



Our Lady & St Joseph's Parish Bulletin

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**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION
 OF OUR LORD
 FEBRUARY 2ND 2003**



Next Sunday is **EDUCATION SUNDAY** (at least in Cumbria!) and there is an ecumenical service at the Methodist church in Penrith for all teachers, governors, and parents of schoolchildren starting at 2.45. Our own Bishop will be there amongst many others from both the church and the civil authorities. You are welcome to go.

Readers are reminded that tomorrow evening (Monday) at 7.0 (and ending at 8.0) there is a meeting in the Rectory for them. Fr Hugh will lead it. There will be prayer and a discussion of their concerns. Please try to be there.

The Bishop has asked us to thank you for the magnificent support he received for the Peace Service at Lancaster Cathedral last Sunday. Many went from Carlisle and they will tell you what an impressive occasion it was. Over 1,500 people turned up to pray for an ending to the tensions in the Middle East.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES start on Wednesday March 12th. If you have a youngster due to be confirmed please take note of the date and let any of the clergy know. More details later.

PARISHIONERS WILL LIKE TO KNOW THAT THE DIOCESE NOW HAS TWO NEW VICARS GENERALS - CANON PATRICK MULVANY FROM MORECAMBE, AND FR EDDIE GOULD FROM WHITEHAVEN. AFTER NEARLY 16 YEARS FR TURNER ENDS HIS TIME AS A VICAR GENERAL - BLOODIED, BATTERED, BRUISED, BUT UNBOWED!

Flower arranging. Soon we will have the Forty Hours Devotion. Would it be possible to have a meeting of flower arrangers on Monday 10th February to decide what we want to do this year?

**TODAY'S MUSIC: Ent: 177, Off: 601
 Euch. Pr. 481, Rec: 456**

The Carlisle Walsingham Association invite you to afternoon tea next Tuesday at 2.30 in St Bede's Parish Centre. Cost is £2 including Free Raffle. There's a Bring and Buy Stall also.

Joe McGarry writes to thank you for your kindness last Sunday when he appealed for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. You gave him £415 for the Society's work.

TUESDAYS IN THE SACRISTY
 Tuesday 4th February, Our Lady's at 7.30. Discover the links between the *Book of Revelation* and the Mass. Another excellent video. Videos usually last about 30 minutes and meetings often finish within the hour. Do come and bring a friend.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	6.00	Alston	The Parish
Sun	10.00		Vincenzo Cecchini
	3.30		HOLY HOUR
	4.30		Ines Klavins
Mon	12.10		Mike Jackson
Tue	8.00		Sick Brother
	10.00	St Cuth. Ct	Nancy Latimer
	12.10		Tom Gardner
Wed	9.15	St Gabs	Mary McReady
	12.10		Belle & Louis Turner
Thu	8.00		Jim Chadwick
	9.15	Sch	Flora Murray
	12.10		Mary Mitchell
Fri	8.00		Ints of Anne Donnelly
	12.10		Elizabeth O'Donohoe
Sat	12.10		Larry Poland (90 th B'day)
	6.00	Alston	The Parish
Sun	10.00		Wedding Anniversary
	4.30		William, Jeannie & Ray Allan

Please pray for Brigid Ward, Paddy Waters, John O'Donohoe, Cyril Atkinson and May Nixon who are

PARISH STATISTICS

	CATH POP.	BAPTS	CONVERTS	FIRST COMM.	CONF	MARR	DEATHS	MASS ATT.
1968	1800	51	6	?	6	30	28	1205
1969	1800	58	5	53	4	23	31	1342
1970	1875	41	9	33	64	23	27	1143
1971	1800	54	5	39	4	29	49	1214
1972	1800	48	3	44	75	26	29	1165
1973	1800	37	6	41	6	22	18	?
1974	1750	36	4	37	4	27	26	1159
1975	1800	52	1	35	92	20	30	1132
1976	1750	40	1	25	35	17	23	1065
1977	1780	44	3	30	43	19	25	1065
1978	1600	43	11	32	36	22	21	891
1979	1600	43	4	26	28	20	16	869
1980	1590	38	2	28	25	9	17	1010
1981	1483	26	1	24	39	25	18	757
1982	1562	47	4	26	32	17	17	715
1983	1594	45	2	18	24	17	18	748
1984	1637	35	2	16	37	17	22	715
1985	1708	45	0	24	21	15	20	719
1986	1735	49	1	15	15	23	20	631
1987	1732	32	2	13	13	17	17	643
1988	1750	37	1	9	17	29	30	650
1989	1750	25	6	27	26	23	21	625
1990	1700	56	4	24	18	20	21	655
1991	1700	43	7	24	26	28	23	627
1992	1700	64	5	22	13	21	23	607
1993	1750	53	6	25	6	18	27	579
1994	1750	32	10	24	38	18	28	595
1995	1730	45	10	18	10	12	22	554
1996	1700	40	6	25	11	12	22	525
1997	1700	36	4	24	4	13	33	516
1998	1700	37	0	9	21	7	24	463
1999	1650	35	6	26	22	7	18	462
2000	1650	28	4	4	11	12	29	456
2001	1600	36	4	14	18	7	27	469
2002	1600	33	4	16	15	7	25	371

Each year every parish fills in a form for the Bishop with various parish statistics. Above you can see our figures for 2002. The most obvious change is the 25% drop in Sunday Mass attendance. Mainly, of course, this is due to our having combined the two Sunday morning Masses in Our Lady's, and losing two Masses at Durrhill with the closure there. Some parishioners now go to other parishes which have more 'convenient' Mass times. – which is understandable as long as they form a real eucharistic community elsewhere and are not treating the Mass as a mere convenience to fulfil an obligation.