

The Cumbrian Martyrs' Newsletter



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year 'B' December 9th/10th 2017

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TODAY'S THEME

Many scholars believe St Mark's Gospel was the first to be written. It is the shortest gospel, containing only sixteen chapters, but, like many short things, it packs quite a punch. There is a noticeable and palpable sense of urgency in the narrative. Mark is a man on a mission to tell the story of Jesus, the man on the mission. He certainly hits the ground running in these opening verses of his wonderful Gospel.

One of the striking verses today is John the Baptist's promise that while he baptized with water, Jesus would baptize in the Holy Spirit. Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit? Of course, by God's grace we received the Holy Spirit when we were baptized (many of us as children, some as adults), but the fullness of the Holy Spirit is brought to completion by the laying on of hands when we receive the sacrament of confirmation. So in baptism we are baptized in water and the Spirit, and the grace of our baptism is brought to completion when we are prayed over by the bishop with the laying on of his hands at confirmation.

However, can we be baptized in the Spirit again? The Charismatic Renewal movement points to this grace, a naked grace as it were, which God poured out for the renewal of the Church. But we must always remember that God's Holy Spirit blows wherever it wills, and our being renewed or baptized in the Holy Spirit isn't dependent on belonging to this or that new movement. The criterion for being baptized in the Spirit is wanting to know deep in our hearts, a renewal and refreshment by God's Holy Spirit. In a very real way this grace is certainly available whenever we renew our baptismal promises but also through seeking from God a fresh outpouring of his grace.

This grace is available to us in a special way during the season of Advent when we draw near to the great truth of the incarnation – the Word made flesh, the Word among us, God made man. For the one who is baptized in the Spirit, these truths are not on ice – cold, impervious and unable to have an impact on our lives. No, on the contrary, they are living, vital, dynamic and reach deeply into our hearts so we proclaim the Gospel of our faith with joy and confidence.

'Jesus is the Eternal Son, the exact representation of the Father, and I bow down and worship him.'

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Daily Reflections

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	Dec 9th	6.00pm 7.30pm	St Bede's St Bede's	First Mass of Sunday	Kathleen Stewart Private Intention
Sunday	Dec 10th	9.30am 11.00am	St Edmund's St Bede's	Second Sunday of Advent	Eileen Caven Tom & Jean Stordy
Monday	Dec 11th	No Mass	St Bede's	Advent	No Mass
Tuesday	Dec 12th	6.45pm 7.00pm	St Edmund's St Edmund's	Advent	Evening Prayer Patrick McGoldrick
Wednesday	Dec 13th	8.00am 8.15am	St Bede's St Bede's	St Lucy	Morning Prayer Meconi Family
Thursday	Dec 14th	6 - 7pm 7.00pm 7.00pm	St Bede's St Bede's St Margaret Mary's	St John of the Cross	No Holy Hour (Evening Prayer) No Mass Holy Souls
Friday	Dec 15th	9.00am 9.15am	St Bede's St Bede's	Advent	Morning Prayer Jessie Wilson
Saturday	Dec 16th	9.00am 9.15am 6.00pm 7.30pm	St Edmund's St Edmund's St Bede's St Bede's	Advent First Mass of Sunday	Morning Prayer Private Intention George, Florrie & Florence Ward Parishioners
Sunday	Dec 17th	9.30am 11.00am	St Edmund's St Bede's	Third Sunday of Advent	Alfred English Muriel Merry

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

LATELY DEAD: Freda Harrington. May she 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: 40:1-5; 9-11: 'Prepare a way for the Lord.'

Psalm Response: 'Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.'

Second Reading: 2 Peter: 3: 8-14: 'Make his paths straight.'

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 1-8: 'Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.'

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LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION: Attendance: St. Bede's - 201. St. Edmund's - 83. Collection: St Bede's - Details to follow. St. Edmund's - £245.87. £1000 donation from Patrick McGoldrick's estate. Poor Missions: St Bede's - No details. St Edmund's - £65.60. Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember our parish in your will.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: From the First Sunday of Advent - 3rd December at the 11am Mass in St Bede's the children of infant & primary school age will be taken out each week for their own liturgy by Mr & Mrs Richard Bandoni.

CONFIRMATION will take place in St Bede's Church on Thursday 28th June 2018 at 6.30pm. If any one who is in High School, or older, would like to receive this sacrament please see Father Jim. The sessions preparing for this sacrament will start on Friday 12th January 2018.

EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION: will take place at St Edmund's Church on Monday 11th December at 7pm.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL will take place in St Edmund's Church on Wednesday December 20th at 7pm. Please come and take the opportunity to renew our selves Spiritually before the festivities of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: I'm afraid we will not have the services of Father Norman this year because he is celebrating the Christmas Masses at Penrith. Also Christmas Eve is on a Sunday. **Saturday/Sunday will not fulfil your Christmas Obligations!!** So the Masses over the weekend are as follows: Saturday 23rd Dec - 9.15am (St E) and 6.00pm (St B). Sunday (Christmas Eve) - 9.30am (St E), 11am (St B), 6pm vigil (St B). Monday (Christmas Day) - 9.30am at St Edmund's. **Also can I remind you that we are a new parish, and that we are no longer the parishes of St Bede's and St Edmund's, and so Masses at Christmas and Easter will consequently be different!**

REPOSITORY: Call in and browse, see the vast range of Christmas Goods. Advent Calendars, Nativity Books, Diaries, Calendars and Christmas Cards. Open after Masses – sometimes before Mass. Easy access for all. Fr Jim has agreed to put the light on! Helpful staff. Shop early and beat the Budget.

DEMENTIA TEA SERVICE: Hosted by the Border Kirk & St George's URC, Third Tuesday of the month, beginning Tuesday 19 December, 2.00pm, St George's URC, West Walls, Carlisle CA3 8UF. A short informal service open to everyone, especially those with memory loss, their family, and carers. Refreshments afterwards. For more information contact Rosalind, 016973-44892.

NEWMAN NEW SCHOOL - "THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT": The 'News & Star' recently gave two pages of excellent cover to the birth of Newman Secondary School in 1968, and its anticipated re-birth after the devastating floods of 2015. Money will not be provided for the building of a chapel in the new school, so the Knights of St. Columba have undertaken to supervise the raising of £75,000.00 for this project. A major fund raising event will be a variety show "That's Entertainment" in the Sands Centre on 11th May 2018. Preparations are now well underway. Young people, ex-Newman pupils and local amateur talent will be taking part. So, book the date. I will give you an update in the New Year. *Fr. Norman Johnston.* PS: Has anyone got an old metal bucket? I need one for the show.

THE CATHOLIC TEACHING ALLIANCE SCHOOL DIRECT PROGRAMME: Are you thinking of applying to train to become a primary or secondary school teacher in September 2018? If you are (or will be) a graduate, you could train with the Catholic Teaching Alliance in schools in the Preston/Blackpool/Lancaster area. The Catholic Teaching Alliance School Direct Programme is a partnership between 70 Catholic schools and the University of Cumbria working together to provide first class initial teacher training within the Catholic community. PGCE and QTS are awarded upon successful completion of the course. Applications are now open, see their website for more details www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org. Any queries Mr Gormally will be in the Training Centre every Monday from 4.00-5.00pm. Please email ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk or telephone 01772 326931 to book an appointment.

2018 LANCASTER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: This year we celebrated the 90th anniversary of the first Pilgrimage, and in 2018 it is 160 years since Our Blessed Lady appeared to St. Bernadette in Lourdes. The Pilgrimage is from 20th - 27th July 2018, with direct flights to Lourdes from Manchester. For further details please contact: Linda Wisdom - Tel: 07738 022054, email: operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk or www.tangney-tours.com, Tel: 01732 886666. See also notice and booking forms at back of church for more details.

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!**