

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

18th March 2012 : Fourth Sunday in Lent

MASSES - St Mary's, Cleator

Sat (17th) 07.00pm: Hugh & Winifred McDonald

Sun (18th) 10.30am: Raymond & Gwen Mahone
05.30pm: People of the Parish

Mon (19th) 09.10am: Mary Davidson

Tue (20th) 09.10am: Alan Graham

Wed (21st) 09.10am: Philip Clucas

Thur (22nd) 07.00pm: Sadie Wilson

Fri (23rd) 09.10am: Alan Rooney

07.00pm: People of the Parish

Sun (25th) 10.30am: Imelda Gatherer

05.30pm: Stephen Smith



CONFESSIONS

St Mary's:
Wed 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Sat 6.00-7.00pm

St Joseph's:
Wed 7.00pm - 8.00pm
Sat 10.30am

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR :

Monica McCrickett, Madeleine Sara, Rita Byrne, Lucy Ryan, Rita Kennedy, Terry Russell, Fr John Hawkins and Fr Peter Dolan, and for all those in the parish who are sick.

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

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

PIETY STALL

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

MASSES - St Joseph's, Frizington

Sun (18th) 09.15am: Irene Richardson

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

Mon (19th) 10.00am: Private Intention

Thur (22nd) 10.00am: Vince Fussell

Fri (23rd) 10.00am: Chris King

Sat (24th) 10.00am: Special Intention (S.P.B)

Sun (25th) 09.15am: Lynn Curwen

FIRST CONFESSIONS

There will be a meeting for the parents of the First Holy Communion children at **Cleator** on **Thursday 22nd March** at 7.30pm in church to discuss preparation for first confession. Holy Communion card & gifts will be on sale after the meeting.

For parents of children attending the **Frizington** programme the meeting will be after the 9.15am Mass on **Sunday 25th March**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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



RETIRING COLLECTION

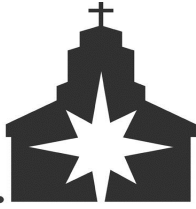
There will be a retiring collection **next weekend** for flowers to decorate the churches for Easter.

ECUMENICAL HUNGER LUNCH

Lenten lunches, consisting of soup, bread roll and a cup of tea will be served in Cleator Moor Methodist Church Hall each Wednesday during Lent, 12 noon - 1pm. A minimum donation of **£1.50** will be much appreciated.

Please make an effort to attend these lunches as all donations will be divided between CAFOD and Christian Aid.

The Light is ON for You.



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions Across the Diocese on each Wednesday of Lent, until 4 April 2012, 7:00-8:00pm, we will be offering confessions here at St. Mary's and St. Joseph's, together with all the Catholic churches in the Diocese of Lancaster. This outreach is called **The Light is On For You**, and is an effort on the part of our Diocese to highlight the importance of the sacrament of confession in the life of Catholics and to make it as easy as possible for every Catholic to come or to return to this great source of God's mercy and healing love.

You are welcome to come here or to go to any other Catholic church. The Diocese has a dedicated page on its diocesan website: www.lancasterdiocese.org.uk, with materials and videos to help you prepare. Please make plans to come yourself and please invite others to take advantage of this great opportunity to be reconciled and begin anew your journey in faith this Lent.

There will be confessions and exposition in both St. Mary's and St Joseph's (7pm-8pm) on Wednesday's during Lent. (This will replace the Lenten Reconciliation Service this year.)

FIRST COMMUNION CATECHISTS

There will be a short meeting for St Mary's First Communion Catechists after the 10.30am Mass **this Sunday, 18th March**.

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Church **Addison Mae Knight** who was baptised at St Mary's Church last weekend.

The baptism preparation course will continue on **Thursday 22nd March**.

CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL

The Caritas group of St Mary's Cleator & St Joseph's Frizington fundraising Lenten Appeal is supporting Cafod Thirst for Change.

Posters are displayed at the back of church and in our primary schools giving more information.

Envelopes and collection boxes are available for donations. Thank you for your continued support. **The appeal ends on 31st March**.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The Confirmation preparation programme will begin in May this year. We are inviting all those who are currently in *at least* year 8 at school or who are older, to come forward to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Tuesday 6th November**, at 7pm at St Mary's, Kells. Whitehaven.

Candidates for Confirmation from local parishes will be prepared together.

The course will take place on Tuesday evenings at St Benedict's school, 5.30pm – 8pm between May and October.

The programme will also involve one Saturday Retreat, on October 27th – attendance at all sessions and Mass in your own parish each week is essential.

If you are in year 8 or are older and you wish to be confirmed this year, please collect an 'Information & Application' pack from your parish priest or from Deacon Dave Skillen in school. Please write a letter to your parish priest by **Sunday 29th April** requesting a place on the programme - precise details are in the booklet.

If you have any questions please speak to your priest or contact Dn Dave Skillen (chaplain) at St Benedict's school, Whitehaven, asap.

chaplaincy@st-benedicts.cumbria.sch.uk

Mothering Sunday **18th March**



Mothering Sunday has been celebrated in the UK on the fourth Sunday in Lent from the 16th century. On this Sunday it was expected that families should attend their 'Mother Church'. Young girls and boys who worked in service were allowed this one day off in the year to visit their family. Often the housekeeper or cook would send the young maids home with gifts of cake or flowers for their mothers, and so it became a day not to just to attend their mother church, but to pay their mothers respect. This history is largely forgotten, but it remains an opportunity for us to show our mothers just how much we appreciate and love them.

Look after your mother especially today!!