

Our Lady & St Joseph's Parish Bulletin

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
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*Today's Music: Entrance 872, Offertory 772,
Eucharistic Prayer 553, Recessional 940*

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR NEW PLANNED GIVING SET OF ENVELOPES FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH TODAY. IF THERE IS NO PACKET FOR YOU AND YOU WANT A SET OF ENVELOPES TELL ONE OF THE CLERGY.

Thanks for your generosity with the CAFOD Family Fast Day envelopes. The money is still coming in but we hope to be able to give you a final amount in next week's Newsletter. It's CHRISTIAN AID week soon and you can pick up an envelope to support that charity from the back of church next week. I'm sure you have not forgotten that Lent is a time of giving!

NEXT SUNDAY there's a special second collection for the ECCLESIASTICAL EDUCATION FUND - the charity that supports the education of new priests and deacons. Some parishioners are accustomed to giving a personal donation to this fund, which will remain open until Easter.

Also NEXT SUNDAY is MOTHERING SUNDAY and the 10.0 Mass is a family Mass when the children of St Cuthbert's School will play a prominent part. Incidentally the CLOCKS GO BACK next week - you get an hour less in bed!

The LENTEN GROUPS continue this week. On Wednesday evening at 7.0 until 7.45 there's the *Praying the Scriptures* meeting. At ALSTON there are Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 4.30 and the ecumenical prayer meeting in the Quaker Rooms at 7.30.

Our diocesan Education Service is putting on at St Cuthbert's School in our parish a course on THE CHRISTIAN FAITH & OTHER FAITHS. It's a specialist module for the Catholic Certificate of Religious Studies but anyone who wants to know more about Christian values and the structures of other systems of belief is allowed to take part. Details on the notice in the porch or from Fr Turner.

Our SVP has taken on another 'twinning' with a SVP Conference in Harghita, Romania. From what we read it is in a very poor part of the country and we can help them distribute clothing for the needy and support for mothers of newly born babies.



MASS INTENTIONS

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| Sat | 6.00 | Alston | The Parish |
| Sun | 10.00 | | Birthday (M) |
| | 3.30 | | Stations of the Cross and Benediction |
| | 4.30 | | Joe O'Donnell |
| Mon | 12.10 | | Repose of the soul of TLK |
| Tue | 8.00 | | Helen Wilson |
| | 12.10 | | Deceased Fraser family |
| Wed | 9.15 | St Gabs | Milly Owens |
| | 12.10 | | Bob Kavanagh |
| Thu | 8.00 | | Tony O'Brien (sick) |
| | 9.15 | School | Denis Ward |
| | 12.10 | | Margaret Rawson |
| Fri | 8.00 | | The Graham family |
| | 12.10 | | In Thanksgiving (MM) |
| Sat | 12.10 | | Patrick Coomey |
| | 6.00 | Alston | The Parish |
| Sun | 10.00 | | Birthday Mass (MM) |
| | 3.30 | | Stations of the Cross and Benediction |
| | 4.30 | | Jane Anne & Sally |

Please pray for Brigid Ward, Bert Wilson, Vanice Lewcock and Paddy Waters who are sick, for Phillip Hall and Lesley Crowther who died recently, and for Margaret Rawson, Bob Kavanagh and Patrick Coomey whose anniversaries occur about this time.

The end of the financial year is fast approaching (hence the new planned giving envelopes at the back of church) and parishioners might like to consider taking out a GIFT AID promise if they haven't already done so. If you pay tax it's quite a painless procedure – just fill in the simple form you'll find at the back of church and for every £1 you give to the church, we can claim back from the taxman 28p at the end of the year. An amount not to be sniffed at!

St Martin's College in Fusehill Street are looking for homestay accommodation for international students and teachers on short courses throughout the year. The College will pay £85 per week for room and part board. Interested in becoming a host family? Ring Kirsten Martin on 616249 or see the notice on the board at the back of church.

Parishes in Partnership

Most of the Carlisle parishes are introducing a Course promoting collaborative ministry among priests and people of the local deanery. Here's an opportunity presented by the Diocesan Education Service to deepen our Faith through adult formation and development. It's a ten week course – it costs £50 a person, but since the parish hopefully will benefit it is a legitimate charge to parish finances. It starts on April 30th and goes on to July 9th and takes place in our own parish school of St Cuthbert's. There's a flyer at the back of church with more details – but please see one of the clergy before you actually make a booking.

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.

When a mother wouldn't take her little girl to early morning Mass because the weather was bad, the child said, "It's not fair. You will go to heaven and I will have to stay here with Daddy!"