

The Cumbrian Martyrs' Newsletter



4th SUNDAY of EASTER April 21st/22nd 2018

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TODAY'S THEME

Pope Francis caused quite a stir when, at the beginning of his pontificate, with a memorable turn of phrase he encouraged the clergy to be 'shepherds living with the smell of the sheep'. Later on in *Evangelii gaudium* he said the same call extended to every believer because we are all called to be missionary disciples: 'Evangelizers thus take on the "smell of the sheep" and the sheep are willing to hear their voice.' (para. 24).

Now we all know that sheep don't smell too good – come to think of it, neither does a shepherd. Herding, feeding and watering live-stock of any kind is hard, manual, sweaty labour, out in all kinds of weather braving the elements. Shepherds have to be appropriately dressed and equipped – they are roughly dressed for rough work.

So who is the shepherd and who are the sheep? The Chief Shepherd is Jesus – he described himself as the 'good shepherd' (v.11) – and we are the sheep. To be likened to sheep isn't a very flattering comparison. In *Animal Farm* by George Orwell the sheep are easily led, in contrast to the pigs (very intelligent animals by all accounts) who are the leaders. Sheep aren't known for being especially intelligent – they wander, they stray, they graze all day, oh and they smell – but they are endearing, especially their baby lambs, and they provide us with wool and meat.

Nevertheless, we are like sheep because we all go astray. We all wander from the path of righteousness, we all follow the herd, and we all need the care and guidance of the Good Shepherd. We are all lost sheep and can only be found by the Shepherd. We all have the smell of sheep about us.

The Good Shepherd leads us out of our cold indifference into the warmth of ~God's merciful and compassionate love for everyone, but especially the little ones: the poor, the vulnerable, those who grieve and those facing difficult daily challenges. The Good Shepherd guides us to live not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit and to produce the good fruit of the Spirit: 'love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law' (Gal. 5:22-23 NIV).

'The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.' (Ps. 23:1-3)

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| Saturday | April 21st | 6.00pm 7.30pm | St Bede's St Bede's | First Mass of Sunday | Special Intention Parishioners |
| Sunday | April 22nd | 9.30am 11.00am | St Edmund's St Bede's | 4th Sunday of Easter Year 'B' | Brian Watson (PH) Burke, Charlesworth, Lee & Nolan Families |
| Monday | April 23rd | No Mass | St Bede's | St George | No Mass |
| Tuesday | April 24th | 6.45pm 7.00pm | St Edmund's St Edmund's | Easter | Evening Prayer John & Annie Andrew |
| Wednesday | April 25th | 8.00am 8.15am | St Bede's St Bede's | St Mark Evangelist | Morning Prayer Clara Ciavaglia |
| Thursday | April 26th | 11.00am 6pm - 7pm 7.00pm | St Bede's St Bede's St Bede's | Requiem Mass for Easter | Mary Carruthers Holy Hour Marion Brechen (sick) |
| Friday | April 27th | 9.00am 9.15am | St Bede's St Bede's | Easter | Morning Prayer Deceased members of the Allen family |
| Saturday | April 28th | 9.00am 9.15am 6.00pm 7.30pm | St Edmund's St Edmund's St Bede's St Bede's | Easter First Mass of Sunday | Morning Prayer Jessie Wilson Ronnie Bowes Parishioners |
| Sunday | April 29th | 9.30am 11.00am | St Edmund's St Bede's | 5th Sunday of Easter Year 'B' | Brian Watson (SVP) John Carter |

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

LATELY DEAD: Mary Carruthers. May she rest in peace: Amen.

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

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First Reading: Acts 4:8-12: *'This is the only name by which we can be saved.'*

Psalm Response: *'The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.'*

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2: *'We shall see God as he really is.'*

Gospel: John 10: 11-18: *'The Good Shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep.'*

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THE SICK: Please pray for all the Sick: Martin Rooney, Marion Brecken, Mary Cully, Irene McNarney, Pat Denholm, Irene Robinson, Henry Samuel, Hillary Robinson and Belle McQueen

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION: Collection: The Cumbrian Martyrs' - £764.36. Attendance: St. Bede's - 217. St. Edmund's - 71.

PASTORAL LETTER: Bishop Paul invites us to listen to his first pastoral letter this weekend.

RED MISSION BOXES, St Edmund's: For those who have these boxes at home for APF/Missio and who normally attend Mass at St Edmund's, can you please leave them at the back of church on Sunday 22 April. They will be emptied and left for you to collect again on Sunday 29th April. Many thanks

PARISH MASS BOOKS: It has been noticed that a number of these books have gone missing from both St Bede's and St Edmund's Churches. This now means that we are short for Sunday Mass. If you have left these at home or elsewhere, please return as soon as possible. Thank you.

HOLY ROSARY DURING MONTH OF MAY: May is the month of Our Lady. With her incredible "Yes", she brought us our Redemption through Jesus Christ. She is the First Disciple and the embodiment of Holy Mother Church. As such, she can intercede for us and our country cries out for this. We will recite the Rosary at 1.00pm in "The Lady Chapel" at St Bede's during weekdays in May. Please come if you can.

ROSARY ON THE COAST: Recently the faithful of Poland and Ireland have responded to what they sense as a movement of the Holy Spirit to gather around the coasts of their nations and pray to Jesus, the Divine Mercy, for a renewal of faith and respect for human life through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of the Rosary. Having witnessed this, a number of the lay faithful in the British Isles - England, Scotland, Wales and their isles- have felt the same inspiration and urge to respond. A National day has been organised for **Sunday 29 April 2018 at 3.00pm**, the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Council 60 KSC are organising a venue at Port Carlisle on **Sunday 29th April**. It will commence with prayers at **2.30pm and the Rosary at 3pm**. Parishioners are invited to join us. For more information and to register go to: <https://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk>

ABORTION AND WOMEN'S HEALTH: Dr. Philip Howard is giving a talk, on behalf of Life, at the new Waterton Hall, Warwick Square, Carlisle on Monday 30th April 2018, commencing at 5.30pm. If you would like to attend, please contact north.cumbria@lifecharity.org.uk.

THE CATENIANS invite you to join them on a Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto National Marian Shrine for Scotland on Saturday 28th April 2018. Coach departs from Our Lady & St Joseph's Church, Warwick Square at 9.30am, returning at approximately 5.30pm. Cost is £10 per person - children under 15 years travel free of charge. Mass at 12.30pm - bring a packed lunch or dine in the Grotto's cafeteria. Please either put your name on the list at the back of church, or contact Eddie Smith: Tel: 01228 513123, Mobile 0750 2594313

CARLISLE FOOD BANK: Please continue to support this worthy initiative through contributing and putting your offerings in the basket at the back of both churches. If we could supply especially UHT milk, rice pudding, custard, tinned fruit, pasta sauce.

CENACOLO: Cenacolo Open Day: Sunday 6th May. Mass at 12 noon. [:https://cenacolouk.org/](https://cenacolouk.org/)

REQUIEM MASS: A WORD OF ADVICE: If you wish to have a Requiem Mass (which is the best way for the conclusion of ones life) celebrated for your funeral it is important to let relatives know this, **preferably in your will**. Funeral arrangements are often made by well meaning relatives who are un- aware of this side of Catholic practice.

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!**