

Parish Diary for Saturday 23rd to Sunday 231st of January 2010

Sat 23rd	12noon Ecumenical Service at Society of Friends Meeting House. <i>Sunday Confessions 9.00am to 9.30am. No Exposition of Blessed Sacrament this morning.</i> <i>Vigil Mass 9.15am to 4pm. Social Responsibility Annual Meeting at The Friends Meeting House 4.00pm Syro-Malabar Rite Mass: Fr. Matthew from Preston.</i> 6.00pm Mass (Alston) for LISCF (January). Confessions 5.30 to 5.45pm
Sun 24th January	The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30am Mass for the people of the parish, 10.30am for Kathleen Whitehead (579) 4.00pm United Service of Prayer at St. Wulstan's, Alston
Mon. 25th	12noon Ecumenical Service at St. Andrew's Penrith Close of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Tue 26th	9.45am: Prayer. 10.00am Mass (in Church) for Marie Wood (33). <i>(Class 1 present)</i> 10.30am Parish Prayer Group in presbytery front room. 7.00pm PPC Steering Committee Meeting in the house.
Wed 27th	10.00am Mass (in Church) offered for Anne Marie McCreddie & Ben (485) 11.00am St Catherine's School Class 4 talk on baptism in the church. 5.30pm St. Andrew's Prayer Group 8.30pm Confessions at Castlerigg
Thu 28th	6.45pm The Rosary. 7.00pm Mass offered for Gertie Ivinson (511) 7.30m Discover our Faith' meeting (Catholic Faith Handbook)
Fri 29th	<i>Priest visiting: Brent Gardens, Cold Springs NH, Winters Park NH, Ousby</i> 11.45am Morning Prayer. 12.00 noon Mass for Mary Winter's Ints. (556) <i>Simple Exposition closed by Chaplet of Mercy at 1.00pm</i>
Sat 30th <i>Sunday</i>	9.00 - 10.00am. Morning Prayer followed by Confessions accompanied by an Hour of Adoration before Blessed Sacrament for vocations for the priesthood. <i>Vigil Mass</i> 6.00pm Mass (Alston) for LISCF (February). Confessions 5.30 to 5.45pm
Sun 31st January	The 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8.30am Mass for Mitchell & Annette Smith's Intentions. (606) 10.30am for the people of the parish

Your prayers are asked for the good health of Joan Moore, John Hammond, Sheila Brown, Josie Fenny, Jean Lynan, Les White, Judith Slattery, Ruth McGovern & Celia Kerfoot. Pray also for William Swarbrick whose anniversary occurs about this time.

Special Collections: Sunday 31st January for Catholic Education Services

Statistics for last week

Attendance: Sat Alston 6pm 20 + Penrith Sun 8.30am 81 + 10.30am 99 + 12.30pm 40 (Polish) = 240. Total Offertory £477.19, Alston being £45.50, plus weekly gift-aided standing orders £220.

There are messages in the St Catherine's sacristy for:

John Whiteside, Peter Roebuck, Mrs. C. Fuchs, Joe Pearson, Margaret Guizzetti, Christine Wallace, John Thompson, Ron Taylor, Brenda Smith

Advance notice for:

Tues. 2nd Feb. Bishop James, C of E Bishop of Carlisle speaking here at St Catherine's.
Wed. 3rd February. 7pm. St Catherine's School Full Governors Meeting
Thurs. 4th Feb. 4pm Multicultural Group AGM. 8pm PPC Meeting in St. Catherine's School



WELCOME

TO THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST CATHERINE, PENRITH
WITH ST WULSTAN'S CHAPEL, ALSTON

24TH JANUARY 2010. 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Churches Together in Penrith: Lenten Talks and Discussions

start Tues 2 Feb, each evening led by a leader from a different Christian denomination beginning at 7pm with refreshments, the talk and reflection on the theme: 'From Jericho to Jerusalem' starting at 7.30pm to finish by 9.00pm.

Fr Michael Murphy parish priest of Our Lady and St Joseph's, Carlisle and our representative on Cumbria Churches Together will lead the discussion on Thursday the 18th February, the venue being Penrith Methodists.

The Rt Rev James Newcome, the Anglican Bishop of Carlisle will speak here at St Catherine's on the 2nd of February. This is next week but one, and the venue will be in St Catherine's Church itself.

WHEN	WHO	WHERE
Tues 2 Feb	Bishop James Newcome Anglican Bishop of Carlisle	St. Catherine's Church
Tues 9 Feb	Graham Emerson Church in the Barn	Salvation Army (yet to be confirmed)
Thur 18 Feb	Father Michael Murphy of Our Lady's, Carlisle	Methodist Church, Wordsworth Street
Wed 24 Feb	King's Church .	United Reformed Church, Lowther Street
Tue 2 March	Rachel Poolman , President, of URC in Cumbria	St. Andrew's Church, Penrith
Mon 8 th March	Jo Alberti Religious Society of Friends	Church in the Barn/Christ Church (yet to be confirmed)
Tue 16 March	Major Philip Mountain , Salvation Army	Quaker Meeting House, Meeting House Lane
Wed 24 March	Richard Teal , Methodist Church in Cumbria	King's Church (to be confirmed)

SUNDAY LITURGY Parish Mass Book p.56

Music: *Music Group leading the liturgy; music to be announced.*

Gospel: Alleluia (4). Father we praise you as Lord, all of the earth gives you worship, for your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth. Alleluia (4)

Eucharistic Prayer no.3. **Acclamations:** Sheila Bodley Mass nos. 556, 557

Visitors, for your pink gift aid offertory envelopes to be effective for a tax reclaim you must print your name, full address & postal code, and with your signature. Thankyou.

ST CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Plans are in place for each Class to attend Mass in Church on Tuesday mornings. Teachers are busy preparing for the Spring Workshops on Monday, 25th January. These sessions take place to keep parents informed about the work their child does in school.

To give an idea of how our school meets the need of keeping the parents informed about the varying aspects of their children's education, consider the following invitation to parents to attend a session in the school:

“ Following the success of our Autumn Term meeting, a Literacy and Numeracy afternoon will be held on **Monday 25th January**. This is an opportunity to experience the teaching methods in English and Maths and share the targets set by the teacher. KS1 workshop will be held at 2:30pm; KS2 workshop will be held at 3:30pm and repeated at 4:30pm. Governors will be taking this opportunity to canvas your views. We hope as a parent with a child in our school will be able to join us. “

CAFOD—Haiti Disaster Fund

A special collection will be taken after the Masses this weekend. CAFOD has pledged £300,000 and has been providing aid via our Caritas partners on the ground from 24 hours after the disaster. *Janice Wrench*

Churches Together in Cumbria – Nuclear Energy in Cumbria

A Discussion Day on the subject of ‘nuclear energy in Cumbria’ is to be held in Carlisle Cathedral Fraternity on Saturday, 6th February 2010 at 10.00am to 1.15pm. (Registration from 9.30am). The Discussion Day is designed to allow us to find out more about the scientific arguments for and against the nuclear energy option and to consider the way that our Christian faith may contribute to our assessment of these issues. The programme has been designed to give generous time for questions and answers and discussion. Booking is preferred but not essential. Please contact Mrs. Karen Natrass: email: Karen@calislecathedral.org.uk or tel. 01228 548107. Access to the Fraternity is by steps; please telephone in advance if assistance will be required.

Preparing for Marriage

Engaged Encounter. Thinking about marriage - then think about preparing for it Marriage Encounter. A weekend of discovery - a lifetime of love.

For details of Engaged Encounter Weekends and Marriage Encounter Weekends go to our web-site: www.wvme.org.uk or tel: 01538 385801. Any couple hoping to be married at St Catherine's this year, as well as a course of preparation at St Catherine's, is invited to attend the Marriage Care Day at Carlisle this February or their FOCCUS course. *Fr Jerome*

Year for Priests : 19 June 1009 to 19 June 2010

Gracious God, give our priests courageous faith in the face of confusion and conflict, hope in time of trouble and sorrow, and steadfast love for you and for all your people. May they grow in holiness and may the light of your truth shine through their lives and their good works. We ask your blessing upon our seminarians and all men who are discerning a call to the priesthood. We also beg you to stir into a flame the call to the priesthood that you have placed into the hearts of many men in our own diocese and throughout the Church. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our eternal High Priest. Amen. St John Vianney, patron of all priests, pray for us and for all our priests.

Red Mission Boxes for the APF (Association for the Propagation of the Faith)

The total 2009 mission collections from the “Red Boxes” in the Parish amounted to £1556.41, including £141 from Alston. In the last year the number of collectors has increased from 3 to 12 and we also have a good number of new box holders. Thank you to all who so generously support this important work. If anyone would like a Red Box for their homes or could help as a collector, please contact *Teresa Matthews* on 016974 72493

Day of Renewal—Saturday 20th February 2010. 10am to 4pm

At The Salesian Convent, Brettargh Holt, Levens, Kendal. LA8 8EA. For further information contact Rev. Bernard Lovelan Tel: 015395 63391. Days of Renewal in 2010, Sat. 17th April, Sat. 26th June, Sat. 23rd October.

Thinking Scripture - 20th-27th February 2010

A holiday and study week at Boarbank Hall. This is an opportunity for Christians sympathetic to a Catholic approach to scripture; to make like-minded friends; to enjoy a holiday together in beautiful surroundings; to think seriously about the scriptures; to pray and reflect. For more information and pictures see www.boarbankhall.org.uk To apply contact: Sr. Margaret Atkins, Boarbank Hall, Grange-over-Sands. LA11 7NH. margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk

Music Group

The Music Group will be playing at 10.30am Mass on Sunday 24th January. New (and old) members welcome. There will be a practice on Friday 22nd from 5.30 -6.30pm in the Presbytery. Otherwise just turn up at 10ish on the Sunday.

For our Polish Parishioners

Witamy bardzo serdecznie w parafii św. Katarzyny (St Catherine) i na naszej niedzielnej mszy św. Zapraszamy wszystkich na kawę, herbatę po każdej niedzielnej mszy o godzinie 10:30. Jest to okazja aby poznać innych parafian. W naszej parafii mamy również raz w miesiącu mszę św w języku polskim, odprawianą przez ks. Andrzeja Kolaczekowskiego w każdą trzecią niedzielę miesiąca o godzinie 12:30. Indywidualne konwersacje języka angielskiego będą odbywały się za wcześniejszym uzgodnieniem terminu z Księdzem Jerome pod numerem telefonu 01768 862273.