

Parish Diary for Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2017

Sat 4th <i>Sunday Vigil Mass</i>	<b>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer/Confessions, Adoration of Blessed Sacrament for vocations. 10.00am Mass (priest's intention: George & Kathleen Ainsworth) <b>2.00pm Rite of Election at the Cathedral in Lancaster . Fr Jerome is attending</b> 6.00pm Mass/Alston (priest's intention for LISCF/April). <i>Fr John Baron will be celebrating this Saturday Vigil Mass.</i>
Sunday 5th March	<b>FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</b> 8.30am Mass (priest's intention: people of the parish) <b>9.15am Preparatory meeting for First Holy Communion candidates and parents</b> 10.30am Mass (priest's intention: Canon Gerard Wharton), 407) 3.30pm Mass in Polish, Fr Roman Kossakowski SChr from Lancaster. <i>Distribution of CAFOD envelopes after Masses today for return on 12 March</i>
Tue 7th	<b>Tuesday of 1st week in Lent</b> <b>11.30am</b> Mass (priest's intention: <i>No requested intention for today</i> ) <i>10.00am meeting of Parish Council practical management group</i> <i>12.30 Penrith Clergy Fraternal Meeting in PMC</i> <i>5pm-9pm Fr Matthew leading a retreat for our Keralese Community in St Catherine's</i> <i>7.00pm meeting of Parish Council mission group</i>
Wed 8th	<b>Wednesday of 1st week in Lent</b> 9.15am Mass (priest's intention: <i>No requested intention for today</i> ) <i>2pm Yrs 3&amp;4 St Catherine's Schoolchildren in church with Fr Jerome</i> <b>3.30pm Lenten course: Pivotal Players, St Francis of Assisi part II.</b> <i>7.30pm Faith &amp; Fellowship meeting in the Quiet Room</i>
Thu 9th	<b>Thursday of 1st week in Lent</b> <i>2-4pm Meeting re Victims of Human Trafficking in Cumbria at Cumbria Constabulary, Fr Jerome attending</i> 6.45pm The Rosary. 7.00pm Mass (priest's int: <i>No requested intention for today</i> ) <i>After the Mass will be our 'Journey into Faith' session in the Quiet Room</i>
Fri 10th	<b>Friday of 1st week in Lent</b> <i>Priest visiting: Greystoke, Stainton, Beacon Edge NH.</i> 11.45am Morning Prayer. 12 noon Mass (priest's intention: <i>No requested intention for today</i> ) <b>Immediately after Mass there will be Stations of the Cross.</b>
Sat 11th <i>Sunday Vigil Mass</i>	<b>Saturday of 1st week in Lent</b> 9.00am Morning Prayer/Confessions, Adoration of Blessed Sacrament for vocations. 10.00am Mass (priest's intention: Maria José Andrés Anton) 6.00pm Mass/Alston (priest's intention for Niall Maguire,626). Confessions 5.30pm.
Sunday 12th March	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT</b> 8.30am Mass (priest's intention: people of the parish) <b>9.15am Preparatory meeting for First Holy Communion candidates and parents</b> <b>9.30am Baptism preparation programme in the Rectory Lounge</b> 10.30am Mass (priest's intention: John Hodgson, 413) <b>2.30pm Prayer &amp; Benediction.</b>
<b>Special Collections:</b> This Sunday is Distribution of CAFOD envelopes for return on 12 Mar.	
<b>Last week's statistics:</b> Attendance: Sat <u>Alston</u> 6pm 21 + <u>Penrith</u> Sun 8.30am 72 + 10.30am 101= 194. Offertory £431.37, Alston being £37.96, plus average weekly gift-aided S/O of £250 = £681.37.	
<b>Messages in St Catherine's sacristy for:</b> Anna Smylie, Susanna Cooper, Brenda Smith, John Poland and Janice Wrench.	



# WELCOME

TO THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST CATHERINE, PENRITH  
WITH ST WULSTAN'S CHAPEL, ALSTON

5 MARCH 2017 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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## Today's Gospel: Matthew chapter 4, verses 1 to 11.

The importance of the details of Christ's temptations lies not in the events themselves but in their meaning, showing as they do various ways of sinning against that first commandment of loving God with all your heart and mind. In the first place, our true bread of life is not this world's luxuries but God's Word. Neither can we presume on God's mercy unless we respond positively to his graces. And finally, only in serving God will we find our true protection and fulfilment.

## The Preface to the Eucharistic prayer on the First Sunday of Lent

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just**  
It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always, and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Christ our Lord.  
By abstaining forty long days from earthly food,  
he consecrated through his fast  
the pattern of our Lenten observance  
and, by overturning all the snares of the ancient serpent,  
taught us to cast out the leaven of malice,  
so that, celebrating worthily the Paschal Mystery  
we might pass over at last to the eternal paschal feast.  
and so with the company of Angels and Saints,  
we sing the hymn of your praise,  
as without end we acclaim:  
**Holy, Holy Holy Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest**

**Visitors, the family and toddler area is at the front of church before the Lady Altar. There is a Children's Liturgy at the 10.30am Mass. Refreshments are available in the Haydock Centre after the 10.30 Mass. For your pink gift aid offertory envelopes to be effective for a tax reclaim you must print your name, full address & postal code, and with your signature. Thankyou.**

