

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

16th October 2011 : Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES - St Mary's, Cleator

Sat (15th) 07.00pm: Keith Power
Sun (16th) 10.30am: Mary Bone
05.30pm: Florence & Martin Tynan

Mon (17th) 09.10am: Brenda Sullivan
Tue (18th) 09.10am: Margaret King
Wed (19th) 09.10am: James Campbell
Thur (20th) 07.00pm: Dale Lynch
Fri (21st) 09.10am: Romeo Basso

07.00pm: Alan Graham
Sun (23rd) 10.30am: Margaret Clark
05.30pm: Vera Rooney



CONFESSIONS

St Mary's:
Sat 6.00-7.00pm
St Joseph's:
Sat 10.30am

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR :

Madeleine Sara, Sr Margaret Renshaw, Rita Byrne, Lucy Ryan, Rita Kennedy, Paddy Richardson, Terry Russell, Canon Frank Cookson, Fr John Hawkins and Fr Peter Dolan, and for all those in the parish who are sick.

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



OCTOBER

During the month of October the Rosary will be said after the morning Mass through the week at St. Mary's.

MASSES - St Joseph's, Frizington

Sun (16th) 09.15am: Kenneth Nicholson

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

Thur (20th) 10.00am: Daniel Hennedy
Fri (21st) 10.00am: Marie Marshall
Sat (22nd) 10.00am: Annie Staveley

Sun (23rd) 09.15am: Cissie & Jack Agnew

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 23rd October

World Mission Sunday, (next weekend) is our chance to be united with Catholics all over the world in prayer, friendship and support. We share in the work of missionaries and the young Churches as they share their faith and give life, often in difficult and dangerous circumstances. The money collected will go in its entirety to support mission projects worldwide. Please give what you can; every gift makes a difference and, if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes at the back of church.

PIETY STALL

Ordination cards, Christmas cards and Christmas gifts are available from the piety stall at the back of church.

MARY'S MEALS

Jars and envelopes are available at the back of church. Your donations will provide food, education and hope to some more of the world's suffering children.

The appeal finishes on **Sunday 30th October**.

Thank you for your continued support.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS

There will be a short meeting for **Eucharistic Ministers** in St Mary's church on **Thursday 20th October** after the 7pm Mass.

There will be a short meeting for **Readers** in St Mary's church on **Thursday 27th October** after the 7pm Mass.

DARREN GARDEN'S ORDINATION

Darren's ordination will take place on **Saturday 22nd October** at Lancaster Cathedral. Those who have booked to go on the coach please arrive at the St Mary's car park between 8.45am—9am. **The coach will leave at 9am prompt.**

THE NOVEMBER LIST

During November Masses will be offered for those on our November List.

Please collect an envelope from the back of church and place inside the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray. Then return the envelope either in the offertory bag or through the Priory letter box. **Please do not put money in the envelopes, no stipend is necessary.**

CONFIRMATIONS

Emily Fitzsimmons, Charlotte Youdale, Aoibhinn McCool, Destinee Fitzwilliam, Beth Mahone, Nikki McStraw & Lauren Little are being confirmed this Sunday at St Benedict's church, Whitehaven. Please keep our young people in your prayers.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Maureen Goldsworthy is organising a pilgrimage to Fatima next February (13th to 17th, 4 nights). The cost will be £499 (twin room) or £599 (single room), full-board, flying from Manchester to Lisbon. For more information please contact Maureen, (01946) 395157.

DONATIONS

Many thanks for the following donations:-

- £12.16 - Customers of Billy Wilson's Butchers
- £50 - Sunday morning coffee group
- £20, £10, £14, £10, £11 anonymous

CHARITY BINGO

On **Sunday 23rd October** in the Columba Club, Cleator Moor. Doors open at 1.30pm. Proceeds for the Cumbria Air Ambulance. Everyone welcome.

PIE AND PEA SUPPER & PRIZE BINGO

Pie and Pea Supper & Prize Bingo to be held at St Bega's, Bowthorn on **Wednesday 2nd November** at 7pm. Tickets £3 available from Margaret Heron, Tel. 813115 and Brian Morris.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Fayre will be held on **Saturday 12th November** at **1.00pm** in Cleator Moor Civic Hall. We would be grateful for donations of new knitted items, groceries, bottles, raffle prizes, unwanted gifts etc and home baking. *(no second-hand clothes please)*

Please ask neighbours, relatives and friends if they would like to donate items for the fayre. These items may be placed in the box at the back of Church.

We need people to help with the door to door collecting. If you are able to give some of your time please see Pauline McCartney.

Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Torn?

We live our lives torn in many directions. From the moment we wake up there are a hundred and one claims on our time. We have to look after our homes and our families. We have to go to work and deal with a whole range of tasks from the very important to the totally banal. We have to fill in forms, pay bills, make calls, answer emails, maintain the car, and pick up the shopping. If we're very lucky we might just squeeze in a bit of leisure time.

The Pharisees and the Herodians in today's gospel decided to set a trap for Jesus. "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor," they asked, "or not?" they were confident that they had put Jesus in a 'no win' situation. If Jesus said "taxes should be paid to Caesar, then this was something akin to treason. If however Jesus said that the taxes should be paid, he would be denounced to the strict Jews. Jesus replied, "Give to the emperor, the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's."

It is tempting to imagine that Jesus might have been talking about compartments. We imagine a compartment for things belonging to Caesar, and a compartment for things belonging to God. Of course there could be no such compartments, because as we know everything comes from God, so everything must belong to God. So had Jesus really answered the question, or merely sidestepped it?

Perhaps today we struggle with Jesus' answer as much as the Pharisees and Herodians must have done. Perhaps we see life as a conflict between God's claim on us and all life's other claims in just the way God's enemies were suggesting. Perhaps we try to put God into a Sunday morning compartment and even that will conflict with the children's football and the D.I.Y. What Jesus tells us today is liberating. Once we learn to allow God into every corner of our lives our lives become whole instead of torn and fragmented. Once we know that our only loyalty is to God there can be no conflict.