



Our Lady of the Lakes & St Charles Keswick

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Mass times and intentions

Saturday 17th October	Vigil of Sunday	5.00pm	Dolores Smyllie
Sunday 18^h October	29th Sunday	9.00am	Barry Burns
Monday 19 th October	Monday week 29	No Service	
Tuesday 20 th October	Tuesday week 29	No Service	
Wed 21 st October	Wednesday week 29	9.30am	Priest's intention
Thursday 22 nd October	Thursday week 29	No Service	
Friday 23 rd October	Friday week 29	9.30am	Vera Gargan
Saturday 24th October	Vigil of Sunday	5.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 25^h October	30th Sunday	9.00am	Priest's intention

Please pray for: Maria Harbinson, Pierre Douvreur and Mike Glover who are sick, and for all those who are suffering at this time.

Gospel Reflection – 29th Sunday

In today's Gospel, some of Jesus' opponents try to trap him with a question about paying taxes to Caesar. His answer is as wise as it is challenging:

"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

The question for us is not simply what belongs to Caesar, but **what belongs to God**.

And the answer is simple: ultimately, **everything**.

The coin bore the image of Caesar, and so could be returned to Caesar. But we bear the image of God. Our lives, our gifts, our hopes and our future all find their source in him.

The Gospel therefore invites us to ask not merely whether we are giving God something, but whether we are giving him ourselves. Faith is not one commitment among many; it is the foundation upon which everything else rests.

As we reflect on these words of Jesus, perhaps we might ask ourselves:

What place does God truly have in my life, and is there anything I am still reluctant to place in his hands?

Mass for Healthcare Workers

All those working in healthcare (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, receptionists, porters, chaplains and many more) are invited to Mass with our bishop on Saturday 17th October at 12.15 in Lancaster Cathedral. The bishop will celebrate a votive Mass of St Luke, the patron saint of doctors, praying for all those in our diocese who work in healthcare and all those they care for. There will be a chance to meet up with other Catholic healthcare workers over a cup of tea in the social centre afterwards.

First Holy Communion

If there are any children in the Parish who will be 8 years of old or older by next May, who haven't yet made their first Holy Communion, could you please let Fr Tom know their names as soon as you can so that they can begin their preparation.

Thinking of being a priest?

Come to the Day of Discernment! The day is for single men 16 years or over who are considering priesthood: **Saturday 31 October 10am - 3.30pm** at St Peter's Cathedral, Balmoral Rd, Lancaster LA1 3BT. Enter at Cathedral House on Balmoral Rd. The day includes Mass, adoration, reflections and lunch with Bishop Paul. To book, email Heather: heather.watts@lrcd.org.uk or Tel: 01524 841190. There is no charge for the day. As well as meeting the Bishop, you will have the opportunity to get to know how discernment works and who can assist you. You will also meet many others from across the Diocese of Lancaster exploring vocation to priesthood.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

led by Canon Philip Conner, 19-26 April 2027, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Christ. Besides visits to Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee and Jerusalem, the tour will include the ancient sites of Petra in Jordan and Mount Nebo where Moses looked over the Promised Land. The pilgrimage is an act of hope in difficult times in the Middle East, and also an act of solidarity with the local Palestinian Christians who rely upon pilgrims visiting their land. All details and further information can be found at www.jcjourneys.com/jhc-holyland

CASTLERIGG MANOR ARE LOOKING FOR BOOKS // *the team at Castlerigg Manor are building a library, both for the use of young people who use Castlerigg and for the resident ministry team. The aim very much being faith formation. They are hoping to do this without spending too much money, and they are wondering if any of the clergy or parishes have any old books that they would be willing to donate. If anyone can help, please contact Jack at Castlerigg - jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk*