

St Mary's Hornby, Our Lady's Caton, St Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale
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22nd & 29th December 2019 –
4th Sunday of Advent / Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Divine Office Weeks 4 and 1

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 21 st December	Caton	6:00 pm	Parish
Sunday 22 nd December	Kirkby Lonsdale	9:00 am	Priest's Intention
Sunday 22 nd December	Hornby	11:00 am	James Freeman
Tuesday 24 th December	Caton	6:00 pm (Carols from 5.30 pm)	Fr Jimmy Langdon, RIP
Tuesday 24 th December	Kirkby Lonsdale	9:00 pm	Priest's Intention
Wednesday 25 th December	Kirkby Lonsdale	9:00 am	Parish
Wednesday 25 th December	Hornby	11:00 am	Peter Atkinson and Pat & Tony Bishop
Saturday 28 th December	Caton	6:00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday 29 th December	Kirkby Lonsdale	9:00am	Patrick Miller RIP
Sunday 29 th December	Hornby	11:00am	Parish
Saturday 4 th January	Caton	6:00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday 5 th January	Kirkby Lonsdale	9:00am	Parish
Sunday 5 th January	Hornby	11:00am	Parish

There are no weekday Masses in the Parishes. Mass is celebrated each day at Lancaster Cathedral at 12:15, and at St Joseph's Church, Slyne Road Lancaster, Tues - Sat at 10am. Check <https://stjosephs-lancaster.co.uk/> for details.
 Holy Trinity & St George Church, 33 Blackhall Road, Kendal, LA9 4BW, offer weekday masses at various times – see <https://kendalcatholicchurch.uk/>

Kirkby Lonsdale Weekly Services

Sunday	After 9:00 am Mass	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Tuesday	9:30 am	Ecumenical Prayer (St Mary's Kirkby Lonsdale)
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Novena to Our Lady and Benediction
Wednesday	10:15 am	Morning Prayers
Saturday	11- 11:45 am	Adoration and Confession
Sunday	After 9:00 am Mass	Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Hornby /Caton Services

Friday	5:00 – 6:00 pm	Holy Hour for Vocations (Hornby)
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Anniversaries:

Robin Daniels, Hugh Barton, Patrick O'Donnell, Austin White, James McGrath, Anne Carroll, Thomas Ruddy, Glen Birtwistle, Mary Coffey, Joseph Moxham, Adelina Roscoe, Michael Strain, Joseph Newns, Agnes McCarry.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parishes:

Brian Byrne, Sarah Adam, Veronica Law, Dennis Brown, Graham Jubb, Paul Shuttleworth, Keith and Alexa Wightman, Sarah Mason, Cynthia McPherson, Jean Wilson, Kevin Casey, Esther Castle, Chris Broadhurst, Joan Randall, Hazel Waring, Eric and Nina Ireland, Frances McKenzie, Sandie Hardy, Elizabeth Ackerley, Pepe Casanova, Karen Parkinson, Margaret Aspin, Damien Waterhouse, Bruce Kay, Colette Calveley, Lucy Ball, Maggie Trimble, Pauline O'Toole and Roberta Whiteside.

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son...

St Elizabeth was married into the heart of the Temple tradition. She represents the best of the ancient chosen people of God. The Temple was a sign pointing to God. The ancient Hebrews struggled with the concept of building a Temple, while the pagans built temples everywhere and limited their gods to their buildings. The Hebrews, however, knew that God could not be limited to one place; but they wanted a place to honour God, a place that would hold the special presence of the One whom the universe could not contain. Elizabeth's body was like that ancient Temple; it contained the one who would point out the Lord to the world. John the Baptist. Within Elizabeth, he leapt for joy in the presence of Jesus within Mary. John, the last of the ancient prophets became the first of the Christian prophets pointing to the One he would later call the *Lamb of God*. He embodied and brought to a conclusion the Temple Tradition of Israel, the tradition of reminding the people that God is among them. Jesus is Emmanuel, God-with-us!

...and they shall call Him, Emmanuel, which means, God-is- with-us!

Christmas Message from Fr Luiz

Dear Friends,

I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families at this time.

I count myself as very fortunate and blessed to have this time in Jerusalem. My life at the moment is a mixture of study of the Bible and travel. There are so many significant places to visit, most of which have connections with the scriptures, and the people of Israel and the early Christians. I also have the occasional visit to the local bar where they show English football and serve beer.

My accommodation is in the garden of a convent of religious sisters, the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. It's a single room bedsit, but certainly adequate and the Sisters are very hospitable. I celebrate Mass with them each day. The location is perfect, just 2 minutes from Damascus Gate right next to the ancient city. I can walk to the tomb of Jesus in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in under 15 minutes, to the Garden of Gethsemane in 20 minutes, and to the Mount of Olives (the place of the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven) in 30 minutes.

On Christmas Eve we will celebrate Mass in the Shepherds' Field in Bethlehem where the 'Shepherds watched their flocks by night'. That Mass I will offer for you, all my parishioners. Although I find this a wonderful experience I can say that I miss being with you in the Lune Valley. You are often in my thoughts and prayers. I will especially miss you at Christmas.

With my most sincere best wishes and prayers, Fr Luiz.

Parish Council Meeting Monday 13 January, 7:00 pm, Our Lady Immaculate, Caton

The next parish council meeting for St Mary's and Our Lady's will be on Monday 13th January. If there are any items you would like discussed under any other business please inform Christine Griffiths or Joe Armistead before 1st January so they can be included in the agenda. All parishioners are very welcome at the meeting.

May He Rest In Peace

The Bishop has let us know that Fr Jimmy Langdon SJ, of St Wilfrid's Winckley Square, Preston, died on 13 December, aged 93. A great man, and a great priest. Please pray for the Jesuit community, his family and all those who have cared for him these past few years. Further details to follow in time.

Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Walk Through the Bible - Ecumenical Away Day

You are warmly invited to *Walk Through The Bible - Old Testament*. This is a Live Interactive, memorable, fun and engaging: relax and enjoy the journey as an experienced guide leads us through the timeline and geography of the Old Testament - the big overview that can unlock 39 of the books. The event is sponsored by Tunstall Deanery and Churches Together in Caton – see invitation cards at the back of church.

Saturday 18 January 10am to 4.30pm Brookhouse Methodist Church LA2 9PA. Cost £14 including workbook. Free for children aged 11-16 if accompanied by an adult. Please bring a packed lunch.

Book online at bible.org.uk (click 'Tickets') or call 015242 21712 or sin up at the back of Church.

Vacancy -Lead Diocesan Education Officer

The Bishop and Trustees are seeking to appoint a Lead Diocesan Education Officer to work for the Education Service.

0.8 FTE Term time only - Leadership salary £40,987 to £45,220 - required for Easter 2020

Closing Date: 12:00 noon Friday, 1st February 2020

A Job Description, Person Specification and Application Form can be obtained by emailing educationservice@lancasterdiocese.org.uk or telephone 01524 841190.

While Fr Luiz is away

As you are aware, Fr Luiz is away from the parishes until 19 April 2020. During this time a number of priests will be looking after the parishes and saying the masses, and various volunteers are helping with church management. You can read full details of all arrangements on the website: <https://www.lunevalleycatholics.org.uk/2019/11/01/fr-luiz-sabbatical-leave/>.

Email notices to: newsletter@lunevalleycatholics.org.uk
