

# St Mary's, Cleator & St Joseph's, Frizington

Christ is life, we exist to bring His life to our part of God's creation

11th May 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Easter (C)

## Masses - St Mary's, Cleator

Streamed on [www.mcn.live](http://www.mcn.live) and Facebook

Sat (10th) 5.30pm: Joe Fowler

Sun (11th) 10.30am: Annamaria Ritson

Mon (12th) 9.10am: Morning Prayer

Tue (13th) 9.10am: Margaret Pattinson

Wed (14th) 7.00pm: Special Intention (CS)

Thurs (15th) 9.10am: Thomas Woolaghan

Fri (16th) 9.10am: Tom Graffin

Sat (17th) 5.30pm: Mary Thompson

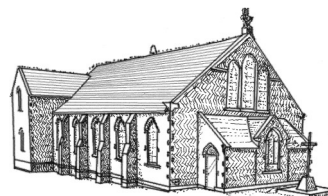
Sun (18th) 10.30am: John and Stella Burns

## St Joseph's - Frizington

Sun (11th) 9.00am: Bill Gainford

Wed (14th) 10.00am: Hazel Newton

Sun (18th) 9.00am: Eddie Flinn and Jackie Southward



## Confessions

St Mary's: Sat 4.45pm - 5.15pm

St Joseph's: Wed 10.30am

**Tea & Coffee** after 10.30am mass in St Mary's Parish Room every Sunday. St Josephs after 9.00am mass every **first Sunday of the month**, all are welcome.

**Your prayers are asked for:** Fred Mason Jnr, and for all those in the parish who are sick or anxious. For all those who have died recently, **Visuca Mazo de Hopley** and those in our **Book of Remembrance** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**CAFOD Cancel Debt Choose Hope** - 54 countries from Kenya to Sri Lanka are facing debt distress. Kenya is currently spending five times as much on repaying debts as it spends on hospitals and doctors. The consequences of this are families forego medical care, children lose access to quality education, and small farmers face the devastating impact of climate change without support. We need to create better systems, cancel unfair debts, and implement fairer laws. In this Jubilee Year which is when the Bible calls for debt cancellation to restore justice and human dignity. Cafod would like to encourage parishioners to stand with the people of Kenya and many others who are suffering the impact of this global debt crisis. Please sign the petition at the back of church, which is being signed by people in Catholic parishes all over the world.

**This Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations** there will be a retiring collection for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund.

**Parish Council** - there will be a meeting on Wednesday 21st May at 6.00pm in the Parish Room.

**Missio Boxes** - Thank you to all Missio red box holders the total collected was £1,062.45. Please collect your box from the vestry. You will be asked to bring your boxes back in again in October.

**Donation** - thanks for the donation of £80 for Defibrillator costs.

**First Holy Communion programme 2025** - On Saturday 17th May the children will make their First Holy Communion at 11am and will need to be at church at 10.45am.

**Foodbank** - thanks for the donation of £10.

**This week is Commonwealth War Graves Week** - A solemn occasion to honour the memory of those who served and sacrificed their lives in times of conflict. We particularly remember the 6 men buried in our churchyard and we hold their families in our thoughts and prayers. It is also timely to extend our sincere thanks to those who care for these graves, preserving their dignity and ensuring that their legacy endures. If you have time this weekend, please visit the graves, in a quiet act of remembrance. May we honour their sacrifice by preserving their memory in our hearts and community.

**Sight Savers International** - The Caritas group of St Mary's and St Joseph's are fundraising to support Sight Savers International Appeal. The Appeal starts on Sunday 18th May to Saturday 3rd July. For more information please see the posters at the back of church.

**75% of all blindness could be prevented or cured, that's more than 27 million people, most of whom live in the world's poorest countries.**

**£5 can protect 30 people from blinding Trachoma.**

**£12 a year could help protect 720 families from losing sight due to river blindness.**

**£28 can pay for sight-saving cataract operations.**

**£9 a year can pay for Trichiasis operation.**

**£4 for cataract consumables kit for 5 operations.**

Thank you for your continual support.

**Grass Cutting** - Please can you assist our groundsmen by keeping grave mementos ideally on the grave plinth or as close as possible to the headstone.

**Priory Club Trip** - to Carlisle Cathedral on Tuesday 17th June. Please contact Sean Close if you would like to go.

**Cars in the Graveyard** - There are an increasing number of cars driving into St Mary's graveyard. This very much alters the character and atmosphere of the graveyard. Please only drive in to assist those with mobility issues to visit family graves.



### Centenary Prayer

God our Father, we thank you for all the graces and blessings You have bestowed on our Diocese since its foundation one hundred years ago on ground made fertile by the blood of the martyrs. Nourished by your Son, Jesus Christ, in Word and Sacraments, and led by your Holy Spirit, may we move forward with hope and trust, helping future generations to discover the "pearl of great price" which will bring them eternal life. And when time shall be no more, may our Diocese rejoice as the "mother of countless children," and be given her place in heavenly glory. This we ask of you who live and reign for ever and ever.  
Amen

**Parish Office hours** - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am - 12.00 noon.

**Parish Giving.** If you can, it would be very helpful to set up a Standing Order payment monthly into our account. You can do this by contacting your bank direct and providing them with the details of our account listed below. Alternatively, you can download and complete the Standing Order form from our website [www.stmarysandstjosephs.com](http://www.stmarysandstjosephs.com) under the Giving page and send it to your bank. If you do online banking, the quickest and most direct way is to donate with a bank transfer. Whichever way you choose to donate please add your surname and first name as reference to help our bookkeeper.

Our account details are;

Bank: HSBC Bank plc

Sort Code: 40-27-02

Account Name: LRCDTR St Mary & St Joseph

Account Number: 11334751

If you would prefer to pay by cheque please make it payable to St Mary's Church and send to St Mary's, The Priory, Cleator, Cumbria. CA23 3AB.

You can scan this QR code with the camera on your phone to make offerings to the parish, it will take you to the 'Donate' website where you can decide how much you want to give. Thank you.



You can also make your offerings online by going to the 'Giving' page

<http://www.stmarysandstjosephs.com/giving.html> on the parish website and clicking 'DONATE' button in the online giving section and following the instructions. Everything we do at St Mary's and St Joseph's is made possible by your giving. Thank you!