

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

13th March 2011 : First Sunday in Lent

MASSES - St Mary's, Cleator

Sat (12th)	07.00pm: Joe Power
Sun (13th)	10.30am: Bridie & Bill Farrer
	05.30pm: The People of the Parish

Mon (14th)	09.10am: Joe McCarron
Tue (15th)	09:10am: Charles & Jenny Murphy
Wed (16th)	09.10am: Dennis & Sarah Anne Regan & Family
Thur (17th)	09:20am: Hugh & Winifred McDonald
	07.00pm: Bill Coughlan
Fri (18th)	09.10am: Deceased Members of Rudd Family
	07.00pm: Jean Ormond
Sun (20th)	10.30am: Marian McCormick
	05.30pm: The People of the Parish



CONFESSIONS

St Mary's:
Sat 6.00-7.00pm

St Joseph's:
Sat 10.30am

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR :

John Mills, Lucy Ryan, Rita Kennedy, Veronica Kitson, Paddy Richardson, Terry Russell, Fr John Hawkins, Deacons Keith Armstrong, Paul Conneely and John Forster & for all those in the parish who are sick.

For all those who have died recently especially, **Marian McCormick & Raymund Mattinson**, for those in our **Book of Remembrance** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time of year.

MASSES - St Joseph's, Frizington

Sun (13th) 09.15am: Gerald McConaghy

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

Thur (17th) 10.00am: Richard Haley
Fri (18th) 10.00am: Stephen Campbell
Sat (19th) 10.00am: Leonard Dick

Sun (20th) 09.15am: Irene Richardson

On Thursday St Patrick's school will be attending the 9.20am Mass to celebrate St Patrick's day.

On Friday St Joseph's school will be attending the 10am Mass to celebrate St Joseph's day.

JOURNEY IN FAITH GROUP

Meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in St Mary's priory.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every **Friday** during Lent, 7pm at St Mary's

Every **Monday** during Lent, 12.30pm at St Joseph's



ECUMENICAL HUNGER LUNCH

As in past years Lenten lunches, consisting of soup & a roll, will be served in Cleator Moor Methodist Church Hall each Wednesday during Lent from **16th March - 20th April**, 12 noon - 1pm. This is a joint venture between ourselves, the Methodists & Church of England each providing lunch on two Wednesdays. Our turn will be 30th March & 6th April. Please make an effort to attend these lunches as all donations will be divided between CAFOD & Christian Aid.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

Those children on the First Holy Communion programme who have not yet registered for First Confession please contact one of the priests this Sunday to arrange a suitable slot.

CAFOD Lent Fast Day: Friday 18 March

CAFOD envelopes are available at the back of church this weekend. Please share what you can with some of the poorest communities worldwide. **Don't forget to fill in the Gift Aid details if you are a taxpayer.**

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the church **Logan Sean Penn, Ashton John Starkey & Faith Jacqueline Maria Byrne** who were baptised at St Mary's last weekend.

The next baptism preparation meeting will take place in St Mary's Priory on **Thursday 17th March 2011** at 6pm.

LANCASTER DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

July 22nd - July 28th staying the Hotel Roissy (2mins walk from the Grotto). Price in the region of £650 full board.

Contact Maureen Goldsworthy 01946 395157

DAY OF RENEWAL

Sunday 13th March, 2-5pm, Quay Street Chapel, Whitehaven. For more details see the poster at the back of church.

BOOKS & LEAFLETS

A selection of books and leaflets for Lent are available to buy from the CTS stands at the back of church.

REPLACEMENT DUMPER

We need to replace the dumper that is used in St Mary's cemetery which helps the grounds men to maintain our beautiful grounds. The cost will be £3,500. Donations will be gratefully received.

CARITAS LENTEN PROJECT FOR CAFOD

This project will close on **Palm Sunday, 17th April**.

- £25 provides full immunisation against disease for 10 children
- £4 can provide an emergency food pack for a family in desperate need

Please take a jar or an envelope from the back of church.

PIETY STALL

New stock now available including a selection of Easter cards, First Communion gifts and cards.

FITNESS DAY FOR THE HALL FUND

The ESKK in association with Summergrove Hall are holding an exhibition of traditional martial arts, fitness, health & well being on **Saturday 19th March**, 10.30am to 4pm, at Summergrove Hall, Keekle, in aid of our new church hall fund. Tickets £3 available from

P. Hinde, tel. 0773 602 6686

or a donation on the day. For more details see the poster at the back of church.

If you can, please support this event.

PIE & PEA SUPPER AND PRIZE BINGO

On **Tuesday 22nd March**, 7pm for 7.30pm in St Joseph's Church Hall. Proceeds for church funds. Tickets £3 available from Josephine McCarron or Margaret Curwen.

Donations for the bingo will be gratefully received.

Gospel Reflection for the First Sunday of Lent Beating the Devil

It sounds obvious that we should make good choices over sinful ones; so why don't we? The main problem of course is that the devil isn't stupid. If the devil presented a poor choice as a poor choice we would certainly be able to reject it. The trouble with temptation is that it finds us at our most vulnerable and presents us with an option that seems attractive and comfortable. It is only human to choose an easy option especially if the right choice involves discomfort and self-denial. Not only that, but the devil is fairly adept at helping us to justify our poor decision making, convincing us that we have only done what anyone else would have done in our shoes.

The encouraging news is that the power of good is always stronger than the power of evil; we just need to learn how to 'beat the devil'. Today Jesus goes into the wilderness for forty days and forty nights to prepare himself. Preparation is key. We can't wait until we're in the middle of a huge temptation to think about how we are to deal with it, things will almost certainly be too late. Resisting temptation is twofold. The first step to effective preparation is to know exactly who we are and what we are about. The devil tried to tempt Jesus by enticing him to abuse his divinity. But Jesus knew that this wasn't what his ministry was about, and he couldn't be swayed. Secondly, it is important to remember that you can't be tempted unless you have first thought about it. Keeping your thoughts 'on track' on a daily basis quickly becomes a good habit, and a sure way of keeping temptation at bay.

Too often Lent can become trivialised. We can think of it as a time when we give up sticky buns or our favourite tippie for no clear reason. Lent is a time to get to grips with the real temptations in our lives ... the things that steer us away from God and back into the clutches of the devil.