

The Cumbrian Martyrs' Newsletter



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TODAY'S THEME

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness and so are we. Jesus was tempted and tested for forty days and so too are we. Lent is our time in the desert, our wilderness, in which we can expect to be tempted, tested and enter into spiritual conflict, an interior battle. No servant is greater than his or her master: just as Jesus was tempted and tested, so too are we. Jesus emerged from the desert with a message, which was, if you like, the fruit of his tempting and testing. His message was this: 'the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel' (v.15). We do well to ponder it and reflect on its meaning for our lives.

Repentance and conversion aren't popular ideas these days – but this begs the question, have they ever been? There can be no doubt that our culture has, as Pope St John Paul II often said, lost a sense of sin, and in losing a sense of sin it has also lost a sense of repentance and conversion. Sin conjures up all kinds of negative thoughts about our human condition, which we would prefer to push under the carpet. Nevertheless, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church states: 'Sin is present in human history; any attempt to ignore it or to give this dark reality other names would be futile' (para.386). Sin isn't a cold, judicial or forensic list of things we have or haven't done, but rather it involves not believing or trusting in the Father's tender love, not believing or trusting that Jesus has a wonderful plan for our lives, not believing or trusting that the Holy Spirit forgives and heals us.

A mystery of faith is that holiness doesn't obviate the call of repentance, but rather encourages it. The saints weren't increasingly less aware of their sin and need of salvation but rather increasingly more aware of it. Despite their sanctity and love of others, they understood that they needed the grace and healing mercy of God. To be aware or conscious of or sensitive to our waywardness, sinfulness and dire need of God's grace isn't about negative introspection but about knowing the joy, liberation and freedom of repentance, leading to ongoing conversion.

'Lord, thank you for your mercy and unfailing love. Please wash away my iniquity, cleanse me from my sin and restore to me the joy of my salvation.'

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Daily Reflections

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	Feb 17th	6.00pm 7.30pm	St Bede's St Bede's	First Mass of Sunday	Parishioners Private Intention
Sunday	Feb 18th	9.30am 11.00am	St Edmund's St Bede's	First Sunday of Lent Year 'B'	Patrick Burton Holy Souls
Monday	Feb 19th	No Mass	St Bede's	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	Feb 20th	6.45pm 7.00pm	St Edmund's St Edmund's	Lent	Evening Prayer Patrick McGoldrick
Wednesday	Feb 21st	9.00am 9.15am	St Bede's St Bede's	Lent	Morning Prayer Jessie Wilson
Thursday	Feb 22nd	6 - 7pm 7.00pm	St Bede's St Bede's	Chair of St Peter	Holy Hour (Evening Prayer) Elizabeth Duncan
Friday	Feb 23rd	9.00am 9.15am 12.00 noon	St Bede's St Bede's St Bede's	Lent Requiem Mass for	Morning Prayer Beaty, Nugent & Crone families (Year 4 Class Mass) Rose McLaughlin
Saturday	Feb 24th	9.00am 9.15am 6.00pm 7.30pm	St Edmund's St Edmund's St Bede's St Bede's	Lent First Mass of Sunday	Morning Prayer Rose Moody Jake Rudd Parishioners
Sunday	Feb 25th	9.30am 11.00am	St Edmund's St Bede's	Second Sunday of Lent Year 'B'	Kathleen Fontaine Gouge, Harding & Turnbull 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: Clara Ciavaglia & Rose McLaughlin May they rest in peace: Amen.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place in both Churches on Fridays in Lent at 7pm starting February 23rd

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First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15: 'God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood.'

Psalm Response: 'Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.'

Second Reading: 1 Peter: 3: 18-22: 'That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now.'

Gospel Reading: Mark: 1: 12-13: 'Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.'

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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, and Belle McQueen

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION: Attendance: St. Bede's - 231. St. Edmund's - 66 . Collection: St Bede's - £604.42. St. Edmund's - £187.32. Thank you for your generosity. **Please remember our parish in your will. Many thanks for a donation of £150 in memory of Patricia (Trish) Thompson.** Mission Appeal - 3rd/4th Mar

WE HAVE A NEW BISHOP: Bishop-Elect Paul Swarbrick, 59, from Garstang has been a priest of the Diocese for over 35 years. Born on 2 July 1958 to George Vincent Swarbrick and Alice Swarbrick (Horn), Canon Paul Swarbrick has three sisters and one brother. He went to primary school in Garstang and then on to Lancaster Royal Grammar school before training for the Priesthood at Ushaw College, Co Durham.

Ordained priest on 10 July 1982 at Ss Mary & Michael's church, Garstang, he would go on to serve as Assistant Priest at St. Mary, Kells, Whitehaven (1982-1983), St Maria Goretti, Preston (1983-1984), St Cuthbert, Blackpool (1984-1990) where he was also Chaplain to St Mary's Catholic High School, Blackpool before volunteering to serve on the missions in Monze Diocese, Zambia (1990-2005).

Upon his return from Zambia he assisted at English Martyrs, Preston (2005-2006) and for a few months at Mater Amabilis, Ambleside until he was appointed Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart, Preston whilst also in charge of St Walburge, Preston (2007-2010). In 2010 he was appointed Parish Priest of Our Lady & St Michael, Workington – now the enlarged parish of Christ the Good Shepherd, Workington-Harrington where he currently serves – and is also the local Dean (Vicar Forane) for West Cumbria.

In 2015 he was made a Canon of Lancaster Cathedral Chapter.

Upon hearing of his appointment Bishop-Elect Swarbrick commented:

"The Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, His Excellency Archbishop Edward Adams, has informed me that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has named me Bishop of Lancaster in succession to Bishop Michael Campbell OSA. I give thanks to God for His unfailing care for the Diocese of Lancaster.

In accepting the decision of His Holiness I must, first of all, acknowledge the example Bishop Campbell has given. He has been a faithful and generous Shepherd of the Lord's flock. I must confess to being in a state of surprise and shock at my appointment, and to a feeling of great inadequacy when faced with what lies ahead. Since my ordination to the Priesthood at Garstang in July 1982 this was never something I expected or feel prepared for.

I have given my acceptance in a spirit of profound humility, deeply conscious of my unworthiness and sinfulness. It is a call to follow Jesus with greater trust and more generous love, ever mindful of what He has done for me and, ultimately, the fullness of Life He calls me to share. I beg your daily prayers, your patience and your collaboration; our mission is to make our Lord, Jesus Christ more widely known and loved in the Diocese of Lancaster.

I draw on the example of so many saints and martyrs, as well as on the witness and memory of my own wonderful parents, grandparents and family. Faced with so much that is unknown and uncertain I am comforted by the presence of the Good Shepherd who has promised never to forsake His flock. I will serve to the best of my ability."

Note: Bishop-Elect Swarbrick will be ordained Bishop and take possession of the Diocese at St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster on Monday 9th April at 1130am. Meanwhile, although Bishop Campbell's resignation has been accepted, until Bishop-Elect Swarbrick's Ordination Bishop Campbell has been appointed by Pope Francis as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY: Friday 23rd Feb.. Envelopes will be given out this weekend. Please be generous.

NO COST METHOD OF FUND RAISING FOR NEWMAN SCHOOL CHAPEL FUND: Go to

www.easyfundraising.org.uk Enter NEWMAN SCHOOL CHAPEL FUND in the block titles "search for a cause". Click on JOIN US and add your details. You then can ask for a reminder so that every time you shop on-line with a participating company (Includes ASDA, TESCO, Sainsburys, Morrisons, Curry's, John Lewis, Debenhams, Amazon, Ebay and many more) if you shop on line, a percentage of your bill goes to the Newman School Chapel Fund. Nothing to lose. No Cost and they've already raised over £380!!!

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: St Cuthbert with St Mary - Fri 2nd Mar at 2.30pm. Please see notice board.

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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