

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

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15th /16th February 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Whosoever therefore shall
break one of these least
commandments, and shall
teach men so, he shall be called
the least in the kingdom of heaven:
but whosoever shall do and teach
them, the same shall be called
great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:19

DailyVerses.net

Stations of The Cross - Garstang We are still looking for individual parishioners or members of parish groups 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 confirm your interest as soon as possible to Fr Geoffrey and Frank Miller (01995 604030). *Thank you.*

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.**

Clothing Collection The collection of clothing for male ex-prisoners is this weekend. Please leave any donations by the balcony stairs. *Thank you*

Churches Together in Scorton invite you to their 2020 Lent Lunches at Scorton Methodist Chapel on the six Saturdays of Lent: **28th February, 7th, 14th, 21st, 29th March and 4th April.** All donations to Christian Aid. Please see poster at the back of church.

SVP Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th February at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. **Last week's SVP** collection total was £245.90. Thank you.

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 achieve even better speech clarity and quality with a new loudspeaker system. This will cover more of the congregation per loudspeaker and will also restrict the sound currently radiated to the ceiling, which returns as reverberation and masks speech clarity. We will also improve the loop system; this will 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'.

Garstang Parish Draw Congratulations go to Tony Clark and Helen Bisby for being our February winners. Date for your diary; Sat 7th & Sun 8th March we will hold our annual Parish Draw subs collection weekend. If you would like to know more about our Parish Draw contact Trish & Kev O'Hanlon on 01995 604292

CAFOD has been working in Cambodia since 1980 and continues to support poor and vulnerable communities. CAFOD supports rural communities, including indigenous people, to protect and manage their forests, increase food supply and income through sustainable farming helping to improve their livelihoods. Please keep the people of Cambodia in your thoughts and prayers.

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

Music Day Following on from the successful music days in the last two years another day has been arranged on 21st March 2020 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Centre, St Albans Road, Lytham St Annes. See poster on notice board.

Fairtrade Fortnight is coming up (Monday 24th February - Sunday 8th March). Perhaps we could take this opportunity to consider our choices as consumers and maybe swap one (or more!) of our regular purchases to a Fairtrade version.

Traidcraft Spring Catalogues will shortly be 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.

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.

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10th – 18th March 2020 at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead and at Herbert House, Freshfield, Liverpool. Each year the Mill Hill Missionaries prepare for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society and the missionary outreach of the Church, as well as for the intentions of all those who support their work. You are invited to send in your petitions (forms in church porch) and/or to request a Novena booklet to enable you to join in from home by praying the daily Novena

prayer. Please write to Novena Director, St Joseph's Missionary Society, 58 Cookham Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7HT, or email novenamhm@gmail.com

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 – Tony Hall, Lillian Williams, Bill Ainsworth, Dennis Bolger, Ann Horn, Ann Cookson, Elsie Tomlinson, Mary Miller, Winifred Carr, John Horn, Thomas Ibison, Marjorie Edge, Henry Gornall, John Dilworth, Mary Gillett, Margaret McKeivitt, Marjorie Kirkman & John McHale. **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 23rd February 2020 can be found on green paper at the back of church. If you would like a copy, please take one.

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 15th – Sunday 23rd February 2020

Sat	15 th	6.00 pm Vigil (Garstang)	Ted Richardson (birthday wishes)
Sun	16 th	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	Rev Michael Tully & parents RIP Tony Hall RIP
Mon	17 th	9.30 am (Scorton)	Alice Graham RIP
Tue	18 th		No Mass
Wed	19 th	7.00 pm (Garstang)	Tom & Betty Kennedy RIP
Thurs	20 th	9.30 am (Garstang)	Tony McManmon RIP
Fri	21 st		No Mass
Sat	22 nd		No Morning Mass
		6.00 pm Vigil (Garstang)	Ted Richardson (birthday wishes)
Sun	23 rd	8.30 am (Scorton) 10.30 am (Garstang)	All Our Parishioners Ted McMahan (Ann)

Devotions and Celebrations this week

Wed	19 th	6.45 pm	Rosary (Garstang)
Sat	22 nd	9.00 am	Saturday Liturgy of the Word (Scorton)
			No Confessions this week.

Special Days this week:

Sun	16 th	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Mon	17 th	Seven Holy Founders of Servite Order
Fri	21 st	St Peter Damian
Sat	22 nd	The Chair of St Peter the Apostle
Sun	23 rd	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Meetings this Week:

Mon	17 th	2 – 4 pm	Whist & Dominos, (Plessington Chapel)
Wed	19 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice (Plessington Chapel)
Thurs	20 th	10.30 am	Property meeting - Garstang

Last Week's Attendance:

Sat	8 th	6.00 pm (Garstang)	Adults:132	Children: 12	Total: 144
Sun	9 th	8.30 am (Scorton)			Total: 38
		10.30 am (Garstang)	Adults: 99	Children: 24	Total: 123

Monies Received last week:

Garstang: Offertory: £1,002.20 (Inc. £390 Standing Orders); Votive Lights: £43; I Belong £43.

Many thanks to you all.

Scorton: Offertory: £244.00 (Inc. £157.80 Standing Orders); Votive Lights: £11.30; Holy Souls: £1.20, CAFOD: £20.00 **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:
G.A.
Gosp Acc
Off:
Mem. Acc.
Amen:
Rec:

Hymns at 10.30 am Mass (Garstang):

Ent: freely, freely 849
Gloria: Salazar 998
G.A: Halle, halle, halle 178
Off: Blest are You Lord 603
S,M,D: Celtic 553, 554a 555
A.D
Com: I will be with you 866
A New Commandment 920
Rec: O Lord all the world belongs to you 847