

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

31st July 2011 : Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASSES - St Mary's, Cleator

Sat (30th) 07.00pm: Jim & Maureen Rielly  
Sun (31st) 10.30am: People of the Parish  
05.30pm: Thanksgiving

Mon (1st) 09.10am: Eliza Kelly  
Tue (2nd) 09.10am: Requiem of Bobby Appleby  
Wed (3rd) 09.10am: Tom Gaffney  
Thur (4th) 07.00pm: Rino Coppe  
Fri (5th) 09.10am: Deceased Rudd Family

07.00pm: People of the Parish  
Sun (7th) 10.30am: Eileen Clifford  
05.30pm: Joan Meagan



## 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, especially, **Winnie McManus, Bobby Appleby & Alan Graham**, for those in our **Book of Remembrance**, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time of year.

## RETIRING COLLECTIONS

Retiring collection this weekend for Day for Life.

## CLEATOR PILGRIMAGE

Our pilgrimage will take place on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September**.

## MASSES - St Joseph's, Frizington

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

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

Mon (1st) 11.00am: Requiem of Winnie McManus  
Thur (4th) 10.00am: Billy Kavanagh  
Fri (5th) 10.00am: Peter Toomey  
Sat (6th) 10.00am: John & Bridget Kerwin

Sun (7th) 09.15am: Bob Ritson

## BAPTISMS

We welcome in to the Church **Tyson Thomas Nicholson, Brian David Graham, Tyler Ryan O'Pray, Isabella Deedee Sheerin-Wilson, Elijah Patrick Hauge, Layla May Pearson & Livvi Marie Ennis** who were baptised recently.

There will be no baptism programme during the month of August. The course will resume on **Thursday 8th September** at 6pm in St Mary's priory. If you wish to have a child baptised in the near future please come and register for the September course. Please remember it is not necessary to wait until your baby is born to begin preparing for their Baptism.

## RECEIVED INTO CHURCH

Please pray for Yoko Bullingham who will be received into the Church on **Thursday 4th August** at the 7pm Mass.

## CARMELITE GATHERING

The annual gathering of Camelites and friends will be held at St Bede's church, Carlisle on **Saturday 17th September**. Parish members of the Third Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel invite all who would like to join with them as they celebrate their special day. Transport provided. Please see poster on the church notice board.

## MASS at DENTHOLME

Mass on **Friday 5th August** at 11am. Family and friends of the residents are most welcome to attend.

### **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.

### **PIE AND PEA SUPPER & PRIZE BINGO**

On **Tuesday 16th August** at 7pm in St Joseph's Community Hall. Tickets £3  
Contact—J.Macarron tel. 812845

### **DONATIONS**

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

### **YOUTH GROUP**

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

## **Gospel Reflection for the Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

### **Scarcity or Abundance?**

We've heard of the miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand from childhood and it's a brilliant story, but what is the real point of it. Is the point of it to prove Jesus' divinity and God's great power? Is it to show Jesus' compassion in caring for people even when he was at his most tired? Perhaps the point of the story is Jesus' response in solving the problem of the crowd's hunger. Significantly, Jesus turns to the disciples and says, "Give them food yourselves...." How must the disciples have felt? They were used to Jesus taking charge. How did he expect them to solve a problem of this enormity? But to Jesus there is no problem. He takes what little the disciples have, five loaves and two fishes, sanctifies it and the results are enough to feed five thousand with food left over.

Today the world is asking to be fed both literally and spiritually. Could the little we have to offer be enough to tackle problems of a global size? All the nations of the world have agreed to what are called the Millennium Development Goals.... these are specific targets to reduce hunger, poverty and disease. It might seem an impossible task but we are already making headway. Between 1990 and 2015, it is quite possible the world will cut poverty in half. As in the feeding of the five thousand, God is asking us to do our bit and he will use whatever small steps we take in ways that might surprise us.

From our human perspective, we look at the planet's resources and see scarcity. From God's perspective there is great abundance. Now it's up to us to share our God given resources justly around the world.

