



Our Lady & St Joseph's Parish Bulletin

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



MARCH 9TH 2003

Our Forty Hours Continuous Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament continues today until 4.30. Please try and spend some time in church praying for peace and for our own parish. There is a Holy Hour with Solemn Vespers and Benediction at 3.30.

*Today's Music: Ent. 315, Off.
204, Euch. Pr. 553, Rec. 945*

Next Wednesday we begin our little *Praying the Scriptures during Lent* series of meetings. It lasts from 7.0 to 7.45 in the Rectory.

Churches Together in Carlisle is a very active body which promotes Christian Unity by helping local churches to get to know each other better and assist cooperation in matters of mutual interest. Catholic lay representation is not too evident and would be welcomed. Please see Fr Turner if you are interested in furthering what Our Holy Father has said is essential to all Catholics – working for the unity of Christ's followers. An ecumenical event which is coming up soon, and which is mentioned elsewhere in this Newsletter, is a trip to Preston to meet with Muslims and Hindus to get to know them better and to share a meal with them. It's on April 12th. Again, let Fr Turner know of your interest.

The parish Pastoral Development Group met earlier this week. Among the matters discussed was the future of the Waterton Hall and the development of a more suitable parish social centre. Our original ideas have run into the ground due to a difficulty with obtaining planning permission from the local authority. Another important matter that was discussed was the possibility of employing in the parish a part time Youth Worker. If this could be done in cooperation with Newman School so much the better.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Kevin Hickey's retirement means that there will be a slight reorganisation of the Rota. On most weekdays only two Ministers will be required, but on Saturday's three will still be needed. We would like, if possible, to move one of the Wednesday ministers to a Thursday to help with this. Sundays should remain the same as Gib Harrison, the new Deacon, will be with us at the 10.0 Mass.

The 'VOICE' free diocesan newspaper has an article on page 2 about the foundation of a Maranatha Community in Carlisle. This organisation promotes Christian Unity and is having its first meeting at the Pinegrove Hotel on London Rd. this Wednesday at 7.30. Denis Wrigley, its founder, will be sharing his vision for prayer and action among Christians of all traditions.

LIFE 200 CLUB – FEBRUARY DRAW

- 33. Fr Turner
- 98. J Collinson
- 42 P Fitzsimmons
- 54 E Wallace

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	6.00	Alston	Nancy Allen
Sun	10.00		Doreen & John Dearling
	3.30		Holy Hour, Vespers & Benediction
	4.30		The Parish
Mon	12.10		Denise Rowland's Ints.
Tue	8.00		Flora Murray
	12.10		Molly Thompson
Wed	9.15	St Gabs	Anne Flood
	12.10		Betty Heaslip
Thu	8.00		Jim Wallace
	9.15	School	Milly Owens
	12.10		Hugh Rawson
Fri	8.00		Special Intention
	12.10		Henry & Elizabeth O'Donohoe
Sat	12.10		Tom & Isabel Kavanagh
	6.00	Alston	George Henry Turner
Sun	10.00		Piero Garbarino
	3.30		Holy Hour, Vespers & Benediction
	4.30		The Parish

Please pray for Joe Gallagher, Brigid Ward, Vanice Lewcock & Paddy Waters who are sick, and for Molly Thompson, Hugh Rawson and Betty Heaslip whose anniversaries occur about this time.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CARLISLE SOCIAL DINNER EVENING

At the request of a number of congregations,
Churches Together in Carlisle
has arranged a

Social Dinner Evening

in

Shepherd's Inn – Auctioneer Suite

Friday 9th May 2003

7 for 7.30pm

Dress will be smart casual.

Cost:

£13.00 per head

(Any Profits to Christian Aid)

Partners and Guests most welcome.

This is an ideal opportunity to meet other Christians in a social and informal atmosphere.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Just a reminder that Confirmation Preparation begins on Wednesday at The Rectory at 7.00 p.m. – 8.30 pm. The date of Confirmation will probably be 8th June (Pentecost), unless the Bishop decides otherwise. A programme of class dates will be available on Wednesday.



Churches Together in Cumbria
MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR



A chance to visit the places of worship of other faith communities in Preston (Muslim and Hindu), to listen to the stories of those who worship there and to share in discussion with them.

Saturday 12th April 2003

Arrive Preston 10.30 am

Visits to a mosque and temple



Travel by coach: various pick-up points in Cumbria.

Cost: £6 for lunch - please pay on the day

You did not cry for me

The story of recent
extremist Muslim
persecution of Catholics
in the Sudan.

Tuesday in the Sacristy
at 7.30

A repeat showing on
Friday at 8.00pm
with the contemplative
group in St Gabriels

Lent Fast Day – Friday 14 March 2003

This coming Friday is CAFOD Fast Day.

When you give something up on Fast Day and share what you have, you prove that poverty is not inevitable.

Please take an envelope home with you and remember to fill in the attached Gift Aid form if you are a taxpayer.

Thank you.



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Challenges to the Church in the Modern World 40 years on from Vatican II

Keynote Speaker:

Professor James O'Connell

(Professor Emeritus of Peace Studies,
Bradford University)



Seminar Leaders:

Tom Cullinan OSB

John Hammond (Education Centre)

George Gelber (CAFOD)

Anne Knowles-Foster (Marriage Care)

Lord Frank Judd & Helen Boothroyd

Plus workshops by parish teams on: liturgy, evangelisation,
supporting families, collaborative ministry and peacemaking.

Saturday March 29th 10.00 am - 4.30 pm

(registration from 9.30 am)

Lancaster University Chaplaincy Centre

Cost: waged £10, unwaged £2

Hot drinks available. Please bring a packed lunch.

Traidercraft * Stalls * Resources

For booking please contact John Gildert, Catholic Caring Services,

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