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Mass times this coming week:

(Vigil) Saturday 5pm and Sundays 9.30am & 11am
Weekday Masses – 9.30am
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
No Mass on Tuesday mornings
The church is closed at all other times

Mass Intentions for this coming Week

Saturday: 5.00pm Mary Stuttard R.I.P.
Sunday: 9.30am Tom Carter
11.00am People of the Parish
Monday: 9.30am Margaret Eastwood (sick)
Tuesday: NO MASS
Wednesday: 9.30am Eileen Cunningham
11.00am Funeral Service for
Gordon Holmes R.I.P.
Thursday: 9.30am School Mass to celebrate
Fr Peter's 50th Ordination Anniversary
Friday: 9.30am Jim Clarke R.I.P.
Saturday: 5.00pm In Thanksgiving
Sunday: 9.30am In Thanksgiving
11.00am People of the Parish

Faithful Departed

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently, especially Fr Tom Forster and Fr John Heaney. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

Anniversaries

Shaun Kirrane, Joan Burns, Mary Frances Walton, Kathleen Leddy, Winifred Butterworth, Leo Adams, Anthony Regan, Fr Francis Worden, Peter Herbert McKenna, Edgar Bennett, Margaret Bentley-Prior, John Walmsley.

Our Sick

Please continue to remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick and those who are anxious at this time – Norah Ince, Pauline Coleman, Norah Osborn, John Acton-Reid, Fr Harry Holden, Rosemary Saddington, Gerard Curley, Christine Read, Chris Horan, Sarah Bell, Dawn Robinson, Denis Parkinson, Anne Hepes, Rita Ambler, Sadie Everard-Walker, Phil Kay, Michelle Hinds, Violet Fishwick, Jane Hughes, Sheila O'Brien, Eileen Veevers, Michael Young, Catherine Dee, Sheila Harrison.

Confessions

Confessions will now be heard in the Confessional on Saturday 4.30 – 4.55pm. Also, by appointment.

Mobile phones

Recently there has been an increase in mobile phones ringing during Mass. Please either switch off your phone or at least turn it to silent mode during Mass.

Offertory envelopes

The new set on offertory envelopes are available in the church porch for those who use them for their contributions to the parish.

Parish Welcome

We welcome Sophia Celestine O Indie who was baptised here recently.

Canon Peter 50th Anniversary of Ordination

On 27th April 1974, Peter Hart was ordained at St Bede's Church in Carlisle. During his 50 years as a priest he has served in Parishes in Cumbria and Lancashire but we have been blessed with him at our Parish for over 10 years. To celebrate this lovely anniversary a Parish Family meal will be held in the Parish Centre at 12.30pm on 28th April. Thank you to the many who have indicated that they will be joining us although the list is now closed so that we can provide numbers to the caterers. During the meal a presentation will be made with thanks to all of you who have contributed to his gift.

School Mass – Thursday 25th April

The school will be attending the 9.30am Mass to start off Father Peter's 50th Anniversary of his ordination celebrations.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

This year's annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place 23rd – 30th July. The cost is from £899.00. If anyone is interested in going please speak to Fr Peter who has booking forms.

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Celebration is a wonderful occasion for the whole parish family as well as the family of the baby being baptised as we welcome a new member into our community. We would ask that families wishing to arrange a baptism for their child ring Fr. Peter to discuss available dates rather than trying to do so by email or through the parish website. As they say, "book early to avoid disappointment"!

Fr Tom Forster R.I.P.

We were saddened to hear of the death of Fr Tom Forster who was an assistant priest for two terms here in this parish. He also had a long and distinguished time of ministry as an army chaplain as well as serving in many other parishes in the diocese. He is from Carlisle originally and so his Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady and St. Joseph's Church, Carlisle, his home parish, on 2nd May at 12.00 noon.

Parish Social Events

Following our Parish Meal on 28th April to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Canon Peter's ordination, the Parish Social events continue in May and June with craft, coffee mornings and quizzes.

5 May – Coffee and craft after 9.30am Mass
17 May – Coffee morning – 10.15am
17 May – Quiz Night – 7.30pm
2 Jun – Coffee and craft after 9.30am Mass
14 Jun – Quiz Night – 7.30pm
21 Jun – Coffee morning – 10.15am

Parish Centre Bookings

Parish centre bookings can now be made online via: <https://hallbookingonline.com/ourladystarofthesea> or to discuss further please telephone Christopher on 07759144537 r email olssbookings@hotmail.com

200 Club

The lucky winners of the April draw were:

1st Sarah Cosgrove [27] £100
2nd Jan Barker [95] £45
3rd Tony & Pat Murphy [183] £25

The SUPERDRAW for £500 will take place at Fr Peter's celebrations. All who have been in the draw for the last twelve months will be eligible. A new year begins at the Coffee Morning at the Parish Centre on Friday 17 May. All are welcome to attend. Those of you who pay annually by cash or cheque, £36 per number, your payments are now due. Contact Leo Appleton (07713 238597) or Robert Thompson (01253 781830).

A Year of Encounter

With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on 25 April and 4 May to learn more.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

It will be September (2nd – 6th) The Bishop is renewing the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham, the National Shrine to Our Blessed Lady. The Bishop invites you to join him! This will be the first pilgrimage since the Pandemic, and we have so much to pray for, so much to give thanks for. Some of you are familiar with Walsingham. For others it will be your first visit. In the Middle Ages the Shrine was one of the great ancient Marian places of pilgrimage in the whole of Christendom. It is known as England's very own Nazareth and is a place where the incarnation of Jesus is particularly remembered. Therefore, for the modern pilgrim, it is a place for all who would rejoice with Mary at 'the great joy of the Annunciation.' Like Lourdes in France, it is a place of reconciliation, conversion, peace and healing. Dependent on accommodation type the all-inclusive cost is no more than £500 per person. Coach collection/drop off will take place in Workington, Carlisle, Penrith, Lancaster and Preston. For more information and booking details contact the pilgrimage organiser Deacon Charlie Conner on 07895 742 732 or email charlie.conner@lrdc.org.uk
The places will be limited, so please book in good time.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for April

Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention this April is for "the role of women." The Pope invited the Church to pray for this intention in this month's The Pope Video, which is entrusted to the entire Catholic Church through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. In The Pope Video for April, the Holy Father insists on the steps today's society needs to take, and asks Christians to join him in prayer "that the dignity and worth of women be recognised in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world."

Good Shepherd Sunday

Good Shepherd Sunday is the day chosen for 'Vocations Sunday' and is celebrated this year today on Sunday, 21 April.

In his pastoral message for Good Shepherd Sunday, the Chair of the National Office for Vocation, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon, has affirmed the value of being a good listener in order to hear God's call to holiness.

"One of our modern problems is that our world is very noisy, and it is often difficult to hear our own voices and thoughts in the surrounding din, let alone the words of others," he writes. "One situation that can occur is we find ourselves on set paths in life, and it is not easy to change direction even if we want to do just that. Commitment to our families and other responsibilities block our ears and we just carry on as before."

Saint John Henry Newman teaches that God has a definite purpose for each and every one of us, but Archbishop McMahon is keen to highlight the huge value of priests, nuns and monks to the Church: "There is no doubt that the church needs priests to celebrate the Eucharist and other sacraments, and Religious to offer a living witness to the values of the Kingdom of God. Without them, we would be a very impoverished Church."

But how can we work out whether God is calling us to a particular vocation? The Archbishop of Liverpool suggests women and men should ask whether their vocational journey is likely to bring them contentment: "One simple test is whether following a particular path in life gives us joy. If we are happy and content, or at least think we will be, then it is worth giving it a try. I am not saying that we should be deliriously happy all the time but there should be an underlying knowledge that we have chosen the right path in response to God's call."

Archbishop McMahon is quick to point out that although discerning a vocation involves a leap of faith, it is not a leap into the unknown:

"Just as there are risks in getting married, no matter how much we prepare for it, so there are risks in offering yourself for priesthood and religious life. In all cases we have examples of happy and fulfilled people living their vocation."

Quoting Pope Francis, he proposes two pillars of Catholic life that can help people interpret God's call – serving others and spending time before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

"Adoration is a special kind of prayer which helps us shirk off everything except that one person who is important to us – Jesus Christ. Pope Francis' second point was to steer us towards service of others. In serving others, giving ourselves to other people in response to different needs, we undoubtedly find Jesus."

The retiring collection is for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund, which provides for the training of priests and deacons and their ongoing formation.

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