

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

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)
(Day of Prayer for the Unemployed)**



“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you....if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not?”

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, **each Friday at 7.00pm**. Please do come along to join in this special devotion.

Catholicism DVDs (Garstang) – After the positive response to the showing of some of this series of films and discussions in Advent it was suggested that we could continue with more in the same series each week during Lent. Bishop Robert Barron introduces and comments on the subject in a very engaging style. The first showing will be on Friday 28th February, at approximately 7.30pm, immediately after the Stations of the Cross. **All are very welcome.**

The Rededication of England as Mary's Dowry - 29th March 2020 – In 1381, England was dedicated to Mary by King Richard II and was 'set apart' for her among the nations. This year, the Christians of England are called to make a personal dedication to Mary, taking up her example as Christ's first disciple. History shows us that when the people pray a surrender to God's will for their lives, society is transformed. By taking up this personal dedication in 2020, you can be a part of the renewal of this nation, drawing ourselves closer to the will of our loving God, through Mary. Cardinal Vincent Nicholls says, *“There is much for us to learn about being the Dowry of Mary and the love expressed in that title. It is rich in history even if not contemporary in language. I hope we can use these coming weeks to deepen our knowledge of this ancient and lovely*

devotion”. 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 – Pope Francis, speaking at the World Economic Forum, encouraged us to *“Listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor who suffer most”*. Bishop Paul in his January Blog followed on from this when he said *“There is renewed encouragement to adopt healthier, less wasteful habits now. Personal discipline is such hard work though! Why bother? The bottom line is, because Jesus did it. That'll do me.”* We are invited to consider the 6Rs for sustainability. For March, we will focus on this first of these: **Rethink**. Do you ever think about how much plastic you use on a daily basis? How about how much rubbish you generate each week? The first step in the 6Rs is to stop and think about what you are buying and using. Is it something you need? Is there a way to reduce your waste or change your habits? Becoming self-aware of your current habits is the first step towards changing to a more sustainable lifestyle. For more information, please go to the LiveSimply page on the Parish Website.

Thank You for your great generosity - £406.38 is being sent to CAFOD for the Emergency Appeal for Zimbabwe and Zambia Food Crisis, resulting from the Special Collection and donations for quiz sheets. Any completed quiz sheets will be collected in this weekend, and the winner announced shortly.

Prayerful preparation for Mass First Sunday of Lent : Year A – In this Year of the Word, to help us in preparing for the Scriptures which we are to hear throughout Lent, you will find in each newsletter during Lent a leaflet which has been prepared for us from the Wednesday Word and Loyola Press websites and the CTS Booklet Lectio Divina.

Gift Aid Offertory Envelopes for next year are now ready for collection at the back of SSMM church. If you donate to either parish, are a tax payer and you haven't already signed up for Gift Aid, please think seriously about doing so. You will increase the income of your parish at no extra cost to you. There are Gift Aid declaration forms at the back of church. Simply fill in the form and hand it into the parish office. *Thank you for the support you give to the Church. Without it the Church could not achieve or provide what it does.*

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, 28th March and 4th April**. All donations to Christian Aid. Please see poster at the back of church.

Church sound system Garstang - Some improvements to the microphones have already been carried out: the new lectern mic will better serve readers of different height and is more discrete; the antennas for the radio mics are now in church rather than in the sacristy, and are no longer compromised by the thick stone walls. We will also improve the loop system to reduce background noise and give a more constant and consistent output. This work will be carried out later this month, at a cost of £5,000. Any donations towards this project will be gratefully received. If you support the parish through Gift Aid, please put your donation in an envelope and mark it with your 'offertory number'.

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

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.

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.

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.*

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 – Mike Hoffman has joined Helen Forshaw as Safeguarding representative for Garstang. **The Diocese has decided that all DBS (formerly CRB) clearances must be renewed every three years.** Those parishioners who need DBS certificates for the voluntary work they undertake for the Parish will be contacted by Mike or Helen as their certificates come up for renewal. This relates particularly to members of the SVP, Children's Liturgy Group and Eucharistic Ministers who visit parishioners' homes. For those interested in learning more about safeguarding, there is a course on **21st March at Our Lady and St Edwards, Preston.** The cost of £20, including lunch, will be covered by the Parish. If you would like to attend, please contact Helen Forshaw (01995 603944).

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Castlerigg – Youth at the Manor – Forthcoming events: 20th – 22nd March: Young Adults’ Retreat; 9th – 12th April: Easter Retreat; 22nd – 24th May: Family Weekend. *For further information, see poster at the back of church.*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and Scorton: Margaret McKeivitt, Marjorie Kirkman, John McHale, James Houlihan, Robert Winder, Samuel Smith, Robert Hull, Grace Barton, Frank Richardson, Catherine Eastha, Enid Smith, Agnes St John Firth, Dorothea Agnes Mary Rafferty, Neil Brady, Dorothea Agnes Mary Rafferty, Neil Brady, Tom Rawlinson, Christine Ackers, Rev. Robert Turpin (Builder of SSMJ Church), Josephine Wright, Eileen Fenna, Frank Moreland, Teresa Langlely, James Foy and Ruth Curwen. **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 22nd February – Sunday 1st March 2020

Sat	22 nd	6.00 pm Vigil (Garstang)	Ted Richardson (birthday wishes)
Sun	23 rd	8.30 am (Scorton)	All Our Parishioners
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Ted McMahon (Anniversary)
Mon	24 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	Mary Akehurst
Tue	25 th	No Mass	
Wed	26 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Stephen McGuigan – In thanksgiving and for speedy recovery
		(Ash Wednesday)	
Thurs	27 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	Bernard Routledge (Lately Dead)
Fri	28 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	Evelyn Steel
Sat	29 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm Vigil (Garstang)	Neal Walmsley (RIP)
Sun	1 st Mar	8.30 am (Scorton)	Moirá Linaker
		10.30 am (Garstang)	RoS Jacqui Elliot

Devotions and Celebrations this week

Wed	26 th	6.45 pm	Rosary (Garstang)
Fri	28 th	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross (Garstang)
Sat	29 th	9.00 am	Saturday Liturgy of the Word (Scorton)
		10 – 10.30 am	Confessions (Garstang)
Sun	1 st Mar	4.00 pm	Stations of the Cross (Scorton)

Special Days this week:

Sun	23 rd	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Wed	26 th	ASH WEDNESDAY (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)
Sun	1 st Mar	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Meetings this Week:

Wed	26 th	11.00 am	Churches Together (United Reformed Church, Garstang)
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Plessington Chapel)
Thurs	27 th	6.30 pm	First Confessions (Session 3)
Fri	28 th	7.30 pm	Catholicism DVD (Plessington Chapel)

Last Week’s Attendance:

Sat	15 th	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Adults:	86	Children:	5	Total:	91
Sun	16 th	8.30 am (Scorton)					Total:	52
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults:	118	Children:	31	Total:	149

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory: £909.80 (Inc. £390 Standing Orders); Donations for Sound System: £70; Votive Lights: £40; Shop and I Belong £35.

Many thanks to you all.

Scorton: Offertory: £140.02 (Plus £150 Standing Orders); Votive Lights: £10.86. **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, and in March at the United Reformed Church.

Hymns at 6.00 pm (Garstang):

Ent:	God is love, let heaven	811
Gloria:		998
G.A.	Celtic	
Off:	Love is his Word	803
S,M,D:	Celtic	553, 554, 555
Com:		
Rec:	Immaculate Mary	365

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	Brother, sister, let me serve you	924
Gloria:	A Parish Mass	481
G.A:	Triple + Missal	
Off:	Take our bread	605
S,M,D:	A Parish Mass	482, 484, 486
A.D	A Parish Mass	487
Com:	Make me a channel	898
	A New Commandment	920
Rec:	Praise, my soul, the King	807