

Our Lady & St Joseph's Parish Bulletin

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EIGHTH SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME
MARCH 2ND 2003



LENT STARTS THIS WEEK with the distribution of Ashes at the 8.0, 12.10, and 7.0pm Masses on Wednesday. Ashes will be given at **ALSTON** next Saturday evening at 6.0pm. **OUR FORTY HOURS DEVOTION** also starts this week from Friday to Sunday. See details below.



Our Forty Hours Devotion this week marks an important time in our parish's life. For the last four years we have had continuous watching before the Blessed Sacrament day and night, and as this seems to meet with general approval we will continue with this arrangement this year. We have much to pray for:- peace in the world (originally the main reason why this devotion was established in the Middle Ages and so relevant today); for those who find it hard to practise their Faith (especially those in our own parish); and for our own Bishop and diocese of Lancaster. **PLEASE COMMIT YOURSELF TO SPENDING AT LEAST HALF AN HOUR IN PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BY PUTTING YOUR NAME ON THE WATCHING ROTA AT THE BACK OF CHURCH.** An hour or so in the small hours of the night would be especially meritorious! Those who would like to contribute towards the decoration of the altar or who want to purchase a candle can see Mr Poland at the back of church today.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION MARCH 7 to 9 2003

FRIDAY MARCH 7th

2.0pm The Forty Hours begins with the children from St Cuthbert's School leading our opening service.
6.0pm Angelus and Evening Prayer
7.0pm Devotions
9.0pm Night Prayers

SATURDAY MARCH 8th

7.30am Office of Readings
9.0am Morning Prayer
12.0 noon Angelus, Midday Prayer, and Mass
6.0pm Angelus and Evening Prayer
7.0pm Devotions
9.0pm Night Prayers

SUNDAY MARCH 9th

7.30am Office of Readings
9.30am Morning Prayer
10.0 Mass
12.0 noon Angelus and Midday Prayer
3.30pm Holy Hour with Vespers and Benediction
4.30 Mass

Members of the **PARISH PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP** are reminded that there is a meeting after the Wednesday evening Mass.

The Parish **LITURGY GROUP** are asked to meet after the 10.0 Mass next Sunday please – in the Rectory.

TODAY'S MUSIC: Ent. 801, Off. 643
E. Pr. 431, Comm. 913, Rec. 794.

Retirement Thank You

Kevin and Maisie would like to say a huge thank-you to all of you for helping us to celebrate our retirement from active duty. We are also grateful for Mass Intentions, gifts, and good wishes. Your active support has helped us so much over the years. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve you. May the Lord bless you all.

There's a very good magazine at the back of church to help you keep Lent in the way the Church would like us to use this special time. It's called LENT EXTRA and costs £1.50. A snip!

There's a Holy Hour today from 3.30 to 4.30.

The Sisters at St Gabriel's are grateful to all who responded to their recent questionnaire – not an easy task in the time available. Your comments were most helpful and are now on their way to Portugal with Sr. Moira.

LENT DEVOTIONAL MEETINGS

Starting on WEDNESDAY March 12th and each Wednesday in Lent from 7.0 to 7.45 in the Rectory – **PRAYING THE LENTEN SCRIPTURES**

In **ALSTON** starting this Wednesday in the Quaker Meeting Room at 7.30, and every Wednesday in Lent, - experiencing different forms of prayer. This is an ecumenical event.

Please note that the St Cuthbert's School Mass this week is on Wednesday at 9.15

For parishioners who might like to venture north of the river for their Lenten Devotions St Augustine's have Evening Prayer each Sunday at 4.0 and Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7.30.

THE MARANATHA COMMUNITY

.....is a group of Christians devoted to the unity of all who follow Christ. They are having an initial meeting in Carlisle at the Pinegrove Hotel on London Road at 7.30 on March 12th. Christians of all traditions are encouraged to come together in prayer and action to achieve that unity for which Christ prayed. Clive Moore has more details on 594607.

Leaving church a lady said, "It's purgatory getting up for early Mass during Lent." The priest couldn't resist saying, "Do you think there is Mass in purgatory?" "There ought to be," she replied. "there are plenty of you there"

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	6.00	Alston	Dec'd Parkin & Jackson families
Sun	10.00		John Nee
	3.30		HOLY HOUR
	4.30		The Parish
Mon	12.10		Charlotte Holladay (sick)
Tue	8.00		Flora Murray
	11.00	St C's Ct	Ena Roger
	12.10		Alma Ridley
Wed			ASH WEDNESDAY
	8.00		Bill Hazard
	9.15	School	Thanksgiving
	12.10		Fr Michael Turner
	7.00		Joe O'Donnell
Thu	8.00		Betty Sutton
	12.10		Matthew Miller
Fri	8.00		Jim Hinder
	12.10		Ted & Teresa Aiston
Sat	12.10		Larry Lydon
	6.00	Alston	Nancy Allen
Sun	10.00		Doreen & John Darling
	3.30		Holy Hour, Vespers & Benediction
	4.30		The Parish

Please pray for Baby Charlotte Holladay, Brigid Ward, Vanice Lewcock and Paddy Waters who are sick, and for Piero Garbarino whose anniversary occurs about this time.

Brampton Area Justice and Peace Group

CAFOD

TRADE JUSTICE DAY

at

OUR LADY AND ST. WILFRID
WARWICK BRIDGE

on

SATURDAY MARCH 18th
10.30 - 3.15

Trade Justice Liturgy

12.00 & 2.30

Hunger Lunch

12.45

During the day: quizzes,

Tradecraft Stall, information,

videos, coffee etc.....

STAY ALL DAY OR DROP IN ANY TIME