

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 17 October at Sacred Heart, Coniston	5.00 pm Vigil Mission Sunday	Special Intention(CJ)
SUNDAY 18 October at Our Lady & St James Millom	10.30am	For the Parish
MONDAY 19 October St Paul of the Cross	Week 29 in O T	Private Intention
TUESDAY 20 October In Millom	9.15am	Special Intention
WEDNESDAY In Millom 21 October	5.00pm	Special Intention
THURSDAY 22 October in Coniston Pope St John Paul II	10.00am	Special Intention
FRIDAY 23 October in Millom St John Capistrano	9.00am	Special Intention

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Serving the communities of Coniston & Millom
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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in O T (A) 18 October 2026

WELCOME:

We extend our cordial welcome to you all. Let us be inspired by our Lord Jesus Christ's suffering death and resurrection. Jesus' call to follow him asks us to give him not less than everything. May the good Lord fill fill you with hope and courage.

"Ascribe to the Lord glory and power." Ps 96:7b

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Let us remember those who are sick in our Parish community and friendship: Eric Young, John Ross, Jack Mossop, John Hudson, David Graves, Rebeca McCluskey, Joan Rainford, Lesley Hayes, Jack Shearsby, Nicky Boardman, John Beck, Paul Davison, John Darragh, Pamela Roberts, Reg Heathcote and Derek Watson. May the Lord heal and comfort them.

Let us pray for all who died recently: Sarah Taylor, Donald Roeubuck, Fr James Flannery, Peter Cairns, Geraldine Rossiter, Catherine Bradley, Gregory Fitz-William and Eugen O'Neill. Eternal rest grant unto them O, Lord...

FORTHCOMING WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS:

Thirtieth Sunday in O T

Saturday 24 October 5.00pm Vigil - Coniston - Special Intention (OP)

Sunday 25 October 10.30am Sunday Mass - Peter Lancaster (A)

Parish Clergy: Father Mathew Jacob

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

MONDAY

Luke 12:13-21 Luke often uses someone from the crowd to change the direction of his narrative. The man who wants Jesus to settle an inheritance question allows Jesus (who refuses to be drawn into arguments about money) to point out the futility of attachment to material things.

TUESDAY

Luke 12:35-38 Jesus now turns to his disciples and warns them that they must never let up in their vigilance: they (we) are to be ready, dressed for action, awaiting the return of the master.

WEDNESDAY

Luke 12:39-48 Luke has Jesus continue his theme about watchfulness. He tells another two parables. Only lives lived properly just now give signs that we are true disciples, ready for the day when the master will return. Actions speak louder than words here: our loves will show how ready we are for the Lord, a return of which we don't know the time or day.

THURSDAY

Luke 12:49-53 This is a strange passage: Jesus describes himself as coming to bring war, not peace. He has a baptism to undergo, and is anxious to get on with it. Baptism is the clue to what is going on here: Jesus' baptism (=immersion) is his total commitment to doing his father's will.

FRIDAY

Luke 12:54-59 How is it that people know how to read the weather from signs, and cannot see the signs that God is present in everyday life? We need to read the 'signs of the times'

SATURDAY

Luke 13:1-9 People are shocked at Pontius Pilate's brutality; they want to know also: were the people he killed any more wicked than those who are still alive? Jesus makes clear the answer is 'No'. Unfortunately, in life, terrible things happen, but they must not distract us from repenting and living out the gospel.

INFORMATION AND MATTERS OF NOTE:

+ Thank you for supporting the restoration works of our Church buildings. The retiring collection is towards the Restoration of our both churches. Thanks for your generous mind and patience. May God bless you all.

+ Last Sunday started the Prisoners Week - praying for Prisoners and their families. Let us keep them in our prayers and support the ministry.

+ This Sunday is the World Mission Sunday - Collection for APF Missio Next Sunday - Collection for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund.

"To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me."

Cf. Ps 16: 6,8

+ Annual Memorial Mass will be held on first Sunday (1st November) as usual at 10.30am and on it's Vigil for our Parish family members died this year (Nov 2025- October 2026). Members of the family of the departed faithful are cordially invited to be present.

THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS

For mental health ministry. Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

+ The offerings given below are of the last two weekends (4 & 11 October). Thanks for your good will and generosity.

OFFERINGS:

Main - £ 579.00

Restoration - £ 88.00