

Our Lady & St Joseph's Parish Bulletin

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
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**CHURCHES
TOGETHER
in CARLISLE**

LAETARE SUNDAY

Today is 'Laetare' Sunday. Called this because the Entry Antiphon in Latin begins "Laetare, Ierusalem, et conventum facite, omnes qui diligitis eam." (Rejoice, Jerusalem. Be Glad for her, all you who love her.) So in the middle of our time of repentance the Church encourages us by looking forward to the joy of Easter, the Resurrection and the new heavenly Jerusalem. This is our goal, which the love of God has opened to us through the gift of his only Son.

This year we are also celebrating Mothering Sunday, so we are giving thanks for our mothers and all the love they have shown us and the things they have done and continue to do for us. (It is traditionally also the time you allow your maids to go home to spend time with their mothers, so I hope no-one has forgotten to do this.)

Today, this year, we also remember the mothers of Iraq and of all the people who are currently in Iraq, mothers of servicemen and women of all nationalities. Let us pray for each of them, that at the end of this conflict they too will be able to rejoice in the safety of their children. Let us ask Mary, who knew so well what it was like, to comfort those who have to face the loss of their child.

Lenten Groups

Don't forget that we are meeting every Wednesday evening from 7-7.45 p.m. to Pray the Scriptures, we look at the gospel of the Sunday to come. Everyone is welcome. At The Rectory.

Alston: Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at the Church at 4.30 p.m. and Ecumenical Prayers in the Quaker meeting House on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m.

A reminder that there is 8.00 a.m. Mass in the sacristy at Our Lady's every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

During the war in Iraq there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each day, Monday - Friday at 11.30 a.m. to 12 noon and 5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. followed by Evening Prayer. Perhaps just drop in for a short while just on your way home or after the shopping.

BAPTISM WE WELCOME

Jasper John Routledge
TO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH.
HE WAS BAPTISED AT OUR
LADY'S LAST SUNDAY.

By now you may have realised last week's deliberate mistake with regard to the clocks. If not this will be a bit late, but apologies if it caused any problems!

MASS INTENTIONS for FOURTH WEEK of LENT
(Sat. March 29th to Sun April 6th)

Sat	6.00 (Alston)	The Parish
Sun	10.00	Birthday Mass (MM)
	3..30	Stations of the Cross and Benediction
	4.30	Jane, Anne and Sally
Mon	12.10	William Coomey
Tues	8.00	Brian Hodgson
	10.00 (St. Cuths Court)	Thomas and Anthony Styles
	12.10	Jessie Heard
Wed	9.15 (St.Gabs)	Cyril Atkinson
	12.10	Norman Macmillan
Thurs	8.00	Millie Owens
	No school Mass this week.	
	12.10	John McGuigan
Fri	8.00	Hugh Ward
	12.10	Ted and Teresa Aiston
Sat	12.10	Repose of the soul of TLK
	6.00 (Alston)	Benjamin Gallagher
Sun	10.00	Nora Pluckrose
	3.30	Stations of the Cross and Benediction.
	4.30	Alice Stephens

Please pray for Brigid Ward, Bert Wilson, Vanice Lewcock, and Paddy Waters who are sick, and for John McGuigan, William Coomey and Jessie Heard whose anniversaries occur at this time.

ANNUAL SUMMER FAYRE

It is time to think again about the Annual Fayre. We did not have one last year as there was no-one available to coordinate it, however it would be a great shame to go without one for another year. Each year there are people who would love to help on the day, which is wonderful, but we need one or two who would be willing to coordinate it. So any eager volunteers?!

Invitation to all women: Women Together invite all women to an afternoon of Thanksgiving for the gifts of all women carers. Cathedral Saturday 5th April 12 noon, with the Bishop. Contact: Pauline Walton 01253 726878. Bring a packed lunch.

Videos are being shown regularly:
Mondays at 2.30 at St. Bedes Presbytery
Tuesdays at 7.30 in Our Lady's Sacristy.
(St. Gabriel's was a temporary venue.)

This week:
St. Bedes: "King Crucified", Fr. B. Groeschal
Our Lady's: "Suffering with Grace".

HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES
Next Sunday at usual time

Reminders

1. Don't forget the collection envelopes at the back of Church if you have not collected yours yet. Also GIFT AID, if you are a tax payer this can help us a great deal so please ask about this. It does not cost you anything, only Mr. Brown.
2. Parishes in Partnership. See details at the back of Church about this group of meetings for parishes throughout the Deanery which is looking towards us working closer together in the Deanery, and deepening our faith together.

Eucharistic Ministers

Please collect copies of the new rotas, beginning Sunday 6th April, which are now available at the back of the Church. Arrangements for the Triduum are being made and will be posted on the Porch Noticeboard

Thanks for your generosity at Fast Day

heartfelt thank you to all who helped this parish raise **772** for CAFOD's work overseas.

When you take part in Fast Day, you are helping some of the world's poorest children, men and women.

As South African Bishop Kevin Dowling says:

CAFOD should see this as a partnership which is most definitely going to make a difference on the ground. It is a vital role"

