

MASS INTENTIONS & SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	6.00pm	(Sunday Vigil at Alston) The Parish
Sunday	10.00am	Joseph Cregan
20 Aug	11.00am	Baptism of Harry James McAlindon
	4.30pm	Raymond Forster
Monday	12.10pm	Eve and Bob Morton
Tuesday	12.10pm	Ruby Wedding (P & PS)
Wed'day	9.15am	(St Gabriel's) NO MASS TODAY
	12.10pm	Raymond Forster
Thursd'y	12.10pm	Bob, Paul, Michael Reay
Friday	12.10pm	Robert Cairns
Saturday	12.10pm	Wedding Anniversary (Nelson)
	6.00pm	(Sunday Vigil at Alston) The Parish
Sunday	10.00am	Michael McArdle
3 Sept	3.30pm	Holy Hour
	4.30pm	John & Peggy Dixon
	5.30pm	POLISH MASS

Please pray for: Shaun Murphy, Winnie Horseman, John O'Donohoe, Ann Schrubba, Altea Johnstone, and Norah Bradley who are sick; for Bob Reay whose anniversary occurs about this time and for all parishioners who have died.

CARMELITE GATHERING at St Bede's on Wigton Road, September 16th. This is a day of prayer and community in the Carmelite tradition, but open to all. Bring a packed lunch. Details on the church noticeboard or email Patricia and John Wilson carlisle@laycarmel.org or ring them on 01461 40434

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - a morning of prayer and reflection for ministers of Holy Communion from every parish in the Deanery. It's on Saturday 9th September here at Our Lady's starting with coffee at 10.0 and ending with Mass at 12.10. Fr David Burns will give the keynote meditation. There's a poster in the porch listing the morning's main events.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES in Cleator. It is on Sunday September 10th. Mass and blessing of the sick starts at 3.0. Bishop Patrick is presiding.

'ENERGIZE' the Deanery Youth Group for 11 to 16 year olds meets on Wednesday 13th September in the Upper Room of St Edmund's, Orton Rd., from 7.0 to 9.0. Gillian has more information on gilliannixonrcyw@yahoo.co.uk or ring her on 07738069379.

CAFOD wrote to thank parishioners for the generous response to the Lebanon appeal. We sent £880.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

is a recently produced compendium of Catholic Theology recommended by the Bishops and published by the CTS. It is excellently produced, costs £6.95 a copy, and is available at the back of church.

THE PARISH

'Someone once remarked that, in a world that seems to be growing more divided, the parish is one of the few open communities in which rich and poor, educated and uneducated, upwardly mobile and sheer down and out can meet and call each other brother and sister. The remark is somewhat idealistic and is contradicted by the divisions that can exist in parishes. And yet it contains a truth.

The truth is this: because the parish is a geographic unit, it has a 'thrown together' quality. Just as you do not choose your family, so you do not choose your fellow parishioners. They are all shapes and sizes, diverse not uniform. In a sense that it is the glory of a parish. It makes very real St Paul's words to the Galatians: 'There is no longer Jew nor Greek, there is no longer slave nor free; there is no longer male nor female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.'

This would be lost if Christians gathered only on the basis of shared interests or experiences, or age group - if, in other words, Christian communities were communities of the like-minded. There is something in the thrown together nature of the parish that testifies to our radical equality and the breadth of what is embraced and encompassed in the Body of Christ.'

(extract from 'Welcoming Parish' by Donal Harrington)

Smile Lines

KITCHENTALK

No husband has been shot while doing the dishes.

A husband is one who takes out the rubbish and gives the impression that he has just cleaned the whole house.

Help keep the kitchen clean - eat out.

Many people have eaten in this kitchen and have gone on to lead normal lives.