



*...a vision of faith ...formed in love ...lived in hope*

### 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 In Thanksgiving  
Sunday: 9.30am In Thanksgiving  
11.00am People of the Parish  
Monday: 9.30am James Sommerville R.I.P.  
Tuesday: NO MASS  
Wednesday: 10.00am Theresa Coles (Requiem Mass)  
Thursday: NO MASS  
Friday: 9.30am The Quinn Family (Health)  
Saturday: 5.00pm Thomas Kevin Shields R.I.P.  
Sunday: 9.30am People of the Parish  
11.00am George Devlin R.I.P.

### Faithful Departed

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all those who have died recently, especially Theresa Coles. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

### Anniversaries

Margaret Bentley-Prior, John Walmsley, Elizabeth Wilkie, Margaret Florence McCabe, Anthony Blendowski, Catherine Mary Hunt, Elsie Moloney, Bernard Dillworth, Bernard Barrington, Jeff Lynam, James Fitzpatrick, Joan Gleave, Joyce Hardman, Enid Anderton, Pat Wilson, John Watson Greatorex, Rachel White, Ann Valentine, William McKenna, Eileen Gleeson, John Burns, Michael Monaghan, Patrick Doyle-Davidson, John Sinclair, Patricia Keenan.

### 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.

### Offeratory envelopes

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

### Parish Welcome

We welcome Remi and Rafi Tuck who were 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.

### 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.

3 May – Cinema Club – MEET THYE FOCKERS – 1pm  
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 email [olssbookings@hotmail.com](mailto:olssbookings@hotmail.com)

### **Cinema Club**

The next film show is MEET THE PARENTS, on 3rd May at 1pm in the parish centre. Meet the Parents is a 2000 American romantic comedy film written by Jim Herzfeld and John Hamburg and directed by Jay Roach. It chronicles a series of unfortunate events that befall a good-hearted but hapless male nurse (Ben Stiller as Greg Focker) while visiting his girlfriend's parents (Robert De Niro as Jack Byrnes and Blythe Danner as Dina Byrnes). In addition, Teri Polo stars as Pam Byrnes (Greg Focker's girlfriend) while Owen Wilson stars as Kevin Rawley (Pam Byrnes' ex-boyfriend). As ever no admission fee but perhaps a donation towards the refreshments and licence.

### **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](http://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](mailto:charlie.conner@lrdc.org.uk)  
The places will be limited, so please book in good time.

### **CAFOD**

A really big thank you to all our generous parishioners. This week we received an email from Christine Allen, Executive Director of CAFOD thanking us for a cheque from Our Lady Star of the Sea for £1,564! That's an astonishing amount and the combined result of our Harvest (£600) and Lenten (£964) Fast Days. And that amount was without Gift Aid, which so many of you signed up to. That could add quite an amount to the final total. Thank you so much. If you want to know any more about CAFOD'S work or donate, go online to [CAFOD.org.uk](http://CAFOD.org.uk)

### **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."

### **The Bishops reflect on gender issues**

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued a pastoral reflection on gender, highlighting the teaching of the Church but stressing that accompanying those struggling with gender dysphoria is "a complex but essential pastoral task." The document, titled Intricately woven by the Lord: A pastoral reflection on gender by the bishops of England and Wales, emphasises that all are welcome in the Church, but says that the sexual identity of an individual is not a purely "cultural or social construction."

The document refutes the idea, proposed by Gender Identity Theory, that everyone has an 'inner' gender identity, which sometimes fails to match the biological sex of the individual. It upholds the value of the body and importance of sexual differentiation. The bishops assert that we are all created in the image of God, with a dignity given to us by our creator and stresses that leading people to the fullness of life in Christ is a journey rooted in truth as well as compassion. Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton, said: "We have published this document because we know that those working in pastoral settings can find this issue complex. It is also an issue that needs to be handled sensitively. Accompaniment is crucial to the journey of faith, and we wish to emphasise that everyone is welcome in the Church. It is vital that as followers of Christ we imitate the boundless mercy and compassion of God as we deal with the complexity of another's life. But this needs to be done with a clear understanding of the Catholic vision and understanding of the human person and a holistic view of human sexuality."

The document, and the executive summary, can be read and downloaded at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk>

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