

ROTAS:**CLEANERS:****COFFEE:****COUNTERS:**

Catherine Lomax (w/c 18th August)
 Big Friends (Sun 24th August)
 Faith Billington & Deborah Carey (w/c Sun 24th August)

DIARY EVENTS:

SUN 17 th	10.00 am:	NO Children's Liturgy (school holidays) Prayer Ministry & Coffee after 10am Mass
WED 20 th		NO Prayer Meetings in August – resume 3 rd September at the new time of 1.15pm
THUR 21 st	6.00 pm:	Cenacolo Prayers in Oratory
FRI 22 nd	3.00 pm:	Divine Mercy Chaplet recited in church
SUN 24 th	10.00 am:	NO Children's Liturgy – back on 7 th September Prayer Ministry & Coffee after 10am Mass

RIGHT TO LIFE PRAYER 17th August: "As we celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Friday, let us pray to imitate Our Lady's spirit of welcome and charity, especially at the announcement of a new pregnancy. Lord hear us".

CANONISATION OF CARLO ACUTIS AND PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI:

Sunday 7th September. We would like to celebrate this on Sunday 7th or nearest date and if possible involve some of the young people as well as both these Saints were young themselves. We could do with a small team to help plan the event and prayer cards and posters.

SEASON OF CREATION: 1st September – 4th October. Again, it would be good to have a group to help celebrate this, maybe planning a mass and / or, for example, greening the church in some way and any other ideas.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

At Sunday 10am Mass there is a Children's Liturgy (term-time) to which visitors are very welcome. Refreshments are available in the Parish Centre after the 10am Mass.

If you wish to Gift-Aid your offertory donation please take one of the GREEN ENVELOPES from the back of church to complete. Thank you.

PARISH PRIESTS: Canon Hugh Pollock VG and Fr Simon Marley.

DEACON: Reverend George Bissett

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**HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
17th AUGUST 2025

**TODAY'S READINGS:** *We shall keep running steadily...*

Today's readings confront us with a truth we would rather avoid: discipleship is costly. We do not like to hear that following Christ will sometimes set us at odds with those around us—that it may bring mockery, rejection, even persecution. We would prefer a faith that is comfortable, that asks little of us. But the Gospel does not allow that. Choosing Christ means choosing to live by His truth, even when that demands hard decisions, even when the world pulls us the other way. We accept this cost because our eyes are fixed beyond ourselves. We care more for the eternal salvation of others than for what they might think or do to us in this life. In today's Gospel, Jesus says, *I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze!* That fire is the burning love of God—a love that has claimed us and calls us to spread it. If we are truly His disciples, we will join Him in setting the world alight with that love, gladly paying whatever price it demands. For the cost of discipleship is fleeting, but the treasure of God's love is eternal.

...in the race we have started!



**NETWORK FOR A BETTER WORLD MISSION
APPEAL SUNDAY 17th AUGUST**

This weekend we welcome Chris Hayton from Network for a Better World, a lay missionary group which works for the relief of poverty with specific support for women and children in a rural mission parish in Southern Malawi. He will speak about the work of the organisation and how we can all be involved in the mission of the Church overseas. There will be a retiring collection in support of their work. Thank you for your support.



SUMMER 2026: LOURDES PILGRIMAGE WITH HCPT: Be part of a special week in Lourdes next Summer whether as a carer or as an assisted person, or through your generosity you can help people, young and old, to have a truly life-changing experience. For more information please see Christine Jamieson or contact Richard McDowell (northwest@hcpt.org.uk / 07721 925595). Please see poster in church.

MASSES WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 17th AUGUST 2025

Sun 17 th	TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10.00 am: Frank McAvoy RIP 12.00 noon: People of the parish 6.00 pm: Kathleen Bell RIP	<u>at Sedbergh</u>
Mon 18 th	Monday of week 20 10.00 am: John Peters RIP	
Tues 19 th	Tuesday of week 20 12.00 noon: Domenica De Palma RIP	
Wed 20 th	St Bernard 12.00 noon:	
Thurs 21 st	St Pius X 12.00 noon:	
Fri 22 nd	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12.00 noon: 6.00 pm: Syro-Malabar Mass	
Sat 23 rd	St Rose of Lima 9.30 am: Confessions: 10 – 11am and Adoration	
Sun 24 th	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 10.00 am: Elsie & George McAvoy RIP 12.00 noon: People of the parish 6.00 pm: Soul of Romeo Doroni LD	<u>at Sedbergh</u>

KIRKBY LONSDALE: Vigil Mass at 5.30pm on Saturday 16th August will be offered for **Celia Petre (sick)** and Mass on Thursday 21st August at 5.30pm will be offered for **Friends with sickness**.

Confessions available on request.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SICK: Jamie Banks Wallhead, Ian Muir, Christine Stoker, Thomas Smith, Jane Johnson, Patrick Dolan, Mike Nicholson, Heidi Walmsley, Edward Sykes, Sylvia Chambers, Christopher Brown, Sandra Jones, Teresa Harbatch, Olimpia McAvoy, Christine Ellwood, Maria Parrott, Moira Ferguson, Diane Dixon, Elizabeth Cartmell, Maureen Dundon, Ann Beckett, Gerard Ashton.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mary Doherty, Frank Bitniak, Doris (Dolly) Keely, Robert Nicholson, Vic Sochaki, Leo Donohue, Robert Judd, Josephine Miller, Mrs Jenkinson, Therese Garnett, John Peters, Michael McEntegart, Margaret Griffin, Mary Frizzell, Margaret Riding, Sylvia Regan, Lewis Somes, Jean Cullen, John Curwen, Pauline Clough, James Matthews, Maureen Garnett, Caroline Dale, Francis Hayton, Mary Gledhill, David Mitchell, Teresa Ratajski.



CLEATOR PILGRIMAGE TRANSPORT: If you would like to travel in the minibus to Cleator on Sunday 7th September please sign up on the sheet in the porch **ASAP** as we need to make sure there will be enough people to fill seats! This year's theme is Mary, Mother of the Church. Tea and coffee provided, please bring a packed lunch. Mass and Blessing of the Sick at 3pm with Bishop Paul Swarbrick.

SVP MEMBERS: Our Parish St Vincent de Paul Conference still urgently needs new members to serve as **President, Secretary and Treasurer**. This is a special opportunity to serve God and local people in need. Please contact Raymond Daley on RaymondD@svp.org.uk or 07462 014088 to find out more.

YEAR A AND YEAR C PSALTERS FOR SALE IN THE PIETY SHOP: Composed by Debbie Aitchison these contain all the Psalms being sung at the 10am Sunday masses. They are chant settings that may come up on Sundays, Solemnities and Feasts of the Lord, (currently Year C). A4 size is available for £8, and a smaller size at £7. Also available online at thegreatbritishbookshop.co.uk

THE SEVEN MARTYRS OF KENDAL BOOK NOW ON SALE: Read about the history of the Seven Martyrs of the Parish (John Mason, Thomas Sprott, Thomas Somers, Thomas Tunstall, James Duckett, John Duckett, Thomas Pickering), by Derek W Longmire. On sale in the piety shop for a suggested donation of £2.

There are still a few '**A DAY OF HOPE' CELEBRATION MUGS** in the parish centre so if you would like one, please take one! Any donations, if you wish, will go to CAFOD.

ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT ON ZOOM: 30th August, 10am–1pm. Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, with guest speaker Fr Paul Leonard. Please register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREAUG2025 www.altonrenewal.com.

'6 PARISHES VISIT TO SEDBERGH': Saturday 11th October – save the date for an afternoon visit to St Andrew's Church, Sedbergh. Our 6 churches are to gather for Rosary, Talk, Afternoon Tea and a Walk. More details to follow.

ANNUAL ALTAR SERVERS MASS: Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 4th October. Please email Ian Mulholland direct, if interested. mulhollabnd.id@gmmail.com

(ALTAR SERVERS DINNER: Castle Green Hotel, Thursday 20th November)

'SHAPE' COURSE at St Thomas' Church. Mondays 7-9pm, 6 weeks from 4th September to 9th October. Contact beverley.lock@carlislediocese.org.uk or Steve Minto: 07884 849407 or <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CNFA> to book.

CASTLERIGG MANOR OPEN DAY: Sunday 14th September. Midday onwards with mass at 2pm with Bishop Paul Swarbrick. All welcome.