



# Our Lady & St Joseph's Parish Bulletin

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
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**MUSIC FOR TODAY.** Entry 754 When I Survey      Offertory 204 Lord Jesus Think on Me  
Eucharistic Prayer 553 Celtic Mass      Communion 232 Ah, Holy Jesus      Recessional 752 My Song is Love

You will be interested to know that Fr Peter Water's appeal for the street children of Colombia now stands at £1,300. Thank you for your generosity to this appeal and also to last week's collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund which brought in £572 so far. Some parishioners like to make a personal donation to this fund which will remain open until Easter.

*Fr Val Farrell, the Editor of the Voice is always on the look out for material for the paper. He asks for a one or two sentence reaction from those who have seen Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ so that he can make a feature of it in his next issue. Give your copy either to Fr Turner or send it to him yourself. Nick Weeks, who for 17 years has been the Director of Religious Education in the diocese is now retiring. He has been responsible during that time for our Catholic Schools and Adult Education in the diocese. Many tributes have already been made; you might like to add to them if you have in any way influenced by the work of the Diocesan Education Service. Again, give your copy to Fr Turner or send it to the Voice yourself.*

A reminder of the SUMMER FAYRE meeting in the Rectory this Tuesday at **7.0 pm**. It will be only a short affair but it would be good to know who is willing to help and to collect new ideas for the day itself.

*The Justice and Peace Group also meet in the Rectory this Tuesday at 7.30. As ever, this important parish organisation welcomes new members.*

Stations of the Cross and Benediction today at 3.30

You may remember that last Christmas we started in the deanery an organisation called **LANDINGS**. The idea was to form a group of Catholics who would make it easy for those who hadn't practised their Faith for some time to make a return to it in a safe and supporting environment. So far it has gone well, so a new five week session is starting on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Watch this space for more details!

*Next Sunday (which, of course, is Palm Sunday) there's a meeting of Altar Servers after the 10.0 Mass. We need to get things right for the Holy Week ceremonies and the servers play an important part in leading our devotions during this important week of the year.*



*Next week's Newsletter will be a double issue with all the details of Holy Week and Easter services for the two following weeks*

## Who picked the carrots on your dinner table?

The Government and Britain's supermarkets have come under strong attack for failing to clamp down on abuses in the use of casual labour to supply fresh fruit and vegetables. MPs on the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee say they are appalled at the failure to prevent the exploitation of part-time workers, some of whom are brought illegally into the UK.

The UK's farms and orchards have always relied on seasonal labour to pick fruit and vegetables. And since the 19<sup>th</sup> Century so-called gangmasters have been used to recruit the workers. Recently the gangs have been made up largely of workers from overseas, some of them illegal migrants.

The highly critical report by MPs says that while some gangmasters work within the law, many operate in a culture of fear, paying poor wages and dodging employment laws. The Committee heard of two workers who had died because of arduous working condition. It accuses supermarkets of trying to wash their hands of the problem, but it was their demand for cheap produce which encouraged suppliers to cut corners on labour.

The reality of the situation is that many migrant workers receive low pay and poor living conditions and the supermarkets receive increased profits.

The questions we need to answer are: Is this justice? Is it fair? Is this Christian? And who picked the carrots on your Sunday dinner-table?

### Ask your MP and local supermarkets

- What action they have taken or do they intend to take to end illegal employment practices as highlighted by the report of the Select Committee on gangmasters?
- Will your MP supporting Jim Sheridan's Private Members Bill to ensure all gangmasters are licensed?
- Could your local supermarket guarantee that workers who pick the fruit and vegetables they stock have not been employed illegally, or paid less than the National Minimum Wage?
- How can a supermarket justify huge profits and low wages for its employees?

Who to ask: In the local supermarket's comment book or write to:  
 T Denunzio, CEO Asda Walmart Southbank Grt Wilson Street Leeds LS11 5AD  
 Sir Peter Davis, C.E.O., J Sainsbury plc., 33 Holborn, London EC1 N2HT  
 Sir Terry Leahy, C.E.O., Tesco plc, Delamare Road, Cheshunt Herts. EN8 9SL  
 Carlos Criado-Perez, C.E.O., Safeway plc, 6 Millington Road, Hayes UB3 4AY

*Members of the Building Bridges Youth Support Group are reminded of their meeting this Monday in the Rectory at 7.30*

As usual we will run a bus to Lancaster on Holy Thursday for the Chrism Mass. There's a list at the back of church for your name if you would like to go. It's a very special occasion, and if you've never been before well worth attending.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

SAT	6.0(Alston) Davina Mallinder
SUN	10.0 Dec'd Fraser family 4.30 The Parish
MON	12.10 Patrick Devlin
TUE	8.0 Heath, Ruth Rowland 12.10 Kathleen Poland
WED	9.15 (St Gab)Margaret Hopwood 12.10 Audrey Price
THU	8.0 Gladys Beamish 9.15(School)Thanksgiving(CAE) 12.10 Paddy Waters
FRI	8.0 Joe Jackson 12.10 Thanksgiving for a baby
SAT	12.10 Ellen Wilson (sick) 6.0(Alston)Douglas Dickinson
SUN	10.0 Anita Altan (sick) 4.30 The Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR Ellen Farish, Fr John Turner (of Kirkby Lonsdale) who is sick; and for Douglas Dickinson (husband of Josephine our Alston organist) who died recently. Patrick Devlin's anniversary is about now.

## 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  
 (HOLYDAYS 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  
 (HOLYDAYS - 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.

Christian Unity has to be of active interest for all Christians. Our own Holy Father has said we can't call ourselves Catholics unless we promote the unity of all Christ's followers. The Churches Together in Carlisle have their open Forum meeting in the Church of Scotland building in Chapel Street on Tuesday (everything is happening on Tuesday this week!) at 7.30. It would be good if we were well represented.