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HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2004

PENITENTIAL SERVICE – this Monday evening at 7.0. The ideal way of preparing for the solemn events of this week.

In the Church's calendar Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of this week and Easter Sunday next week are the most important days of the year. All parishioners should make a special effort to set aside all other engagements and involve themselves in being fully part of the life of the Church as we remember the solemn events of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. These are days to be enjoyed and certainly not missed. The parish needs **YOUR** presence so that as a community we gather and form the Body of Christ which is His Church. We are going to celebrate in word and song, in sign and ritual, the proclamation of God's never-ceasing love for our world. The Easter Vigil next Saturday with its First Mass of Easter will be the highlight of the week. Do all you can to make this a special week.

APRIL 4 PALM SUNDAY. Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses:- 6.0 pm (Alston Vigil Saturday Mass), 10.0, and 4.30. If fine, assemble on the lawn outside the church for the Blessing of the Palms and Procession. At 3.30 there will be Stations of the Cross and Benediction.

APRIL 5 MONDAY. Mass 12.10. Penitential Service 7.0.

APRIL 6 TUESDAY. Mass 8.0 & 12.10 (both in Our Lady's) 10.0 in St Cuthbert's Court

APRIL 7 WEDNESDAY. Mass 9.15 (St Gabriel's) & 12.10

APRIL 8 MAUNDY THURSDAY. Chrism Mass in Lancaster Cathedral 11.30. Coach leaves Warwick Square at 9.30 prompt and returns to Carlisle about 3.30. See notice in porch. **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** at 7.0 pm. Solemn reception into church of the Holy Oils blessed this morning in Lancaster. Washing of the Feet. The church remains open until midnight for private devotion before the Altar of Repose. **ALSTON:-** Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6.0 pm.

APRIL 9 GOOD FRIDAY. A day of Fasting and Abstinence. At 11.15 at the Market Cross an ecumenical service of just 20 minutes commemorating the Passion and Death of Jesus. **SOLEMN LITURGY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION & DEATH AT 3.0.** Leaving Warwick Square at 5.00 there's a **WALK OF WITNESS** to the Wayside Shrine at Wetheral. (Bus available for those unable to walk.) **MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS & VENERATION OF THE CROSS'S RELIC 7.30.** **ALSTON:-** Ecumenical Stations of the Cross through the town at midday. (Gather at Henderson's Garage). Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3.0.

APRIL 10 HOLY SATURDAY. EASTER VIGIL CEREMONY AT 9.0pm includes the blessing of New Light and the First Mass of Easter. **ALSTON:-** Vigil Ceremony and First Mass of Easter at 6.0pm.

APRIL 11 EASTER SUNDAY. Masses at 10.0 & 4.30. At each Mass Baptismal Promises will be renewed.

APRIL 12 EASTER MONDAY. Today and throughout the week Masses are at the normal times.

(There's Morning Prayer here at Our Lady's at 9.am and Evening Prayer at 6.0pm.every weekday.)

NOTICES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

MASS INTENTIONS are on the parish noticeboard.

EXTRA CONFESSIONS. After Holy Thursday and Good Friday services and from 11.0 to 12.0 on Holy Saturday.

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES. Please pick them up from the back of church. If you haven't got a pack and wish to use one please let Fr Turner know.

CHRISM MASS ON HOLY THURSDAY IN LANCASTER. Names, please, on the list in the porch. A special diocesan occasion worth experiencing. Leave Warwick Square 9.30. Back about 3.30. Cost about £5.

PARISH SUMMER FAYRE – a note for your diary. It's on July 3 this year.

ECUMENICAL EVENTS. *Praise Together* in the Sands Centre on May 9th. Tickets now available for the 3.30 and 6.30 performances. (Donation of £1 welcomed). *Ecumenical Dinner* in the Shepherd's Inn on Friday April 23rd. (St George's Day) Cost £13. Details on noticeboard or tell Fr Turner.

LOURDES. Fr Kevan Dorgan from St Margaret Mary's is organising a coach to Lourdes for the diocesan pilgrimage (22nd to 31st July). A much cheaper alternative than flying there. Ring him on 522137.

THE JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP thank you for your generosity in your giving to the Lenten Family Fast Day appeal. They were able to send £1534 to CAFOD for their work among the overseas poor. They also ask you to bring an extra pound or two to Mass on Easter Sunday for our traditional Easter Egg raffle. This year they thought the proceeds could fittingly go to Fr Water's moving appeal for the street children of Colombia.

ALTAR SERVERS. All the altar servers of the diocese (together with their parents) are invited to a special Mass and rally at Lancaster Cathedral on Saturday April 24th at 12.0.

NOT PRACTISED YOUR FAITH FOR SOME TIME? The cards on the church benches could be of interest to you!

PARISH PASTORAL GROUP are reminded they have a meeting on Thursday, April 15th at 6.30.
