

The Cumbrian Martyrs' Newsletter



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Twenty Ninth Sunday of Year 'A' October 21st/22nd 2017

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TODAY'S THEME

The Pharisees were intent on catching Jesus out, on trapping him and forcing him into a corner. More fool them, as we know that every time Jesus' response and wisdom put them to flight and exposed their evil motives. As the Gospels record, Jesus was the Master at the apt reply, and both amazed and confounded with his ability to think on his feet and handle his verbal jousts.

His response in today's reading echoes down the centuries: 'give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's' (v.21NIV). The Pharisees were ardent nationalists opposed to Roman rule, while the Herodians, as their name indicates, supported Roman rule. These opposing parties joined forces to trap Jesus. Their question – 'Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?' (v.17NIV) – was intended to catch him out. If he said 'No', the Herodians would report him to the Roman governor and he risked being executed for treason. If he answered 'Yes', the Pharisees would denounce him as a traitor to the Jewish nation. Oh, what wicked webs men do weave!

The common Roman coin, the denarius, had a picture of the Emperor Tiberius on one side and on the other it carried the inscription 'Tiberius Caesar Augustus son of the divine Augustus'. The coin was issued by Caesar and was used for paying tax to him. Jesus used it as a teaching aid to highlight that it was the duty of citizens to render to Caesar what was his and to God what was his, thus evading their trap and highlighting person conscience. Each person has to decide to render unto Caesar what Caesar is due and to God what God is due.

The same is true for us today. We render to the State (Caesar) what the State is due but also render to God what God is due. Sometimes, however, matters of conscience arise which make this compliance impossible and we need to make a stand – for example, regarding our opposition to abortion or assisted suicide. In fact, in these instances we resist the State, and both pray and work to change minds and hearts in order to amend the law in the case of abortion but keep the present law in the case of assisted suicide!

'Father, pour out the gift of your Spirit upon me so that I can walk in step with you and give an apt reply or wise counsel when challenged about my faith and my convictions.'

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Daily Reflections

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | Oct 21st | 6.00pm 7.30pm | St Bede's St Bede's | First Mass of Sunday | Parishioners No Mass |
| Sunday | Oct 22nd | 9.30am 11.00am | St Edmund's St Bede's | 29th Sunday of year 'A' | Pat McGoldrick Private Intention |
| Monday | Oct 23rd | No Mass | St Bede's | Feria | No Mass |
| Tuesday | Oct 24th | 6.45pm 7.00pm | St Edmund's St Edmund's | Feria | Evening Prayer Mary E & Henry Knowles |
| Wednesday | Oct 25th | 8.00am 8.15am | St Bede's St Bede's | Feria | Morning Prayer Marion Brechen (sick) |
| Thursday | Oct 26th | 6 - 7pm 7.00pm | St Bede's St Bede's | Feria | Holy Hour (Evening Prayer) Father Kevin Lowry |
| Friday | Oct 27th | 9.00am 9.15am | St Bede's St Bede's | Feria | Morning Prayer Francis Connors |
| Saturday | Oct 28th | 9.00am 9.15am 6.00pm 7.30pm | St Edmund's St Edmund's St Bede's St Bede's | SS Simon & Jude Apostles First Mass of Sunday | Morning Prayer Henry & Robert Gray Parishioners Private Intention |
| Sunday | Oct 29th | 9.30am 11.00am | St Edmund's St Bede's | 30th Sunday of year 'A' | Janes Barnes Lees & Nolan families |

CONFESSIONS: Sat: St. Edmund's after 9.15am Mass. St Bede's 12 to 12.30pm: 5 to 5.30pm- Lady Chapel.

LATELY DEAD: May they rest in peace: Amen.

ANNIVERSARIES: See list at both Our Lady's Altars. May they rest in peace. **AMEN.**

THE SICK: Please pray for all the Sick: Martin Rooney, Marion Brecken, Mary Cully, Irene McNarney, Jean Fisher, Pat Denholm, Anne & Douglas Berisford, Irene Robinson, Henry Samuel, and Belle McQueen

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First Reading: Isaiah: 45: 1, 4-6: *'I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him.'*

Psalm Response: **'Give the Lord glory and power.'**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5: *'We constantly remember your faith, you love and your hope.'*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew: 22: 15- 21 'Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God'*

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LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION: Attendance: St. Bede's - 225. St. Edmund's -74 . Collection: St Bede's - £491.79. St. Edmund's - £203.50. Thank you for your generosity. **Please remember our parish in your will.**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Today is (21st/22nd October) World Mission Sunday. This is your chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel of peace to those who suffer around the world, and now even in our own country and even in Carlisle! By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. Today, your prayers and your devotion will help a spirit of peace spread across South Sudan and around the world. Please give what you can, and if possible, please use the Gift Aid envelopes if you are a taxpayer. Thank you. - The Red Boxes.

ANNUAL EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will take place this week in St Bede's Church on **Wednesday 18th October between 10am and 3pm; and Thursday 19th October between 12 noon and the start of the Holy Hour at 6pm.** There are lists at the back of both Churches. **Can we make sure that all slots are filled please?**

PARISH REMEMBRANCE MASS: On Sunday 19th November, the 11.00am Mass at St Bede's Church will be offered up for the parishioners of the Cumbrian Martyr's Parish (St Edmund's and St Bede's) who have died over the last 12 months. Family members especially but all parishioners are invited to attend. Teas & Coffee will be available in the hall afterwards

RED MISSION BOXES, ST EDMUND'S: If you have one of the APF/MISSIO Red Boxes at home, can you bring them to 9.30am Mass on Sunday 29th October and leave them on the table in the entrance to the Church. They will be collected, emptied and returned to the same spot on Sunday 5th November. Many thanks

BABY LOSS MEMORIAL IN OCTOBER: During the month of October, a quiet space will be set up in the Lady Chapel at St Bede's and in the Church at St Edmund's so that we can reflect and pray on this issue. **The Holy Rosary and Angelus will be prayed each weekday at 1145 at St Edmund's** during the month of October. Please come & pray.

MORNING PRAYER & EVENING PRAYER will be prayed before the mid week Masses.

ALL INVITED - AUTUMN CATECHESIS: These catechesis presented by the Neo-catechumenal Way will continue at 8pm on Mondays and Thursdays at St Bede's Liturgy Room. **It is never too late to come along and listen.**

THE 66th CARLISLE WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE 2018: Each year since 1954 members of parishes in Carlisle and district have joined together and gone on pilgrimage to the National shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, in Norfolk. The cost is £220 for a standard room and includes accommodation, all but one meal, an afternoon trip, entry to the site of the original Holy House, tips and coach travel.

If you would like to know more about joining our pilgrimage from Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th April 2018 please contact Jo Muter for further information. Tel: 01228524087 email: jemuter47@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT: 17-19 November A weekend retreat for young adults (in year 12 or above) at Castlerigg Manor. This is an opportunity to step back from our busy lives and reflect on where we are going, with time for reflection, discussion and prayer, and enjoy meeting other young adults. £65.

ADVENT RETREAT: 8-10 December Take time out from the busy run-up to Christmas to prepare for the Lord's coming. This weekend retreat, for young people in year 9 and above, will be a fun occasion to meet other young people and, together, reflect on what Christmas is really about through games, workshops, discussions and prayer. £65. Visit www.castleriggmanor.co.uk to book and for more information about these and other events

EMERGENCIES

If you need a priest in an emergency, and Fr. Jim is unavailable, please contact Our Lady & St. Joseph's on (01228) 521509. N.B. Fr. Jim Allen, Chaplain at the Cumberland Infirmary advises us that the list of patients giving their religion has been withdrawn, so please let us know if someone you know is in hospital, and a visit is needed. **WE NEED THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS PLEASE!**

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