

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

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25th / 26th January 2020

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)
Sunday of The Word of God



'In this way the prophesy of Isiah was to be fulfilled'

Garstang Friends of Chivuna This year marks the 20th anniversary of our foundation, a remarkable achievement considering the original aim was to function for a period of 3 years. So many good people are responsible for this, acting in so many ways. Some have contributed financially, often with extreme and consistent generosity; others have participated in or helped to arrange fund-raising events. A number have travelled to Chivuna in order to help the needy, to witness the results of our help and assess possible ways of improving such help. Great emphasis has always been placed upon prayer and the group remains ever mindful of that undertaking. At times it feels as if we have achieved the impossible, particularly when we learn from Chivuna that the Rural Health Centre has expanded enormously during the past 20 years, not only in size but in importance and reputation. It is close to becoming a fully fledged hospital in its own right. Little of this would have been possible without Garstang's help. Government funding is sporadic and unreliable. GFOC group has just had the most recent meeting of several hundred preceding it and you may ask "Whatever is there left to discuss?" Well, there are always important matters to consider. Most recently we had to deal with a problem of bank transfer of funds, we discussed certain identified needs outlined by the Clinic – generator, commercial washing machine, dental chair, laboratory equipment – contemplated the threatened drought and discussed the sending of baby clothes provided by numerous parishioners and friends. Please continue your outstanding support and perhaps give some thought to joining us in this work. *Frank Carter – Chairman*

Sts. Mary & James, Scorton - Proposed Presbytery Renovations The diocesan property and finance committees discussed at their January meetings our proposed renovation of the presbytery to provide a flat and rooms for parish use. The committees recognised the need for the renovation, but have asked us to relook at the plans with the intention to remove a substantial amount from the proposed costings. We will complete this & hope to be able to present the amended plans to the trustees for their February meeting.

Emergency Food Crisis Appeal for Zambia and Zimbabwe by CAFOD. To support this 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), as well as a **Special Collection** the weekend of **1st/2nd February**.

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.

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.

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.*

Stand Together Holocaust Memorial Day 27th January 2020 marks 75 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Various events will be taking place in our diocese. Please see poster on church notice board.

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 8th February. See poster on church notice board for further details.

Church Shop Sale (Garstang) All Christmas cards and items reduced. Come and collect a bargain. All proceeds from the shop go into church funds.

Alzheimer's Support The £639.00 raised at the Methodist Chapel, Scorton on 15 November 2019 has now been paid over to, and acknowledged by Alzheimer's Research, Lancaster University and The Memory Clinic, Garstang Library. They received 50% each. *Many thanks to all who supported this event.*

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*

Christmas Food Donations A message of thanks from Sister Eileen at Ingol Food Bank is on the notice board at the back of both churches.

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.*

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.

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.

Garstang Parish Draw Do you want to get involved with the Church but don't have a lot of time to spare? If you have a couple of hours to help us collect this year's subs in March, we would love to hear from you - please contact Trish & Kev on 01995 604292.

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.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time in Garstang and

Scorton – John Thomas Graham, Teresa Rogerson, Richard Hargreaves, John McCardle, Edwin Curwen, Jeanie Richmond, Ruth Fairey, Tony Waters, Joan Finlay, Robert Edwin Brown, Rev Francis Carr, Alice Winstanley, Robert Tomlinson and Michael McBride. **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: 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 2nd February 2020 can be found on green paper at the back of church. If you would like a copy, please take one.

Psalm response for 10.30 am Mass (Garstang)

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 25th – Sunday 2nd February 2020

Sat	25 th	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Remembering Sheila Murphy on her birthday
Sun	26 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Gerry Steel RIP
		10.30 am (Garstang)	All our parishioners
Mon	27 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	Derek Young (ill)
Tue	28 th		No Mass
Wed	29 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Greg Patterson (lately dead)
Thurs	30 th		No Mass
Fri	31 st	9.30 am (Scorton)	Marjorie Kirkman (RIP)
Sat	1 st Feb		No 9.30 am Mass
		6.00 pm Vigil (Garstang)	Mrs Raggett (RIP)
Sun	2 nd	8.30 am (Scorton)	Brian Winstanley (RIP)
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Repose of the Souls of the Ashworth family

Devotions and Celebrations this week

Wed	29 th	6.45 pm	Rosary (Garstang)
Sat	1 st Feb	9.00 am	Saturday Liturgy of the Word (Scorton)

Special Days this week:

Sun	26 th	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)
Tues	28 th	St Thomas Aquinas
Fri	31 st	St John Bosco
Sun	2 nd Feb	The Presentation of the Lord

Meetings this Week:

Wed	29 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
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Last Week's Attendance:

Sat	19 th	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Adults: 114	Children: 11	Total: 125
Sun	20 th	8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 59
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 134	Children: 35	Total: 169

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory: £1100.00 (Inc. £390 Standing Orders); Votive Lights: £50.00; Shop: £30.00.

Many thanks to you all.

Scorton: Offertory: £298.07 (Inc. £157.80 Standing Orders); Votive Lights: £13.56; Holy Souls: £1.00. Piety Stall: 75p. **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):

Ent:	The Kingdom of God	821
G.A.	Salazar	
Off:	Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God	820
Sanctus:		
Mem. Acc.		
Amen:		
Rec:	Lord of Creation	869

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	Gather us in	475
Gloria:	Duffy	527
G.A.:	Triple & Missal	
Off:	In Bread we Bring You	609
S,M,D:	Celtic	553, 554a, 555
A.D	Mass of St Jeanne Jugan	593
Com:	(1) Lord You Have Come	871
	(2) Laudate, Omnes Gentes	478
Rec:	Follow Me	863