

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

24th July 2011 : Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES - St Mary's, Cleator

Sat (23rd) 07.00pm: Mary Davidson
Sun (24th) 10.30am: Clare Overend
05.30pm: People of the Parish

Mon (25th) 09.10am: Billy Farrer
Tue (26th) 09.10am: Tommy Kennedy
Wed (27th) 09.10am: Baby Lucas Howland
Thur (28th) 07.00pm: Teresa Flynn
Fri (29th) 09.10am: Philip & Betty McCormick

07.00pm: Jim & Maureen Rielly
Sun (31st) 10.30am: People of the Parish
05.30pm: Thanksgiving



CONFESSIONS

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

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR :

Margaret Clarke, Sr Margaret Renshaw, Rita Byrne, Lucy Ryan, Rita Kennedy, Veronica Kitson, Paddy Richardson, Terry Russell, Canon Frank Cookson and Fr John Hawkins, 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.

BAPTISMS

The baptism programme will continue on **Thursday 28th July** at 6pm in St Mary's Priory

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

Retiring collection this weekend for the Bishop's Good Shepherd Fund and next weekend for Day for Life.

MASSES - St Joseph's, Frizington

Sun (24th) 09.15am: Don Coultas

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

Thur (28th) 10.00am: Adriana Freduzzi
Fri (29th) 10.00am: Richard Haley
Sat (30th) 10.00am: Andy Rooney

Sun (31st) 09.15am: Thomas & Mary Holliday & Deceased Relatives

GIFT AID

We have received a cheque for **£7,559** from the Gift Aid donations. Many thanks to all those who have gift aided their offertory donations.

CLEATOR PILGRIMAGE

Our pilgrimage will take place on **Sunday 11th September**.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will meet on **Sunday 31st July**, after the 5.0pm Mass for a BBQ, weather permitting.

CARITAS - CENACALO PROJECT

Many thanks for your very generous donations of food and household cleaning items for the Cenacalo Community in Kendal.

ALTAR SERVERS' RETREAT - (12-17 years)

The retreat will take place on **26th - 28th October 2011** at Castlerigg Manor. Limited places are available. For more details see the poster at the back of church.

CMS

Apologies for the wrong date for the Cafod income in last weeks bulletin, October 2006 should have been October 2010. Again thanks to all subscribers, £200 on your behalf has been sent to the African Appeal Fund.

DONATIONS

Many thanks for the donations of £15 & £20 for church funds.

Gospel Reflection for the Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Treasure Hunt

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it.”

In both parables both men appreciate the true value of what they have discovered. Both men are certain about the wisdom of what they must do and are willing to put everything they have on the line to secure their new found treasure. If either of the men in the two parables had passed their treasure by or failed recognise its value we would have poured scorn on them, yet we often fail to recognise the treasure God offers us and many disregard altogether. Today we are asked how valuable Heaven is to us, and what we are prepared to do to secure it.

Non Christians must often look at us and observe that we don't really behave much differently from anybody else on the planet. The great pity is that we tend to live our lives very modestly, rarely doing anything out of the ordinary or taking any risks. For many of us life is just about going through the motions. If it was rumoured that treasure lay buried beneath the back garden we might do no more than worry about disturbing our freshly manicured lawn. The characters in today's parables put everything on the line to procure their treasure. God's challenge for us today is not for us to rush out and start taking reckless risks, but we are asked to step out of our comfort zones and do something to demonstrate how much we value God's Kingdom.



Show Off Your Label

More than 10 million West African people rely on cotton for a living but because of unfair trade practices, are still living in poverty. Even though one in four people say they have bought Fairtrade certified cotton products in the UK, still less than 1% of cotton fashion on the high street carries the FAIRTRADE Mark. Fairtrade cotton guarantees a Fairtrade minimum price as well as a Fairtrade premium for investment in social development projects such as water, education and healthcare. If you are buying cotton products for this year's summer holidays, aim to wear Fairtrade where possible.