

Our Lady & St Joseph's Parish Bulletin

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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 3RD 2003**



TODAY'S MUSIC:- *Entry Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* 644
Communion Word made Flesh 989

Offertory Lord Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour 769
Recessional Guide me O thou Great Redeemer 960

Those of you who make your Sunday Offering through the GIFT AID SCHEME will have received a letter this week detailing your giving during the last financial year and noting how much the parish was able to claim from the taxman as a result of your generosity. We are all grateful for your kindness. The Gift Aid method actually results in the second most important source of parish income (we have just received a cheque for £5.074 from the Inland Revenue) and for taxpayers simply means filling in one of the Gift Aid forms you can find at the back of church. If you are a taxpayer please seriously consider being part of this scheme. What the letter does not include are those one-off gifts, and the tax recoverable from them, that are sometimes made by kind parishioners.

There's a poster at the back of church with details of this year's annual Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Cleator. It's on September 7th and nearer the time, if there is a demand, we'll put up a list in the church porch for those who might like to go by coach. Bishop O'Donoghue is the principal celebrant this year and Fr John Watson the preacher.

OUR LADY'S CANADIAN CANOEING CLUB

Meet at Launch Site

Talkin Tarn Sunday 10th August

12.0 to 4.0

(£2.50 per person for launch permits)

Bring a picnic

(any difficulty ring Gerald Richardson 537791)

Many parishioners will be leaving for their annual holidays at the moment. We wish you a very happy holiday, a deserved rest, and that you will return like giants refreshed!



Fr Hugh is off on his holidays this week. He will be back later on in August before he sets off on his new appointment to English Martyrs', Preston on September 1st. On that day we will welcome Fr William Glasswell to Our Lady's as his replacement.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	6.00	Alston	The Parish
Sun	10.00		Violet Agius
	3.30		HOLY HOUR
	4.30		Henry Stordy
Mon	12.10		Fr Leonard French
Tue	8.00		Special Intention
	10.00	St C. Ct	Mildred Matthews & Olive Finn
	12.10		Canon Alban Cochrane
Wed	9.15	St Gabs	Special Intention (Sr T)
	12.10		Mabel Bateman
Thu	8.00		Three New Diocesan Deacons
	12.10		Una Cotter
Fri	8.00		Special Intention
	12.10		Claud & Doris McGough
Sat	12.10		Jack & Tom Kirk
	6.00	Alston	The Parish
Sun	10.00		Thanksgiving (MH)
	4.30		Fr John Gornall

Please pray for Mr Wilf Buxton (Grasmere) & Brigid Ward who are sick, for Enid Braithwaite – sister of a parishioner & once of this parish who died in Australia, and for Jack & Tom Kirk whose anniversaries occur about this time.

FAREWELL to the Rev. Dr Betty Bell, the Methodist Minister at Alston. She is going to a new appointment in Morecambe. During her time in Alston she has worked hard at, among other things, advancing happy ecumenical relations, especially between our own Alston Catholic community and the local Methodist church. This has resulted in our two communities agreeing to share St Wulstan's chapel – a successful arrangement which has met with the approval of all. We wish Betty well in her new life further south and assure her of a remembrance in our prayers.



"I'd like to begin my harvest sermon by saying a huge thank-you for the anonymous donation of a very ripe gorgonzola cheese!"

URGENT NEED TO RESPOND TO EUTHANASIA ENQUIRY.

The Government is pushing ahead with its draft Mental Incapacity Bill which will legalise euthanasia by denial of tube feeding. The deadline (announced in July) for people to write to the inquiry into this Bill is September 1st. For a campaign pack which will give you more information contact the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children on 020 7222 5845.

Every Tuesday at 7.30pm
a time of prayer and learning
through a wide range of
CATHOLIC VIDEOS
in 16 Lismore Street.
ALL ARE WELCOME
(except 3rd Tuesday which is Maranatha night)

THE PARISH PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP met last week. We discussed the appointment of the new Youth Officer and the necessity of setting up some sort of continuing support group for her. We were brought up to date with the continuing development in negotiations for a new parish hall. We thought it a good idea to embark on a parish audit of skills. A questionnaire was devised and we hope to put this into effect later in the year. Finally we started a long process of discussion on a future pastoral plan for Carlisle as a whole when in a few years time there could be as few as four priests for the whole of the city.