

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

Day of Prayer for Racial Justice



"You are the light of the world."

Racial Justice Sunday 2020 The theme of this year's Racial Justice Sunday is "You are the heart of the Church" and the aim is to celebrate the contribution Travelling Communities make to the Church in England and Wales. See poster at back of church, and a prayer-pledge card which is included in this week's newsletter.

SVP (Garstang) This weekend there will be a special collection for the work of the SVP at all Masses. *Thank you*

Clothing Collection The next collection of clothing for male ex-prisoners will be next weekend, 15th / 16th February. Please leave any donations by the balcony stairs. *Thank you*

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.*

First Holy Communions and Confessions – The second session will be held on **Thursday, 13th 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.

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. Please see poster at the back of church.

Offertory Collection Contribution to our Parish If you give money to the offertory collection at SS Mary & Michael's and are a UK tax payer, if you have not already done so would you consider taking advantage of the 'Gift Aid' scheme to help boost our parish income? Please see the poster, and forms to complete, at the back of church. For further information or assistance please contact the parish office. *Thank you*

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

Liturgy & Spirituality, Garstang – During the meeting to review our celebration of Advent and Christmas and to look at how we will keep the holy season of Lent this year one of the items discussed was the 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 (01995 604030). *Thank you.*

Day of Renewal, St Clare's, Fulwood Saturday 29th February 2020, from 10am to 4pm at St Clare's Church. The theme is 'Be renewed in the Lord' and the day will be led by the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. Tea & coffee available – please bring a packed lunch. See poster at back of church for full details.

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.

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*

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.

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 – John Bailey, Harry McNamara, Mary Bilsborrow, William Roland Price-Jones, Joseph Rossall, Walter Donovan, Joan Webster, James Richardson, Veronica Woodruff, Stephen Fox, Margaret Dilworth, Mary Pedder, May Sheridan, Horn/Brown Families, Agnes Smith, Thomas Dilworth, Jane Molloy, Henry Davis and Tony Hall. **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.)*

Wednesday Word – copies for the Sunday Masses of 16th February 2020 can be found on green paper at the back of church. If you would like a copy, please take one.

Psalm response at the 10.30 am Mass:

LANCASTER DIOCESE NOVENA PRAYER

Novena from 2nd to 10th February

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Our Lady of Lourdes, remember that we in the Diocese of Lancaster are your children, given to you by your Divine Son. When you appeared at Lourdes you made it a holy sanctuary where many have received comfort and healing, both in body and spirit. We come to you like little Bernadette at the grotto. Please accept our prayers and present them to your Son. *(here mention your request)*

Mother of Divine Grace, help our families rely on God for our needs and to trust in His ways. Help us to walk with you as we strive to follow your loving example and may we always bring your hope, love and mercy into our families.

Mary help of Christians, keep our faith strong and true. Obtain for us the strength to live out a truly Christian life, despite the challenges of the world today. Help us to come to your Son during times of need, so that we may always be true to His word, and especially at the time of our death.

O Blessed Mother, we know that God will graciously hear the prayers that we have presented through you and that He will show us His mercy.

Hail Mary... three times.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Acknowledgement to Father Olaseni MSP for this prayer

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 8th – Sunday 16th February 2020

Sat	8 th	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
Mon	10 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	Canon Charles Canning (Liverpool Diocese) RIP
Tue	11 th		No Mass
Wed	12 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Fr David Elder RIP
Thurs	13 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	In Thanksgiving
Fri	14 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	Con O'Mahoney (lately dead)
Sat	15 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners
		6.00 pm Vigil (Garstang)	E (Ted) Richardson (birthday wishes)
Sun	16 th	8.30 am (Scorton)	Rev Michael Tully and parents RIP
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Tony Hall RIP

Devotions and Celebrations this week

Wed	12 th	6.45 pm	Rosary (Garstang)
Sat	15 th	9.00 am	Saturday Liturgy of the Word (Scorton)
		10 – 10.30 am	Confessions (Garstang)

Special Days this week:

Sun	9 th	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Tues	11 th	OUR LADY OF LOURDES, Patroness of the Diocese
Fri	14 th	STS CYRIL, monk, and METHODIUS, bishop
Sun	16 th	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Meetings this Week:

Wed	12 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Plessington Chapel)
Thurs	13 th	6.30 pm	1 st Holy Communion (Session 2) (Plessington Chapel)

Last Week's Attendance:

Sat	1 st	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Adults:116	Children: 7	Total: 123
Sun	2 nd	8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 69
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults:108	Children: 23	Total: 131

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory: £1,020.00 (Inc. £390 Standing Orders); Votive Lights: £40; Shop: £25.

Many thanks to you all.

Scorton: Offertory: £302.35 (Inc. £157.80 Standing Orders); Votive Lights: £19.50; Holy Souls: £1.

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:	All people that on Earth...	466
G.A.		710
Off:	Take my hands	608
Sanctus:	Celtic	553
Mem. Acc.		554
Amen:		555
Rec:	Seek ye first	820

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent:	Bring forth the Kingdom	854
Gloria:	Salazar	998
G.A:	Triple & Missal	
Off:	Take my hands	608
S,M,D:	A Parish Mass	482, 483, 486
A.D	Mass of Hope	592
Com:	(1) Christ be our light	883
	(2)	
Rec:	He who would valiant be	862