the staff, children and families of our local schools. A great opportunity to meet ecumenically with fellow Christians in the local area and to support our fantastic School. For more information contact Alex Fernhead 01995 606738/Julia Horn 01995 601508.

Rededication of England as the 'Dowry of Mary' 29th March 2020 – Mgr John Armitage and the team from the national shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, are visiting each of the Catholic cathedrals in England with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham. They will be visiting our cathedral in **Lancaster, Thursday 6 February, 6.00 pm Saturday 8 February**. See poster for details of the timetable of Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Devotions, talks on Marian devotion, and an exhibition; some flyers are also available. More information available at <http://dowrytour.org.uk/Lancaster>. There is a dedicated website for updates at www.behold2020.com.

Xaverian Missionaries invite you to share in exploring 'The God Who Speaks' marking the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini at The Xaverian Mission Spirituality Centre, (formerly Tabor) The first event takes place on **Saturday, 8th February**. See poster on church notice board for further details.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – A Deanery celebration will take place on **Tuesday 11th February at 7 pm at St Joseph's Church, Lancaster** with Anointing of the sick and a candlelit procession. *Everyone welcome.*

World Day of Prayer 6th March - Service at 2pm to be celebrated in Scorton Methodist Church. Please consider taking an active part in the service. More details nearer the time. Philippa Catterall Tel 238331.

Catholic Miracle Rally (North) 2020 – Celebrate that Jesus is alive and that the miracle healing, loving power of his Spirit is moving in His Church today! With Michelle Moran, Fr Gabriel Joseph CFR, Damian Stayne. **Saturday 14th - Sunday 15th March 2020** at All Hallows Catholic High School, Preston, PR1 0LN. For booking and more information visit www.coretlumenchristi.org Email: stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org Tel: 016973 45623 or 07588 159341. See also leaflets at the back of church.

Date for your diary On **Wednesday 18th March** St Mary & Michael's is to provide cheese and soups for the Ecumenical Lenten Lunches at the United Reformed Church (proceeds to Christian Aid). Please consider donating food, or offering to help at the event. Details later. Thank you *Philippa Catterall*

Safeguarding – There will be a Safeguarding awareness training session at Our Lady & St Edward's Parish Centre in Preston on **Saturday 21st March** from 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. This training will be of value for those helping with children's liturgy and visiting sick or elderly parishioners. The cost (which will be covered by the Parish) is £20 per person and includes refreshments and lunch. If you would like to book a place please let me know - **Helen Forshaw, Parish Safeguarding Representative 01995 603944.**

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton – Agnes Evans, Tony Derbyshire, Elizabeth Cook, Harold Harwood, Ernest Cecil Clark Firth, Molly Walmsley, David Anthony Pyke, Kathleen Myerscough, Marino Habeishy, Carmen Christancho, Enrique Escobar, Marino Lemos, Hannah Marie Swarbrick, James Carter, Bill Jennings, Mary Whiteside, Angela Mary O'Regan, Eric Bayman, Alice Wells, Martha Horn, Stephen Turton, Winifride Swarbrick, Elizabeth Swarbrick, Ted Lydiate and Fred Dagger. **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: 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.)

Wednesday Word – copies for the Sunday Masses of 9th February 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 1st – Sunday 9th February 2020

Sat	1 st	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Mrs Ragett RIP
Sun	2 nd	8.30 am (Scorton)	Brian Winstanley RIP
		10.30 am (Garstang)	RoS The Ashworth Family
Mon	3 rd	9.30 am (Scorton)	No Mass
Tue	4 th		No Mass
Wed	5 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	David Pyke (Anniversary) RIP
Thurs	6 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	Intentions of Stephen and Jenn McGuigan
Fri	7 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	John Cowdall RIP
Sat	8 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm Vigil (Garstang)	Diane Pattinson RIP
Sun	9 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	John McArdle (Anniversary) RIP
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Jim Parry RIP

Devotions and Celebrations this week

Wed	5 th	6.45 pm	Rosary (Garstang)
Sat	8 th	9.00 am	Saturday Liturgy of the Word (Scorton)
		10 – 10.30 am	Confessions (Garstang)

Special Days this week:

Sun	2 nd	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
Wed	5 th	St Agatha (Virgin & Martyr)
Sun	9 th	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Meetings this Week:

Wed	5 th	10 am – 12 noon	Coffee Morning (Plessington Chapel)
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Plessington Chapel)
Thurs	6 th	6.30 pm	1 st Confessions (Session 1) (Plessington Chapel)

Last Week's Attendance:

Sat	25 th	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Adults:119	Children: 6	Total: 125
Sun	26 th	8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 59
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 115	Children: 29	Total: 144

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory: £1,095.30 (Inc. £390 Standing Orders); Votive Lights: £47; Shop: £40; Tea Money: £70. **Many thanks to you all.**

Scorton: Offertory: £299.92 (Inc. £157.80 Standing Orders); Votive Lights: £9.27. **Many thanks to you all.**

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer is held at 7.45 am each Tuesday in February at the Methodist Church.

Hymns at 6.00 pm (Garstang):

Ent:	Christ be our light	883
G.A.		710
Off:	Take our bread	820
Sanctus:	Celtic	553
Mem. Acc.		554
Amen:		555
Rec:	Tell our my soul	880

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	Praise to the Lord	601
Gloria:	Celtic	529
G.A:	Triple & Missal	
Off:	Blest are you, Lord	603
S,M,D:	Celtic	553, 554a, 555
A.D	Celtic	591
Com:	(1) The Lord is now	599
	(2)	
Rec:	Now let your servant go	177