



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

Parishes in the Roman Catholic Diocese of
Lancaster Registered Charity Number 234331

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 27th September 2020

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine Office Psalter - Week 1

Sunday Readings - Year A

Weekday Readings - Year 2 Week 26

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Parish Diary

Annual Mass Count

Numbers assisting at Holy Mass last weekend:

18.00 [Vigil] 23 09.00 27 11.00 16 Total: St. Mary 39, St. Joseph 27

Sunday 27th September

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Green - Annual Mass Count

18.00 Our Lady Immaculate | Mass Private Intention
9.00 St. Joseph | Mass Pro Populo
11.00 Our Lady Immaculate | Mass Norah Apps

Please note the venue for the 11.00 am Mass

Monday 28th September

St. Wenceslaus

Opt. Memorial, Red

08.00 St. Mary | Mass Special Intention

19.00 Zoom | Fr Michael meeting PPC members St. Joseph

Tuesday 29th September

Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael

Archangels

Feast, White

18.00 Our Lady Immaculate | Mass For teachers

Parishioners have not requested a particular intention for this Mass

Wednesday 30th September

St Jerome, Priest & Doctor

Memorial, White

Wednesday is Fr. Michael's 'Rest' Day

08.00 St. Mary | Mass Intentions of Bishop Paul Swarbrick

Parishioners have not requested a particular intention for this Mass

18.00 Zoom | Holy Rosary [see reverse for details]

Thursday 1st October

St. Therese of Lisieux, Vir & Doctor

Memorial, White

18.30 St. Joseph | Mass Tom and Annie Ruddy

Friday 2nd October

The Holy Guardian Angels

Memorial, White

First Friday Harvest Fast Day

08.00 St. Mary | Mass For the lapsed

Parishioners have not requested a particular intention for this Mass

17.00 St. Mary | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 3rd October

Votive of the Blessed Virgin Mary

White

12.00 St. Joseph | Mass Private Intention

Covid Harvest Supper - see reverse for details

18.00 Our Lady Immaculate | Mass Damian Bates [LD]

Sunday 4th October

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Green - Annual Mass Count

9.00 St. Joseph | Mass Ints. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

11.00 Our Lady Immaculate | Mass Pro Populo

Please note the venue for the 11.00 am Mass

Covid-19 Guidance

- Whilst we are taking our utmost care to ensure that our buildings are Covid-safe, 'vulnerable' parishioners are asked to *think carefully*, particularly as cases increase nationally, before attending Holy Mass.
- 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 [unless medical conditions prevent you from doing so].
- 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

Anne Cummings, Reginald Kelly, Monique Carruthers and Bill Macauley.

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



Reflecting on the Word of God

The Two Sons

This Gospel scene takes place in the Temple of Jerusalem. Jesus was there teaching the people when some chief priests and elders interrupted Him and asked Him who had given Him authority to do this (cf. Mt 21:23-27). These men thought they were the only ones qualified to teach the people God's law, as authentic interpreters of the divine will and guides for his chosen people.

Jesus answers them with a parable whose topic has a long tradition in Israel: the different reactions of two brothers when confronted with the same situation. The narratives about Cain and Abel, Ismael and Isaac, Esau and Jacob were well known by those men. In this case, one of the brothers says he wants to obey his father's will—like those men now confronting Jesus—but he fails to do it. The other brother states publicly his rejection of what his father has asked them to do—like any sinner who acts against the divine law—but later changes his mind and repents, and he does what his father asked.

Then as also now, there are many people who don't want to reject God, but whose reply to the divine requirements is so reluctant that, when faced with the slightest difficulty, they fail to do what they should and even think they are excused from doing it. The practice of their religion is so routine that it doesn't bother them at all to set aside what God considers most important.

Jesus' words are an invitation to react. "We have to remember and remind people around us," Saint Josemaria says, "that we are children of God, who have received the same invitation from our Father as the two brothers in the parable: 'Son, go and work in my vineyard.' I give you my word that if we make a daily effort to see our personal duties in this light, that is, as a divine summons, we will learn to carry them through to completion with the greatest human and supernatural perfection of which we are capable. Occasionally we may rebel, like the elder of the two sons, who replied to his father, 'I will not,' but we will learn how to turn back repentant and redouble our efforts to do our duty."

Jesus knows the human heart very well, and understands the difficulties and tensions we are all confronted with each day, both interiorly—the struggle to overcome laziness and reluctance—as well as in the environment around us—giving more importance to what others do, rather than doing what we know we should even when others fail to do it. As Pope Francis said, mentioning this Gospel scene among others: "Jesus knows the anxieties and tensions experienced by families and he weaves them into his parables: children who leave home to seek adventure (cf. Lk 15:11-32), or who prove troublesome (cf. Mt 21:28-31) or fall prey to violence (cf. Mk 12:1-9)." [2] God is well aware of our difficulties, but He patiently waits for us to rectify and for our generous reply like that of the rebellious son.

The end of the parable contains some pointed words: "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you" (v. 31). That is, those who suffer because of their sins and sincerely desire a pure heart are nearer the Kingdom of God than many others who call themselves Christians but are lukewarm. The latter think they are already doing enough, and refuse to open their heart to repent for their sins and to accept God's love.

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.



Parish Notices

New NHS Test and Trace App

On the 24th September, the NHS began to roll-out its new Test & Trace phone app, which is for use on smartphones (with Bluetooth enabled). When you arrive at a venue you simply scan the Q.R. code near the entrance to record your attendance. If a notification is subsequently sent to an app user, it will not mention the name of the particular venue, just that the user has recently been to a place where they spent fifteen minutes or more, close to someone who has subsequently tested positive for coronavirus. Details of the privacy safeguards used are readily available on the internet. If you do not check-in with your phone at church, you will still need to do a manual check-in (i.e. name on a list).

Unique Q.R. Codes are present at the entrance to each church. We will however continue to register attendees in our churches.

Those who read on Saturday or Sunday

Readers are asked to wear face-masks as they approach the Lectern which should then be removed for reading and replaced for returning to their places. Gloves should also be worn at the lectern. Gloves for this purpose can be found at the entrance to both churches.

The manner for receiving Holy Communion

The Bishops' Guidance requests that those receiving Holy Communion on the hand should stretch as far as they can to maintain social distancing during the distribution of Holy Communion. Please remove your mask just before receiving Holy Communion and try to keep the hand receiving our Blessed Lord as flat as possible with no fingers in the air.

The Bishops request the presence of a 'barrier'. This will be the sanctuary steps: please stand as close to them as possible and 'reach out'...

Retiring Collection

There is a retiring collection this weekend for the Bishops Administration Fund.

Olive Branch

Please support Olive Branch: containers to receive donations are present in our churches. The Olive Branch were very grateful for your recent contributions.

They have asked for tinned meat and fruit as they are always short of them. Perhaps you could pop the odd tin in with your shopping whenever you are able

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

This takes place on Friday. The idea is that you go without some food during the day and donate the cost of that food to CAFOD. The retiring collection next weekend is for this purpose.

Items for the newsletter

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

Parish Pastoral Councils

Thanks to members of St. Mary's PPC who met with Fr Michael last week.

Fr Michael will virtually meet members of St. Joseph PPC for a Zoom meeting on Monday 28th September at 7.00 pm. The link to the

meeting will be available on the Calendar section of the Parish Website.

Job Vacancy

An experienced Personal Assistant is required for the Bishop's Office. This is an existing permanent post, based mainly at the Pastoral Centre in Lancaster (next to the Cathedral). Approximately 25 hours per week, spread over Monday to Friday. Closing date, noon on 15th October, with interviews on 22nd October. For an application form, please email: hew@lancasterdiocese.org.uk

Holy Rosary

A group of parishioners is getting together on a Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm to pray the Rosary. Please join us on Zoom – press the blue button on the front page of the website and follow instructions – join by 5.50 please.

On online formation course.

The Archdiocese of Southwark are offering a Sunday evening course for formation in the Catholic faith on Sunday evenings 7.00 - 8.00 pm from 11th October until Easter. The course will give you a full panorama of the Catholic faith - covering the Catholic Creed, Sacraments & Worship, the Moral Life in Christ and the Life of Prayer & Devotion? To register and for more information visit <https://a.e.c.r.c.a.o.s.o.r.g.u.k/latest/evangeliumonlinecourse>

The course is free and uses zoom.

October - Month of the Holy Rosary

October is the month set aside to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title 'Our Lady of the Holy Rosary'. This commemorates the victory achieved through Her intercession at the Battle of Lepanto on 7th October 1571. Melvyn Bragg has a great episode of In our time on the battle which is well worth listening to - just search on the BBC Sounds app or In our time page on the BBC website.

Please think about praying the rosary each day during the month of October - perhaps for the intention of the spiritual renewal of the parish, particularly among young and lapsed Catholics and for an end to the Covid crisis.

Christmas

It does seem early for our minds to turn to Christmas but current restrictions are likely to remain in place for some time and will impact on our liturgical celebrations...best to be prepared.

We do not want to turn families away from Masses over the Christmas period due to our limited capacity. We therefore intend to create a 'pop up' church for Christmas - a large marquee with flooring, heating and lighting in the garden of St. Mary to enable a worthy celebration of the Solemnity of the Incarnation and help bring a bit of light in this difficult situation. This will have the capacity to accommodate the numbers usually present at Christmas Masses.

What's the catch? There will be a cost for this - around £1600. If you would like to help cover the costs you are welcome to contribute. Place any donations in an envelope marked 'Christmas Church'. Any donations above the cost will go to 'Mary's Meals'.