

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

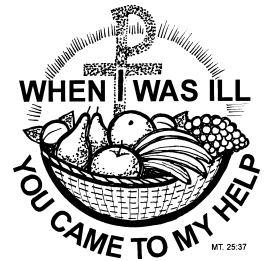
20th May 2012 : THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MASSES - St Mary's, Cleator

Sat (19th) 07.00pm: Dina Cais
Sun (20th) 10.30am: Thanksgiving to St Jude, St Martin & Our Lady
05.30pm: People of the Parish

Mon (21st) 09.10am: Maureen Cassidy
Tue (22nd) 09.10am: Ronnie Dougan
Wed (23rd) 09.10am: Sadie Gribben
Thur (24th) 07.00pm: Julia O'Gorman
Fri (25th) 09.10am: Susan Edwards

07.00pm: Gregory Milburn
Sun (27th) 10.30am: Joe McLaughlin
05.30pm: Mary Davidson



CONFESSIONS

St Mary's:
Sat 6.00-7.00pm

St Joseph's:
Sat 10.30am

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR :

Baby Caolan Murphy, Baby Clíodhna Porter, 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, for those in our **Book of Remembrance** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time of year.

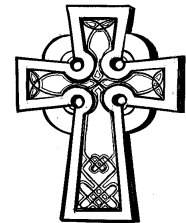
MASSES - St Joseph's, Frizington

Sun (20th) 09.15am: Eddie Flinn

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

Thur (24th) 10.00am: ***Holy Communion Service ***
Fri (25th) 10.00am: Edith Atkinson
Sat (26th) 10.00am: Fr Bernard Hearty

Sun (27th) 09.15am: Malcolm Pattinson



Tea & Coffee

After 10.30am Mass
In St Mary's Priory

All welcome

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

This Sunday, 20th May. Please remember in your prayers the work of the communication professionals. A **retiring collection** will be taken after all Masses for the Catholic Media.

MONTH OF MAY

The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Our Lady. On weekdays this month the Rosary will be said at St. Mary's after morning Mass.

APF

The mission magazine for APF subscribers are available at the back of church. Please take your free copy.

SAINTS - Helping Us Today

On Thursday evenings - a series of reflections on how the wisdom of the saints is relevant today. Each session has a DVD presentation and a time to share our own thoughts and experience.

After Mass this **Thursday, 24th May - St Benedict**. All welcome.

A great opportunity for everyone to grow in faith.

CARITAS

There will be a meeting on **Thursday 31st May** at 5.15pm in St Mary's Priory.

PIETY STALL

A selection of First Holy Communion gifts and cards are available from the piety stall at the back of church.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the church **Connie Sanderson** who was baptised last weekend.

The baptism preparation course will continue on **Thursday 24th May** at 6pm in St Mary's Priory.

Please note that we ask all parents to come to our baptism preparation programme before a baptism is arranged. It is not necessary to wait until a child is born to begin preparing for Baptism.

PILGRIMAGE TO KRAKOW

On **Tuesday 9th October—Saturday 13th October**. Follow in the footsteps of Pope John II visiting Wadowice, Czestochowa, Auschwitz and salt mines. 4 nights half board—£549
Led by Fr Manny
For details contact Maureen Goldsworthy
tel. 395157

DONATIONS

Many thanks for the following donations:-

- £10 for Mary's Meals
- £10 for Prayers answered
- £50 in Memory of Alfredo Perencin & family & friends that have passed away
- £60 for Church funds
- £10 in Thanksgiving to St Martin & the Sacred Heart

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a meeting for the **parents only**, of the First Communion children on **Thursday 24th May at 7.30pm** after the 7pm Mass, in St Mary's Priory for those who attend St Mary's church, and on **Sunday 27th May** after the **9.15am** Mass in St Joseph's priory for the those who attend St Joseph's church.

It is important that you attend this meeting as we will be discussing the practicalities of the day.

- An official photographer will take individual photographs of the children on the day they make their First Communion at St Mary's.
- First Holy Communion gifts & cards will be available to buy after the meeting at St Mary's.



FUTURE EVENTS

- Pilgrimage Meeting - Wed 20th June, 6pm
- Cleator Pilgrimage - Sunday 9th Sept

Gospel Reflection for the Ascension

Mission Possible

Jesus ascended into Heaven. As far as his ministry on earth was concerned it was 'mission accomplished'. The mission to evangelise throughout the world is now over to us. No pressure then! The task of passing on Jesus' message to an increasingly secular world seems an almost impossible task. The difficulties of evangelising are compounded by the fact that we are not very comfortable with the idea of talking about God and for very good reason. People who stop in the street or hand us biblical tracts can come across as eccentric or even irritating. Those who walk the streets wearing billboards or preaching through loud hailers can be seen more as religious salesmen than serious missionaries. Clearly there are plenty of pitfalls for us to avoid. Bringing God into the conversation at the local pub can make our friends feel uncomfortable, bored or patronised. After all, who are we to assume the role of 'teacher' when our friends might know an awful lot more than we think? If our brand of evangelisation isn't clever enough we are in grave danger of pushing people away. Who wants to be lectured or preached at?



There probably isn't a best way of evangelising, but one or two things are for sure. Christianity isn't a list of statements; it's more about how we live. If we are genuinely good people, someone, somewhere, will want to be like us. The second thing for sure is that if eventually somebody asks us about our religion we will only be able to answer well if we know our stuff! That's a good case for reading our bibles cover to cover. Knowing what we are supposed to be about, and living by it equips us to evangelise when the right time occurs. Perhaps not such an impossible mission after all!