

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

9th October 2011 : Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASSES - St Mary's, Cleator

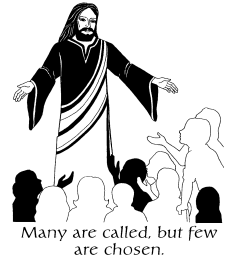
Sat (8th) 07.00pm: Cuthbert Heron  
Sun (9th) 10.30am: Sheila Burns  
05.30pm: People of the Parish

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Mon (10th) 09.10am: Requiem of Adrian Naven  
Tue (11th) 09.10am: Sheila Fletcher  
11.00am: Funeral Service - Peter Doran  
Wed (12th) 09.10am: John and Nancy Mattinson  
Thur (13th) 07.00pm: Blodwin Coultas  
Fri (14th) 09.10am: Molly & James Fitzpatrick

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07.00pm: Keith Power  
Sun (16th) 10.30am: Mary Bone  
05.30pm: Florence & Martin Tynan



## CONFESSIONS

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

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR :

Madeleine Sara, Sr Margaret Renshaw, Rita Byrne, Lucy Ryan, Rita Kennedy, Paddy Richardson, Terry Russell, Canon Frank Cookson, 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, **Adrian Naven & Peter Doran**, for those in our **Book of Remembrance**, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time of year.



## OCTOBER

During the month of October the Rosary will be said after the morning Mass through the week at St. Mary's.

## MASSES - St Joseph's, Frizington

Sun (9th) 09.15am: Sandra McGonagle

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

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Thur (13th) 10.00am: James Campbell  
Fri (14th) 10.00am: Gerard McConaghy  
Sat (15th) 10.00am: Danny Byrne

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Sun (16th) 09.15am: Kenneth Nicholson

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS

There will be a short meeting for **Eucharistic Ministers** in St Mary's church on **Thursday 20th October** after the 7pm Mass.

There will be a short meeting for **Readers** in St Mary's church on **Thursday 27th October** after the 7pm Mass.

## DARREN CARDEN'S ORDINATION

All payments for the coach to Darren's Ordination (£12) should be received by **Mon 12th October**. Please place your payment in an envelope clearly marked with your name & 'Coach payment, Darren's Ordination', leave in the sacristy.

Darren's ordination will take place on **Saturday 22nd October** at Lancaster Cathedral. Please arrive at the St Mary's car park between 8.45am—9am. **The coach will leave at 9am prompt.**

## MARY'S MEALS

The appeal finishes on **Sunday 30th 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.

### PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Maureen Goldsworthy is organising 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.

### PIETY STALL

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

### THE NOVEMBER LIST

During November Masses will be offered for those on our November List.

Please collect an envelope from the back of church and place inside the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray. Then return the envelope either in the offertory bag or through the Priory letter box. **Please do not put money in the envelopes, no stipend is necessary.**

### DAY OF RENEWAL

Day of Renewal on **Saturday 22nd October**, 10am—4pm at the Salesian Convent, Brettargh Holt, Kendal. For more information see the notice board at the back of church.

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

There will be a meeting regarding the Christmas Fayre on **Wednesday 12th October** at 6pm in St Mary's priory for all those who are willing to help.

### PIE AND PEA SUPPER & PRIZE BINGO

Pie and Pea Supper & Prize Bingo to be held at St Bega's, Bowthorn on **Wednesday 2nd November** at 7pm. Tickets £3 available from Margaret Heron, Tel. 813115 and Brian Morris.

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Fayre will be held on **Saturday 12th November** at **1.00pm** in the Cleator Moor Civic Hall. We would be grateful for donations of new knitted items, groceries, bottles, raffle prizes, unwanted gifts etc and home baking.  
*(no second-hand clothes please)*

**Please ask neighbours, relatives and friends if they would like to donate items for the fayre. These items may be placed in the box at the back of Church.**

We need people to help with the door to door collecting. If you are able to give some of your time please see Pauline McCartney.

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

#### Must Try Harder!

Do we fondly imagine that people ought to love us just the way we are? We are told often enough that God loves us warts and all. But do we carry this belief through life with not much thought of betterment?

In today's parable a king invites guests to his son's wedding. When the guests refuse to turn up, the king extends the invitation to a different set of guests, both good and bad. The guests fill the wedding hall, but as they do so, the king notices one man not wearing a wedding robe and he has him bound hand and foot and thrown out into the darkness! The consequences for not wearing the right outfit seem overly harsh as far as this poor guest is concerned, but of course the parable has not really very much to do with wedding receptions and even less to do with wearing the right tie. The overriding theme in this story is to do with standards.

Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is open to all but that doesn't mean that anyone and everyone can stroll into heaven. Just as guests make an effort to be correctly dressed for a wedding, so too must we put in the preparation and effort to be accepted into God's Kingdom.

The guest who was thrown out of the wedding feast for his cavalier 'accept me just the way I am' attitude presents a warning for us all. Too often we go about our daily routines not feeling any need to live life better. Far too often we look on our Christianity as making choices between good and evil, and we are confident that we rarely choose evil. But Jesus is asking more of us than simply choosing between right and wrong, he is asking us to choose between good and an even greater good. What we imagine is our 'best' very rarely is.

Just as the guest in today's parable did little more than turn up to the wedding, so we live life going through the motions but not much more. Accepting God's invitation to join him is only the first step, it's how we live out that acceptance that really matters.