

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

25th September 2011 : Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASSES - St Mary's, Cleator

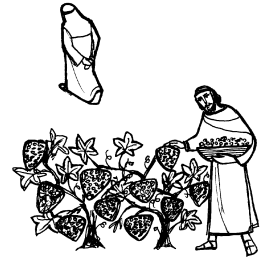
Sat (24th) 07.00pm: Leonard Hurst  
Sun (25th) 10.30am: People of the Parish  
05.30pm: Patricia Johnson

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Mon (26th) 09.10am: Harold and Margaret Campbell  
Tue (27th) 09.10am: Requiem - Mary Murphy  
Wed (28th) 09.10am: Bill & Betty Coughlan  
Thur (29th) 07.00pm: Vince Fussell  
Fri (30th) 09.10am: Catherine Barton

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07.00pm: Sadie Wilson  
Sun (2nd) 10.30am: Mary Murphy  
05.30pm: Lily Lavelle



## CONFESSIONS

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

## **YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR :**

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

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

## RETIRING COLLECTION

This weekend for the Bishop's Administration Fund.

## YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will meet **this Sunday** after the 5.30pm Mass.

## MASSES - St Joseph's, Frizington

Sun (24th) 09.15am: Bobby Ritson

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

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Thur (29th) 10.00am: Lynn Curwen (sick)  
Fri (30th) 10.00am: Chris Hazzard  
Sat (1st) 10.00am: Bert Griffin

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Sun (2nd) 09.15am: People of the Parish

## BAPTISMS

The baptism preparation course will continue on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September** at 6pm in St. Mary's Church.

## PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September** in St Mary's Priory, after the 7pm Mass.

If you feel there is something the Parish Council should discuss, please speak to a member or to one of the clergy.

**Members of the Parish Council**, please collect a copy of the minutes of our last meeting from the sacristy after Mass.

## MARY'S MEALS

The Caritas group of St Mary's Cleator & St Joseph's Frizington are organising a fundraising appeal for Mary's Meals. The appeal commenced last Sunday and finishes on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October**.

Posters providing information about Mary's Meals are displayed at the back of church. Jars and envelopes are available for donations. Your donations will provide food, education and hope to some more of the world's suffering children.

**To provide a child in Malawi with Mary's Meals for a year it costs £6.15 and an average of £9.40 per child globally.**

Thank you for your continued support.

## FRIDAY PENANCE

Every Friday is set aside by the Church as a special day of penance, for it is the day of the death of our Lord. The law of the Church requires Catholics to abstain from meat on Fridays, or some other form of food, or to observe some other form of penance laid down by the Bishops' Conference.

The Bishops have decided to re-establish the practice that this should be fulfilled by abstaining from meat. Those who cannot or choose not to eat meat as part of their normal diet should abstain from some other food of which they regularly partake.

Many may wish to go beyond this simple act of common witness and mark each Friday with a time of prayer and further self-sacrifice. In all these ways we unite our sacrifices to the sacrifice of Christ, who gave up his very life for our salvation.

## DARREN CARDEN'S ORDINATION

Darren is being ordained on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** at The Cathedral of St Peter, Lancaster.

The coach will depart from Cleator, the only pick up point, at 9.15am(tbc) and leave Lancaster at 4pm. **The cost for the coach is £12.**

Please place your payment in an envelope clearly marked with:-

your name

'Coach payment, Darren's Ordination'

And leave in the sacristy.

All payments to be received no later than **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October.**

## PIETY STALL

Ordination cards & Christmas cards are available from the piety stall at the back of church.

## PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Maureen Goldsworthy has very kindly offered to organise a pilgrimage to Fatima next February (13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Gospel Reflection for the Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Change of Heart

A father asks two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says that he won't but changes his mind and does. The second son says that he will but doesn't bother.

Which son do we identify with? The first son speaks to those of us who have embraced Christ's teaching late in life. Yet again Jesus is telling us that those who have managed a change of heart are as important to him if not more important than those who think they've got everything right. The second son speaks to those of us who have lots of good intentions, but at the end of the day the evidence of discipleship amounts to little more than lip service.

Originally this parable was aimed at the Pharisees who didn't feel they needed to change how they lived. Like the Pharisees we might feel that we are upright church going people, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty we need to address. We still live in a world where there's plenty to put right. God's vineyard needs workers who will say 'yes' to God's plan, and more importantly, get stuck into the job.

For those of us who have lived our lives doing the same old things it might be very difficult to turn around a pattern of poor or ineffectual behaviour, but we only need to talk to a reformed offender or a reformed addict to know that a change of heart is not beyond any of us.

