

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

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## **Parish Newsletter**

Sunday 13th September 2020 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Divine Office Psalter - Week 4 Sunday Readings - Year A Weekday Readings - Year 2 Week 24

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Sunday 13th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Green	18.00 [Vigil] Our Lady Immaculate   Mass Keith Woods 9.00 St. Joseph   Mass Pro Populo 11.00 St. Mary [Outdoors]   Mass Anne Cummings
Monday 14th September The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Feast, Red	08.00 St. Mary   Mass Peter Johnson [h&i]
<b>Tuesday 15th September</b> Our Lady of Sorrows Memorial, White	18.00 Our Lady Immaculate   Mass Deborah, Mark, Bobby & Bernadette
Wednesday 16th September Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian Martyrs, Memorial, Red Wednesday is Fr. Michael's 'Rest' Day	08.00 St. Mary   Mass Norah Apps
<b>Thursday 17th September</b> St. Robert Bellarmine Opt. Memorial, White	18.30 St. Joseph   Mass Special Intention
Friday 18th September Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart White	08.00 St. Mary   Mass Margaret Docherty 17.00 St. Mary   Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 19th September Votive of the Blessed Virgin Mary White	12.00 St. Joseph   Mass Private Intention 18.00 Our Lady Immaculate   Mass Fr Philip Price
Sunday 20th September Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Green ANNUAL MASS COUNT BEGINS	9.00 St. Joseph   Mass <b>Special Intention</b> 11.00 Our Lady Immaculate   Mass <b>Pro Populo</b> Please note the venue for the 11.00 am Mass

## 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 using wipes 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 and Bryan Ingleby.

*For those whose anniversaries occur during and around this time* Willie Darcy, David Dew-Hughes, Joseph Dias, Edith Parr, Margaret Hardman, Keith Woods, Elizabeth Thompson and Ena Fisher.

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



# Reflecting on the Word of God

In the Gospel reading, Peter wants to know how many times he has to forgive someone who sins against him. What is the number of times, Peter wants to know, that he has to forgive that sinner? But this question is confused. There is no such number as the one Peter is looking for. There is no limit on the number of times we have to forgive someone who has sinned against us.

We are able to understand the point of this Gospel story if we see the connection between love and forgiveness. Refusing to forgive is refusing to love, and it is never acceptable not to love. That is why it is never right to withhold forgiveness either.

The relation between love and forgiveness also helps us see the difference between forgiving a wrongdoer and enabling him to continue in his wrongdoing. Love wants the good for the beloved. A person who forgives a sinner loves that sinner; and because she loves him, she has a heart for his good. A wife who continues to live with a husband who beats her isn't forgiving him. She's helping him to get worse. There is nothing loving or forgiving about enabling a person to get worse. For her to forgive her husband is for her to want his good, even in the face of his bad treatment of her. But his good requires, first of all, that he stop hurting her, and then that he repent his terrible treatment of her.

If he is unrepentant, if he rejects goodness and love, then she can want the good for him anyway. But her forgiveness of him will be like a gift that can't be given because he won't receive it. Then the best she can do for him is to keep a distance from him, so that he doesn't get worse by continuing to hurt her.

God's love is like this, too. God's forgiveness is always there, and so is God's love. Because God loves every person, God offers the good to everyone too, no matter what that person's sins may be. God does not keep a careful distance from us when we sin. What stands between us and God is only our own unwillingness to receive the gift God is offering.

If we will only not reject it, the gift of God's love and forgiveness will be given to us and received.

#### 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.



#### Outdoor 11.00 am Mass

This weekend sees the final outdoor celebration of Holy Mass at Hornby, the 11.00 am Mass on Sunday will be celebrated at Our Lady Immaculate, Caton, from Sunday 20th September until such time that the Covid restrictions are lifted and Holy Mass can be celebrated freely, without restrictions in St. Mary's Hornby.

We are installing a broadband connection to Our Lady Immaculate to enable the continuation of broadcasting Holy Mass via Zoom.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still lifted and parishioners are encouraged to assist at Holy Mass sometime during the week to reduce the pressure on places on a Sunday.

## Covid: an update to regulations

For the most part, the changes which come into effect on Monday 14th September will not affect Sunday Mass and other acts of public worship in churches and chapels which are Covid-secure. We can continue Mass with the congregation using face coverings, and according to the guidance that was put in place for public worship to resume on 4th of July 2020.

However, individual groups of more than one household or support bubble must not exceed six people. Up to thirty people may still gather for funerals, weddings and baptisms.

Priests should not actively encourage groups of people to gather outside church buildings for funerals etc., when thirty persons are already known to be attending.

Receptions after weddings with up to thirty people are permitted. Funeral teas and postbaptism parties with more than six persons present would appear not to be permitted after 14th September

#### A Covid-19 Harvest Supper

We had tart in a box in August, we're now having a Hot Pot tart in a box in September! Same format as the drive-through church supper, you order, you drive through, you collect and you go home and enjoy your supper. A Hot Pot in a box with peas and pickles, and a fruit crumble muffin for pudding - you'll have to make your own custard though!

A vegetarian Hot Pot tart will be available.

Saturday 26th September, Collection 2-4 pm at Quernmore Park. A one way system will be in place: in at Postern Gates and out at Chain Lodge. Please help raise funds for St. Peter's Quernmore and Our Lady Immaculate, Caton. £15 per person. Please ring, text, WhatsApp or email Harriet on 07977157328 or harrietmacarthur@gmail.com. If you can't collect we can deliver, if you're local.

#### Olive Branch

Please support Olive Branch: containers to receive donations are present in our churches. 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 r a is e m o n e y for the appeal: www.cafod.org.uk/summerofhope.

Items for the newsletter

Please email items to

<u>newsletter@lunevalleycatholics.org.uk</u> before Thursday evening for inclusion

#### Parish Pastoral Councils

Due to the new Covid regulations which come into force on 14th September [the 'Rule of 6'] Fr Michael will not be able to meet the pastoral council in person. Could members of St. Mary PPC please indicate their availability for a Zoom meeting on Monday 21st September at 7.00 pm. Could members of St. Joseph PPC please indicate their availability for a Zoom meeting on Monday 28th September at 7.00 pm. Please do so by email.

The Draft Pastoral Plan will not now be distributed until Covid restrictions are lifted and discussion has taken place with the PPC's.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

At St. Mary's Hornby on Friday evenings at 5.00 pm. The Holy Hour will conclude with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament around 5.45 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume at St. Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale in a couple of weeks.

## Fr. Michael's Working Arrangements

As a general rule Fr. Michael will be working from his office in the Pastoral Centre in Lancaster on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday each week. On Fridays and Saturdays he will generally be around in the parish.

Emails and texts [his mobile number is on the front of this newsletter] and via mobile phone are probably the best ways to contact him rather than the house phone.

## Prayers please

Bishop Swarbrick has asked for prayers for Stuart Chapple who will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on Monday.

#### Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

What sorrows do you bear? Be encouraged to bring them to the intercession of Our Blessed Mother who wept at the foot of the cross and was given to us as our Heavenly Mother - 'Behold your mother!'.

#### Mass intentions

Fr. Michael would welcome requests for Mass to be celebrated for a particular intention. Please indicate which church on the envelope. Only 7 Mass Intentions remain on the books.