



Our Lady & St Joseph's Parish Bulletin

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THIS WEEK'S MUSIC. Entrance 807 *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* Offertory 603 *Blest are You..*
Communion 898 *Make Me a Channel of Thy Peace* Recessional 644 *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

LENT STARTS THIS WEEK WITH ASH WEDNESDAY.....

.... it's a day of Fasting and Abstinence and Ashes will be distributed at all Masses, 8.0 am, 12.10, and 7.0pm. There's a variety of Lenten exercises to help you observe fittingly this Holy Season. Each Tuesday (starting March 2nd) at 7.30 throughout Lent there will be series of meditations on Our Lord's Passion and Death, with prayers, Readings, Hymns, and visual aids. On Tuesday March 9th at 7.30 Brother Paolo is coming from the Taize community in France to lead an ecumenical Taize type service in Our Lady's which should be of special interest to the younger members of the parish and older school pupils, though everybody is welcome. Don't forget our own regular weekday Morning and Evening Prayer of the Church at 9.0 am and 6.0 pm. Looking a bit further ahead our Annual Forty Hours Devotion in honour of the Blessed Sacrament is a regular intensive period of prayer for the parish. It starts at 3.0 on Friday March 12th and continues until a final Holy Hour on Sunday March 14th at 3.30. Alston parishioners have their own Lenten ecumenical prayers and study in the Quaker Rooms at 7.30 on Wednesdays in Lent starting on March 10th. Do try, please, to make this Lent a prayerful preparation for the great feast of Easter.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES are due to get under way. A preliminary meeting for those who are due to be Confirmed and for their parents will take place in the Rectory at 7.0 on Thursday March 11th.

Next Sunday at 9.0 am (ie before the morning Mass) there will be a practice for all ALTAR SERVERS, and for those who wish to start serving in the sanctuary

Fasting is an integral part of our Lenten observance, especially if we can help the survival of those less fortunate than ourselves. CAFOD's Lenten Family Fast Day is on March 5th and envelopes for your offerings will be given out next Sunday.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SAT	6.0	(Alston) Kathleen Poland
SUN	10.0	Mary Frazer
	4.30	The Parish
MON	12.10	Catherine Arnold (sick)
TUE	8.0	Brigid McNeilis
	12.10	Dec'd Little & Kirkwood fam

ASH WEDNESDAY

	8.0	Roseanna Pilato
	12.10	James Murtagh
	7.0	Kathleen Poland
THU	8.0	Terence Howley
	12.10	Esta Routledge (sick)
FRI	8.0	Josie O'Hara
	12.10	Mary Frazer
SAT	12.10	Mary Bridget Farmer
	6.0	(Alston) Dec'd Jackson & Parkin families
SUN	10.0	Thomas & Anthony Styles
	4.30	The Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR Rachel Steadman and Fr John Turner (of Kirkby Lonsdale) who are sick; for Sarah McQuade who died recently and for Mary Bridget Farmer and Jean Richardson whose anniversaries are about now.

There are quite a number of Overseas Visitors in our parish, many are studying in one or other of the Colleges and Northumberland University, or are working in, for example, the Cumberland Infirmary. The parish Justice & Peace Group thought they would appreciate a Mass just for themselves where they could pray for their own people back home and contribute in their own language Readings and Prayers for the Mass. This will take place on Sunday March 7th at 6.0 pm and there will be refreshments in the Rectory afterwards. See one of the clergy for an invitation card.

THE JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP meet in the Rectory this coming Tuesday at 7.30. Everyone is welcome.

A new Padre Pio prayer group starts at 2.30 in 66 Ridley Rd. this Thursday.



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CLERGY

Parish Priest

Mgr Gregory Turner

Assistant Priest

Fr William Glasswell

Deacons

Rev Gib Harrison and

Rev Kevin Hickey (ret'd)

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY

Alston - St Wulstan

Saturday Vigil 6.0pm

(HOLIDAYS 6.0pm)

Our Lady's

10.0 am & 4.30 pm

WEEKDAYS

Our Lady's

Tues, Thu, Fri, 8.0 am

Wed (St Gabriel's) 9.15

Mon to Sat 12.10 pm

(HOLIDAYS - extra

Mass at 7.0 pm)

CONFESSIONS

Our Lady's

After 12.10 Mass from

Monday to Saturday

6.15 to 7.0 Saturday

Also on request.