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Linked with
Our Lady of The Lakes
and St Charles, Keswick



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The Apple Seed

Long ago, when times were hard, a man was caught stealing food from the market place. The king was told of this misdemeanour, and he ordered that the man should be hanged for the theft. Preparations were made to carry out the execution, while the man was held in a dark dungeon.

On the day he was due to be hanged, the guards brought the man to the gallows, and he was asked if there was anything he wanted to say before he was put to death. 'Yes,' said the prisoner. 'I have a message for the king. I have a special gift that was passed on to me by my father, who received it from his father. I can plant an apple seed in the ground and it will grow into a flourishing tree overnight, and bear fruit straight away. I just feel that it would be a pity if this secret gift were to die with me, before I have passed it on.'

The king was impressed, and he asked the prisoner to tell him the secret and to plant the apple seed before he died. 'I would gladly do so', said the prisoner, 'but I must warn you that the seed can only be planted by a person who has never been dishonest - never stolen anything or told a lie, or deceived anyone in any way. So, of course, I cannot plant the seed myself, because I am a convicted thief'.

The king called for his prime minister to plant the seed, but the prime minister looked sheepish, and admitted that he had once kept something that did not belong to him, therefore he could not plant the seed. So the king called for his chief treasurer, whose face at once flushed deep red as he confessed that there had been times when he had not been completely honest in his dealings with the treasury of the country. 'I think, Your Majesty', the treasurer said, 'that you will have to plant the seed yourself'. The king hesitated and became very uneasy, recalling how he had deceived his wife and been unfaithful. He hung his head and admitted that he, too, would be unable to plant the seed.

The thief looked around at all three of them. 'You are the mightiest people in the land', he said, 'yet none of you is free of guilt. None of you is capable of planting the apple seed. Yet I, who stole a piece of bread because I was starving, am condemned to death'. And the king pardoned the wise thief.

A rabbi, a priest and a nun were enjoying lunch at an interfaith meeting. "This ham is delicious", the priest joked. "I can't understand how anything so wonderful could be forbidden by religious law. Come on, Rabbi, when are you going to try it?" Without missing a beat, the Rabbi responded. "I'll try it", she said with a wide grin, "at your wedding or at Sister's ordination".



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The Wedding in Cana

Bulletin Notices (deadline Thursday 3pm) - Please send to Barbara Cunliffe

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PLEASE KEEP NOTICES BRIEF

Sat	Jan 19	VIGIL OF SUNDAY	6.45 pm	Holy Souls
Sun	Jan 20	2ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	11.00 am	Simone Clifford
Mon	Jan 21	St Agnes	9.30 am	Prayer of the Church
Tues	Jan 22	Week 2 Ordinary Time	9.30 am	Michael McGovern
Wed	Jan 23	Week 2 Ordinary Time	9.30 am	Service of the Word with Communion
Thur	Jan 24	St Francis de Sales	9.30 am	Alan Porter
Fri	Jan 25	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL	9.30 am	Prayer of the Church
Sat	Jan 26	VIGIL OF SUNDAY	6.45 pm	Jimmy, Veronica & Margaret Keenan
Sun	Jan 27	3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	11.00 am	Fr Thomas Vincent Baron



Rosary 9.10am on weekdays before Mass/Service.



Coffee every Sunday after 11am Mass in Church Hall.



Children's Liturgy at 11am Mass on the second and fourth Sunday each month.



Parish Pastoral Group First Tuesday of the month at 7.00pm in the presbytery. New members always welcome. Just come along. Requests for visits can be made to Michael Mapleton on 826423.



Scripture Group Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the presbytery. All welcome.



PLEASE PRAY FOR Our sick and housebound: Christopher Larson, Yolanda Holmes. Also for those whose anniversaries are at this time. May they rest in peace.



Offertory Collection last Sunday: £463.24 White Flower Appeal: £156.26
Mass Attendance: Vigil: 57 Sunday: 87



Ministers Next Weekend (Please arrange replacement if necessary.)

Readers: Vigil: P Quirk, M Rooney
11am B McMullen, T Gleed



Eucharistic Ministers: Vigil: M Tinnion, W Finn, R Owens
11am C Proctor, J Gleed, M Mapleton



Flowers: Pat Woodcock

Parish Council AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Hall after Mass on Sunday 3 February 2019. See Notice Board for details.

Lancaster Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

, under the leadership of Bishop Paul Swarbrick. 26th July - 2nd August. Direct to Lourdes by air. Please see leaflets at the back of church for details.

The Youth Pilgrimage is taking place at the same time. If you are interested in going please get in touch with Castlerigg Manor. 017687 72711

CASTLERIGG MANOR EVENTS

26th January 8pm The Pope will be at the final Vigil at World Youth Day Panama, and we are gathering at the Cathedral in Lancaster for a time of praise and worship, adoration, testimony and celebration. Open to all, no need to book!

Flame: 2nd March We've booked coaches to travel to Wembley and we have tickets for the largest gathering of young Catholics in the country. An amazing day to encourage our young people in their faith, £45 for travel and admission, there and back in the day. We're hoping to get groups from all of our diocesan high-schools - please encourage and support them. If you have a parish group you would like to bring, please get in touch.

Adults' Retreat 8th - 10th March. A retreat for young people aged 18+ (to roughly 35). A chance for young adults to spend some time away with the Lord and enjoy our beautiful setting. Keynote speech from Fr Luiz Ruscillo.

For more information visit website:
www.castleriggmanor.co.uk

This Sunday we welcome a guest reader at the 11.00am Mass. Catherine Chambers is a member of Christ Church and represents the Mission Community, a local ecumenical grouping of the Anglican, Urc and Methodist Churches.



First Communion

There is a list at the back of church for the names of any children who will be 8 years of age next May and who wish to make their First Holy Communion.

Castlerigg are looking to recruit a new General Assistant, up to five days a week, 8am-2pm. Please contact Gillian, 017687 72711



There will be a **Home Produce stall** this weekend before and after Mass and your donations of baking, jams and crafts are very welcome. All proceeds to the Hands On project in Columbia. Next month's stall (16/17th Feb.) will be a recycling/Bric a Brac Stall. Please Declutter and Donate and help Cafod. Contact Shelagh on 827883 if collection is needed or simply bring donations on the day

Father, hallowed be your name, may your kingdom come, give us each day the kind of bread we need, and forgive us our sins, for we forgive all who do us wrong, and do not bring us to the test.

From the Gospel according to St. Luke, Christian Community Bible