



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 4th October 2020

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine Office Psalter - Week 3

Sunday Readings - Year A

Weekday Readings - Year 2 Week 27

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Parish Diary

Annual Mass Count Week 2

Numbers assisting at Holy Mass last weekend:

18.00 [Vigil] 23 09.00 24 11.00 19 Total: St. Mary 42, St. Joseph 24

Sunday 4th October

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Green - Annual Mass Count 3

18.00 Our Lady Immaculate | Mass Damian Bates [LD]
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

Monday 5th October

Dedication of the Cathedral
Feast, White

08.00 St. Mary | Mass University Students [h&i]

Tuesday 6th October

St Bruno, Priest

Opt. Memorial, White

18.00 Our Lady Immaculate | Mass John Kelly [LD]

Wednesday 7th October

Our Lady of the Rosary

Memorial, White

Wednesday is Fr. Michael's 'Rest' Day

08.00 St. Mary | Mass A safe confinement [E]

18.00 Zoom | Holy Rosary [see reverse for details]

Thursday 8th October

Votive of the Blessed Eucharist

White

5.30 St. Joseph | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5.30 St. Joseph | Sacrament of Reconciliation [St. J's Room]
18.30 St. Joseph | Mass Rev Bernard Loveland [h&i]

Friday 9th October

St John Henry Newman

Feast, White

08.00 St. Mary | Mass For the sick
17.00 St. Mary | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
17.00 St. Mary | Sacrament of Reconciliation [Sacristy]

Saturday 10th October

Votive of the Blessed Virgin Mary

White

12.00 St. Joseph | Mass Private Intention

18.00 Our Lady Immaculate | Mass William & Margaret Trezise

Sunday 11th October

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Green - Annual Mass Count 4

9.00 St. Joseph | Mass Pro Populo
11.00 Our Lady Immaculate | Mass Peter Johnson [h&i]

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 is 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

Francis Stephenson, Jean Perry, Mary Johnson, Bill Arnold, Mary Henry Anthony Mason-Hornby Violet Stapleton Alan Torrance Susan Dugdale Gertrude May Doyle.

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

For those who have died recently

John Kelly [grandson of John and Kath Kelly]. May he rest in peace.



Reflecting on the Word of God

Fruitfulness

Both the First Reading and the Gospel tell a story about a vineyard. In each story, the Lord of the vineyard gives good soil, choice vines, and ample protection for the vineyard. But then he does not receive the good fruit that the vineyard should have given him, either because it doesn't produce good fruit or because the tenants won't give the good fruit to him.

If the vines bear fruit, it is because it is God who worked so hard at the vineyard.

There are penalties for this failure to give fruit to the Lord. The unfruitful vineyard is left to go to ruin. The tenants who won't give the fruit to the Lord lose their lives and their vineyard, which is given to others.

These penalties are fearful. Failure to be fruitful is punished by the loss of the gifts that might have yielded fruit and by the death of the unfruitful recipients of those gifts.

But what is the fruitfulness which it is so fearful not to have?

Do we have to do the most possible good for the poor? Do we have to be highly effective at ministry? Are we supposed to work around the clock so that we can use our gifts to the fullest? What about our jobs? Are we unfruitful if we are unemployed? How hard do we have to work in order not to count as unfruitful? How successful do we have to be at that work?

The thing to notice here is that all these questions rest on a false presupposition. The fruitfulness at issue doesn't come from our work. In both the stories, the owner of the vineyard, who is God, plants the vines, spades the soil, removes the stones, and protects the vineyard. If the vines bear fruit, it is because it is God who worked so hard at the vineyard.

So our fruitfulness comes not from our own work, but from the work of God's Spirit in us. Our part of the process is to not resist the Spirit. And what about the fruit God is looking for in us? It will not be success, brought about by our own efforts. It will be the fruits that God's Spirit works in us. And these are love, joy, peace, patience and long-suffering.

God has planted himself deep within us in the indwelling Holy Spirit. No lack of success in work, no lack of work itself, can keep us from responding to him with love and joy and the rest. And these are what make us fruitful for the Lord.

Eleanor Stump
The Sunday Website
at Saint 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.



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.

Retiring Collection

There is a retiring collection this weekend for the CAFOD - Harvest Fast Day

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

Thank you

Thank you to all who participated in the Harvest Covid Supper. The food was superb! Our thanks especially go to Harriet MacArthur and Carol Johnson for their work to deliver such a lovely meal and for the generous donation from the evening of £150.

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://aec.rcaos.org.uk/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 'Lepanto' 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'.

Communication

The best way to contact Fr Michael is on his mobile [number is on the front of the newsletter] rather than on the presbytery number. You can also text or email him.

Month of the Holy Souls - November

Envelopes are available for the 'November List'. A Novena of Masses will be offered for those included on the 'November List'. Include members of your family, friends etc who have died in the envelope. It is customary to make an offering which should be included in the envelope.

Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Please consider attending for personal prayer on Thursday evening at Kirkby Lonsdale and on Friday evening at Hornby. On Friday, Holy Communion is distributed to those who are unable to attend Mass at other times after Benediction.