

A DIARY OF SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR TWO WEEKS DECEMBER 15th to 29th 2002

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Sun Dec 15 The 10.0 Mass today is a family Mass led by the school.

Mon Dec 16 A PENITENTIAL SERVICE at 7.30pm when there will be an opportunity to prepare for Christmas by approaching the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Tue Dec 17 There's a meeting of the Parish Development Group in the Rectory at 7.0 pm.

Wed Dec 18 At 6.0pm an ADVENT MEDITATION with Evening Prayer, silence, a little music, and Scripture study for about three quarters of an hour.

Sun Dec 22 In addition to the usual two Sunday Masses there's a CANDLELIGHT ADVENT CAROL SERVICE at 3.30.

Tue Dec 24 CHRISTMAS EVE. Masses at 8.0 and 12.10. At ALSTON the FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS at 6.30. At Our Lady's, Christmas Carols at 11.30 followed by the BLESSING OF THE CRIB & SOLEMN MIDNIGHT MASS.

Wed Dec 25 CHRISTMAS DAY. The only Mass today is at 10.0am and it is a FAMILY MASS.

Thu Dec 26 Feast of St Stephen. Just one Mass today at 12.10 when altar servers who qualify will be given their St Stephen Servers Medal.

Fri Dec 27 Feast of St John the Apostle. Masses at 8.0 & 12.10.

Sat Dec 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents. Masses at 12.10 and, at ALSTON, the Sunday Vigil Mass at 6.0 pm.

Sun Dec 29 Feast of the Holy Family. Masses at 10.0 and 4.30.

CONFESSIONS DURING THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD

There is, of course, the Penitential Service on Monday December 16th at 7.30, and there are the usual Confessions after the 12.10 Masses during the week. In addition there will be Confessions on Christmas Eve from 6.0 until 7.0 and on Saturdays from 6.0 to 7.0.

Please return today the nomination forms from last week's Newsletter for the individuals you would think suitable for the post of parish monitors for the purposes of fulfilling the requirements of the *Nolan Report* safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

Today, Sunday the 15th, the Justice & Peace Group are holding their usual Christmas Hamper Raffle. A brick in the wall costs £1. You may even win a bottle of something if you don't win the hamper. If you win nothing, at least your £1 goes to a good cause – feeding the hungry of the Third World.

Please also return today your SVP HELP envelopes. The money you so kindly give goes towards providing a practical Christmas present to those who live alone in the parish.

The Lancaster Diocesan Directory for 2003 is available at the back of church. It costs £1.80, cheap at the price, and contains a wealth of information about the parish and the diocese. There's a potted history of the parish marking the 50th Anniversary of the Consecration of our church.

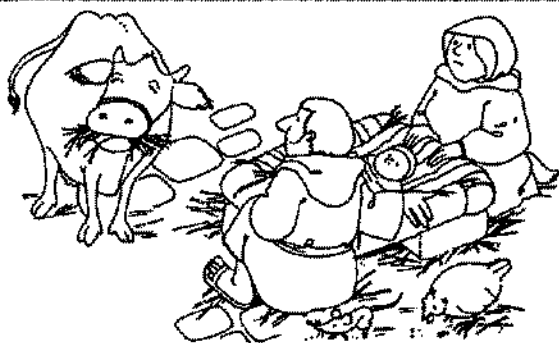
You will find the MASS INTENTIONS for the next two weeks on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

The Eden Hospice are grateful for your used postage stamps. You will be getting a lot of these at this time of year. Please save them and put them in the box provided at the back of church.

AT ALSTON on Saturday December 21st there will be Confessions both before and after Mass. Fr John Winstanley from St Bede's has kindly agreed to make himself available for these. At 6.30 on December 29th there is a United Service of Lessons and Carols in St Augustine's church.

Denis Wrigley the founder of the **MARANATHA COMMUNITY** will speak about its work next Thursday the 19th at 15 Chatsworth Square at 7.30. Phone 594607 for more details, and see notice at the back of church.

The parish clergy, priests and deacon, wish all our parishioners and their friends a very blessed and holy Christmas and remind them that this is the time of the year when we all like to be with our families. Our parish too is a family and we realise that often through no fault of their own people have become separated from us. If YOU have grown away from the parish we invite you to come back to where you rightfully belong. You may feel that through this separation there is something missing in your life. We certainly miss you, and we invite you back to make our parish family complete.



LATE NEWS: Both events on Tuesday 17 December.

1. AGM Carlisle Walsingham Association. St Bede's Rectory 7.30

2. Newman School Community Party. Senior Citizens and Our Lady's parishioners invited to tea and entertainment. 1.30 to 3.30. Lifts available. Phone 607470 to reserve a place.