

The Parishes of St. Mary | Hornby, with Caton St. Joseph | Kirkby Lonsdale

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Parish Newsletter

Sunday 30th August 2020

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Divine Office Psalter - Week 2 Sunday Readings - Year A Weekday Readings - Year 2 Week 22

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Parish Diary

Please note the Mass times this week, especially on Monday. We will be returning to the regular pre-Covid schedule of times and venues.

Sunday 30th August Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Green	18.00 Our Lady Immaculate Mass Pro Populo 09.00 St. Joseph Mass Private Intention 11.00 St. Mary Mass Nicholas Gilbertson
Monday 31st August St. Aidan, Bishop & The Saints of Lindisfarne, Optional Memorial White	For a public holiday, Mass will be at a later time than normal 10.00 St. Mary Mass Edward Taylor
Tuesday 1st September Votive Mass of the Holy Angels White Day of Prayer for the Care of the Creation	18.00 Our Lady Immaculate Mass Michelle Grimshaw 19.00 St. Mary Wedding Rehearsal
Wednesday 2nd September Votive Mass of St. Joseph White Wednesday is Fr. Michael's 'Rest' Day	08.00 St. Mary Mass Special Intention
Thursday 3rd September St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor, Feast White	18.30 St. Joseph Mass Ints. Ruth & Roger Holden
Friday 4th September St. Cuthbert, Bishop, Memorial Second Patron of the Diocese White First Friday	08.00 St. Mary Mass Fr Philip Price 15.00 St. Mary Sacrament of Matrimony Mr Daniel Hall & Miss Carolina Vargas
Saturday 5th September St. Herbert, hermit Optional Memorial White	12.00 St. Joseph Mass Private Intention 18.00 Our Lady Immaculate Mass George & Proctor Family
Sunday 6th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Green	9.00 St. Joseph Mass Bridget May 11.00 St. Mary Mass Pro Populo

Covid-19 Guidance

- We are severely restricting numbers in the church buildings, to ensure social
 distancing, and everyone will be required to sanitise their hands on entry and to keep
 the nose and mouth covered whilst in the building. The Masses from St. Mary's
 Hornby are available via Zoom. The link is on the website.
- We will also take a contact number for all attendees. These details will be destroyed after 21 days according to data management regulations.
- The churches are cleaned using a fogging system after each celebration of Holy Mass, if you are visiting for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's Hornby please clean your space after use.



Please pray

For those who are sick or housebound in the parish...

if you want to be included on this list please contact Fr. Michael. Also if you are aware of any errors, please inform Fr Michael via email as soon as possible

Brian Byrne, Sarah Adam, Veronica Law, Dennis Brown, Graham Jubb, Paul Shuttleworth, Keith and Alexa Wightman, Sarah Mason, 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, Bruce Kay, Colette Calveley, Lucy Ball, Maggie Trimble, Pauline O'Toole, Roberta Whiteside, Alan White, Lynne Griffiths, John McKenzie.

For those whose anniversaries occur during and around this time

Bernadette Hall, Morar Ainscough, Ann Mullarkey, Jimmy Atkinson, Fr. Tom Middlehurst, Ann Delaney, Stephen Edmondson, Canon McArdle, Joseph Ainsworth, Eileen Oliver and Dennis Ball.

Thanks to Betty and Sue for keeping the anniversary books and letting us know each week.



Reflecting on the Word of God

Does God want us to be happy?

Does God want us to be happy? How could anyone answer "no"? How could anyone suppose God is good or loving if it is not true that he wants us to be happy?

And yet look at Christ's line in the Gospel reading. Deny yourself, Jesus tells his faithful followers; take up your cross and follow me.

Denying yourself seems the very opposite of going for happiness, and the cross is an instrument of torture. Why would God want these things for his people? Does God want us to be unhappy?

A man divorcing his unaccomplished, middle-aged, dowdy wife to marry a much younger, prettier, successful woman explained his decision to his devastated wife this way. "God wants me to be happy," he told her, "and I can't be happy with you. I will be happy with her."

It seems never to have crossed the mind of this husband that God might have any care for his wife's happiness. The husband's full view of the matter could be put this way: "God wants me to be happy, but God doesn't care at all about you."

This little story, common in its selfishness, shows the sickness of the post-fall human condition, so apt to privilege its own power or pleasure over any greater goods. We can't be happy in this condition, when we are glad enough to crush others to get what we want. What is to be done with us? What will make us happy? What will save us from the evil that infects us and leaves us so willing to afflict others?

This is where Christ's line comes in. The route to the happiness God does want for us has to go through the cross of Christ. Christ is The Way for us, and the cross is where we meet him for the road to our true happiness in love and holiness in him.

Eleanor Stump
The Sunday Website of St. Louis University

Lord, inspire me to read your Scriptures and to meditate upon them day and night. I beg you to give me real understanding of what I need, that I in turn may put its precepts into practice. Yet, I know that understanding and good intentions are worthless, unless rooted in your graceful love. So I ask that the words of Scripture may also be not just signs on a page, but channels of grace into my heart. Amen.



Thank you

Fr Michael wishes to thank you for the welcome he has received in the parishes during his first week: especially from all those who have helped him move into his new home - never an easy operation but even more difficult during the current situation. He is attempting to remember names but the wearing of masks isn't helping so please bear with him over the coming months. He looks forward to serving the people of the parishes over the coming years.

Olive Branch

Like all organisations who are helping those in need, the OLIVE BRANCH is suffering from the effects of the pandemic. Now that our churches are open again we will be in a position to help them with food and items for personal hygiene. Just pop a carrier bag into the bins at the back of the churches in Hornby & Caton please. Nothing is too small an offering. It would be good to be able to take regular supplies to them once again.

When you go shopping please consider buying one or two of the TINNED items below. This is not an exhaustive list...

Baked beans, spaghetti, soup ,Curries, chilli, steak or chicken meals, pies, Tuna, sardines, corned beef, ham, hot dogs, Peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes, tomatoes, Rice pudding, custard, fruit,

Other items include...

coffee (4 oz), tea bags, hot chocolate, long life milk, cereals, porridge, jam, pasta, rice, mashed potatoes

CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal

CAFOD has joined with the UK Disasters Emergencies Committee to help millions of people whose lives are at risk, as coronavirus spreads across refugee camps and countries suffering conflict. You can donate at www.cafod.org.uk/coronavirus to help CAFOD scale ups its coronavirus response through our global Church family. Or use CAFOD's Summer of Hope fundraising ideas with your family and friends to transform lock-down and raise money for the appeal: www.cafod.org.uk/summerofhope.

Items for the newsletter

Please email items to
newsletter@lunevalleycatholics.org.uk before
Thursday evening for inclusion

The Season of Creation

Pope Francis established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in 2015, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home.

The day is inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*, which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth. He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to "reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for

the sins committed against the world in which we live."

This World Day of Prayer begins the Season of Creation, which runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

Pope Francis invites the faithful to celebrate the Season of Creation. On the 1st of September 2019 Pope Francis made his first official statement promoting the Season of Creation, an annual, month-long celebration of prayer and action for the environment that is observed by Christians around the world.

The full text here.

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2019/documents/papa-francesco_20190901_messaggiogiornata-cura-creato.html

The key messages from Pope Francis include the following:

- We are called to protect creation-and we are missing the mark. "Something good in the eyes of God has become something exploitable in human hands."
- The Season of Creation is a time for prayer in nature. "This is the time to re-acquaint ourselves with praying immersed in nature, where our gratitude to the creator God arises spontaneously."
- The Season of Creation is a time to grow in sustainability. "This is the time to reflect on our lifestyles . . . Let's change and adopt simpler and more respectful lifestyles!"
- The Season of Creation is a time to urge governments to enact better climate policies.

Parish Pastoral Councils

Fr Michael intends to meet with members of both parish councils towards the end of September. He will be in contact with the chairs of each of the councils to arrange a suitable date.

Monthly and Daily Dedications

Throughout the year each month has a particular spiritual 'focus' to assist us in our prayers and devotions. The month of September is devoted to Mary under the title 'The Sorrowful Mother' or the 'Seven Dolors of Mary'. The seven sorrows of Mary are: The prophecy of Simeon, The flight into Egypt, The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple, Mary's meeting of Jesus on the Way of the Cross, The Crucifixion of Jesus, The Piercing of the Side of Jesus and The Burial of Jesus.

Alongside monthly dedications, each day has a particular focus. Fr Michael will often celebrate a 'votive' Mass for these when there is a *feria* Mass.

Sunday - Christ's Resurrection/Holy Trinity Monday - Holy Souls in Purgatory/Holy Spirit Tuesday - Guardian Angels Wednesday - St. Joseph Thursday - The Blessed Sacrament Friday - Christ's Passion / Sacred Heart Saturday - The Blessed Virgin Mary