

# St Mary's, Cleator & St Joseph's, Frizington

16th September 2012 : Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASSES - St Mary's, Cleator

Sat (15th) 07.00pm: Sam Darragon  
Sun (16th) 10.30am: People of the Parish  
05.30pm: Annie Harrison

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Mon (17th) 09.10am: \*\*\*Holy Communion Service \*\*\*  
Tue (18th) 09.20am: Bridget Hennedy  
Wed (19th) 09.10am: Mamie & Tommy Rodgers  
Thur (20th) 07.00pm: Faith  
Fri (21st) 09.10am: Mary & Ted Murphy

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Sun (23rd) 07.00pm: Private Intention  
10.30am: Peter Martin Graham  
05.30pm: John Rodgers

## CONFESSIONS

St Mary's:  
Sat 6.00-7.00pm

St Joseph's:  
Sat 10.30am

## SCHOOL MASS

Please note that St Patrick's school will be joining us for Mass on Tuesday morning at 9.20am. Family and friends are welcome to join us.

## **YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR :**

Liz Brownbridge, Rita Byrne, Lucy Ryan, Rita Kennedy, Terry Russell, Canon Nick McArdle and Fathers Peter Dolan, John Hawkins, John Marsh & Chris Dyckoff SJ, and for all those in the parish who are sick.

For all those who have died recently, especially Peggy Whelan, for those in our **Book of Remembrance** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time of year.

## MASSES - St Joseph's, Frizington

Sun (16th) 09.10am: Dorothy Nicholson

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On Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday  
there will be a Holy Communion Service at 10am

Thur (20th) 10.00am: Jim & Maureen Rielly  
Fri (21st) 10.00am: The McConaghy Family  
Sat (22nd) 10.00am: \*\*\*Holy Communion Service \*\*\*

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Sun (23rd) 09.15am: People of the Parish



## THANKS

Many thanks to Jim Graham & Ian Graham for donating the beautiful flowers to decorate the church for the pilgrimage.

## RETIRING COLLECTIONS

This weekend for Home Mission Day, next weekend for the Bishop's Administration Fund.

## CLEATOR PILGRIMAGE: MANY THANKS

Fr. Paul and Fr. John would like to thank all those who worked so hard, in the weeks before the pilgrimage and on the day, behind the scenes and front of house. It was a great celebration of faith and so many of our visitors have said how much they enjoyed it.

Thanks also to the children who attended especially the two children from Children's Liturgy who very kindly showed the group how to use sign language.

## BUILDING WORKS

Earlier this year we began a process to review the condition of our buildings at St. Mary's and St. Joseph's and plan for maintenance and repairs over the next few years.

This work is now beginning with repairs to the roof and barge boards at St. Mary's Priory, further investigations around the high altar end of St. Mary's church and a thorough servicing of the radiators in the church. More work is planned over the coming months and years at both St. Mary's and St. Joseph's - some of it small and some more noticeable - and we'll keep you up to date as things firm up.

### JOHN MILLAR'S PRIESTLY ORDINATION

John's ordination will take place on **Saturday 22nd September** at Lancaster Cathedral. Please arrive at St Mary's car park between 7.45am - 8am. **The coach will leave at 8am prompt.** (Please note the departure time.)  
The coach will leave Lancaster at 2.30pm approx.

### CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

The programme will recommence on **Tuesday 2nd October**, 5.30pm—8pm in St Benedict's school. Candidates, please remember to bring your chosen saint's name, (yellow task sheet). Confirmations will take place on **Tuesday 6th November**, 7pm, St Mary's, Kells.

### PIE "N" PEA SUPPER

On **Tuesday 2nd October** in St Joseph's Parish Hall in aid of Church funds.

### BAPTISMS

The baptism programme will continue on **Thursday 20th September** at 6pm in St Mary's priory.

If you wish to have your child baptised in the near future please contact us to register for the course.

### PARISH WALK

On **Saturday 6th October** at 1pm. More details to follow.

### PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a meeting on **Thursday 27th Sept** at 7.30pm in St Mary's priory.

### CAFOD WEST CUMBRIA MEETING

On **Thursday 20th September** at 7pm at St Gregory and St Patrick, Quay Street, Whitehaven. An update on CAFOD's work overseas and at home. Refreshments available.

### ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, FRIZINGTON

Is your child starting school in 2013? If yes, there is an open day for everyone on **Friday 28th September**, 9.15—11.30am. There will be a tour of the school, fun activities and refreshments. All proceeds will go to the Macmillan coffee morning. Please go along, they would love to see you.

### Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Choosing Your Crosses

We like stories about Peter because he's a flawed character. He gets himself into trouble on numerous occasions by saying rash things. We like Peter because in a lot of ways he is just like each and every one of us.

Today Peter recognises Jesus as the Son of God, but he completely fails to grasp the implications. He certainly doesn't understand the necessity for Jesus to die on the cross and he tells him so. Jesus puts Peter straight. "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel will save it."

Many would-be-disciples misunderstand the concept of taking up crosses. We often hear people in general conversation sighing. "... Ah well... we all have our crosses to bear...." There are difficulties in all of our lives that cannot be avoided. To try and avoid problems would be foolish. Life is just one long series of problems and challenges, and each problem overcome makes us a stronger character. However, this is not the same thing as picking up our crosses and following Christ. Living with unavoidable problems isn't the same as choosing to tackle a problem that we could easily avoid. Jesus didn't need to choose the road to Jerusalem and crucifixion, but he did. In the same way, Christians need to be pro-active about choosing their crosses. Do we choose to care for an elderly parent, or do we leave it to one of our siblings. Do we tackle racism in our street, or do we leave it to the neighbours. Do we fundraise for local charities or do we leave it to those we deem cleverer, more articulate or more energetic.

There are an estimated 2.1 billion Christians on our planet. How different the world would be if each and every one of us chose to pick up our crosses.

### OUR LADY'S STATUE VISITATION



Thanks to all who have already welcomed the statue into their homes. It is no less than a welcome to Our Lady herself. For that reason we hope that the visitation will continue and so help to bring blessings on the parish.

Please sign the list at the back of church. If you are unable to attend Mass to collect the statue, we can arrange to have the statue brought to you.