



## 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 20th December 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Divine Office Psalter - Week 4

Sunday Readings - Year B

Weekday Readings - Year 1 Advent Week 4

### Parish Website

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## Parish Diary

All Masses celebrated at Caton and Hornby will be 'live broadcasted' via Zoom. The weekday Mass at Hornby is later to enable more people to attend in person.

<b>Sunday 20th December</b> Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>O Clavis David - O Key of David</i> Violet	18.00 Our Lady   Mass <i>In honour of St. Martin de Porres</i> 09.00 St. Joseph   Mass <i>Pro Populo</i> 11.00 Our Lady   Mass <i>In thanksgiving [Johnson]</i> 12.00 <i>Blessing of the Outdoor Crib at St. Mary Hornby</i>
<b>Monday 21st December</b> <i>O Oriens - O Dayspring</i> Violet	09.30 St. Mary   Mass <i>Glen Birtwistle</i> 16.00 St. Mary   Evening Prayer
<b>Tuesday 22nd December</b> <i>O Rex Gentium - O King of the Nations</i> Violet	16.00 St. Mary   <i>Evening Prayer</i> 18.00 Our Lady   Mass <i>Pat &amp; Tony Bishop</i>
<b>Wednesday 23rd December</b> <i>O Emmanuel - O With us is God</i> Violet	St. Mary   Mass <i>[Private] Private Intention</i> 18.00 Zoom   Holy Rosary - click link on website.
<b>Thursday 24th December</b> Christmas Eve <i>Masses of Christmas - White</i>	13.00 St. Joseph   Mass <i>Private Intention - places available</i> 17.00 Our Lady   Mass <i>Peter Atkinson - fully booked</i> 18.30 Our Lady   Mass <i>Pro Populo - places available</i>
<b>Friday 25th December</b> THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST <i>Solemnity, White</i>	08.00 St. Mary   Mass <i>Gilbertson Family - fully booked</i> 09.30 St. Joseph   Mass <i>David Scarborough - places available</i>
<b>Saturday 26th December</b> St Stephen, First Martyr <i>Feast, Red</i>	10.00 St. Mary   Mass <i>Glen Birtwistle</i>  <i>There is no 'Vigil' Mass this evening.</i>
<b>Sunday 27th December</b> The Holy Family <i>Feast, White</i> Pastoral Letter	09.00 St. Joseph   Mass <i>Pro Populo</i> 11.00 Our Lady   Mass <i>In thanksgiving [Johnson]</i>

### Covid-19 Guidance

- The obligation to assist at Holy Mass is still lifted as is the requirement to abstain from meat on Fridays.
- Whilst we are taking our utmost care to ensure that our buildings are Covid-safe, 'vulnerable' parishioners are asked to think carefully before attending Holy Mass. Although Lancashire is in Tier 3 our area currently has a relatively low rate of infection.
- 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 contact details of those attending to enable Track and Trace procedures. NHS Track and Trace app scanning codes are available in all churches. 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, Dennis Brown, 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 Calvey, Lucy Ball, Maggie Trimble, Pauline O'Toole, Roberta Whiteside, Alan White, Lynne Griffiths, John McKenzie, Margaret McMullen, and Bryan Ingleby.

### For those whose anniversaries occur during and around this time

James McGrath, Kay Tomkins, Anne Carroll, Thomas Ruddy, Glen Birtwistle, Mary Coffey, Joseph Moxham, Adelina Roscoe, Austin White, Philip Crosby, Mary Anne Bateson, Hilarie Stephenson and William Hall.

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



## Reflecting on the Word of God

### The Building is God's

By the time of the First Reading, David is King. He has won a lot of victories, and he is rich and prosperous too. His house is built of wood and stones. But the ark of God is housed only in a tent.

David thought about the fact that God had only a tent while he, the King, had a real house; and so he made a decision to build a house for God too. He made it his responsibility to take care of God, you might say.

And God laughed at him. God told David, "I will build you a house!" And so he did. The Son of God, born of David's lineage, is that house. The kingly line of David's lineage finds its everlasting fulfilment in Christ. And every Christian finds a home there, too, in the body of Christ that is the Church.

David's son Solomon did eventually build a house for the ark of God in Jerusalem, and it was magnificent. But any earthly building, even the great temple in Jerusalem, is puny by comparison with the house that God built for David and for all God's people in Christ the Lord. David did well to revere the ark of God, just as we do well to revere the Church. But it was foolish of David to feel that it was his responsibility to care for God. God wants our love, but he does not need our protection. Without our help, God is still, himself, Lord of heaven and earth.

Like David, we can love the holy things of God, and we can give our service to God's Church. But it is not our responsibility to make the Church big, strong, and successful. If we think that God's church, or anything built for God, will lose and go down without our building it up, we will be as foolish as David in the first Reading. The building is God's.

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.*

### Online resources to help during the pandemic

Daily Mass from Walsingham  
<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

Lectio Divina for the Sunday Scriptures  
<https://catholic.bible/lectio-divina-in-english/>

Practical ways of living the faith in the family  
<https://www.catholicmom.com>

To help men in their journey of faith  
<https://catholicgentleman.net>

To help women in their journey in faith  
<https://thecatholicwoman.com>

Word on Fire  
Search 'Word on Fire' on YouTube for topical videos about the Faith and Culture.



## Parish Notices

### Christmas Masses

**You will need to book a place in advance to prevent the need to turn people away once capacity is reached.** To book a place at **one** Mass please contact Marie Boardman on 01524 770825. Don't request a place by email or via Fr Michael...we need to have one record and Marie is the one keeping it! For family groups [up to 6] please book at the same time. 'Christmas' Masses will be celebrated at the following times. *A handful of places are still available for Kirkby Lonsdale and the 6.30 Caton Mass*

#### Christmas Eve

1.00 pm	Kirkby Lonsdale [30]
5.00 pm	Caton <i>Fully booked</i>
6.30 pm	Caton [30]

#### Christmas Day

8.00 am	Hornby <i>Fully booked</i>
9.30 am	Kirkby Lonsdale [30]

*A total of 146 places*

*The Bishop reminds us in his Pastoral Letter that it is reasonable to attend Mass during the Christmas Octave rather than Christmas Eve/Day due to the current situation.*

*Mass on Boxing Day [Saturday 26th] will be at 10.00 am at Hornby. There will not be a Vigil Mass that evening. For the Feast of the Holy Family [Sunday 27th], Mass will be at 9.00 am Kirkby Lonsdale and 11.00 am at Caton.*

### Christmas and Holy Family Offering

From Bishop Paul Swarbrick 'Because of COVID 19 restrictions, the numbers attending our Christmas Masses will inevitably be considerably less than under normal circumstances. This will have an impact on the Christmas Offerings received at the Vigil Masses and Masses on Christmas Day. Many priests rely on the Christmas Offerings as a key part of their annual income. To lessen the impact that reduced numbers at Mass will have on Christmas Offerings the following will apply for this year: Priests may take the offerings on Christmas Day and the Sunday following Christmas as their Christmas Offerings, plus any standing orders that the parish receives that weekend.'

*Fr Michael passes the offering onto the parish to contribute towards his monthly stipend, also any offerings received from Mass intentions and stole fees for weddings, baptisms and funerals. Any gifts received in cards etc are retained.*

### Crib Offering

It is customary to leave an offering when visiting the crib in our churches. Bishop Paul has asked that any monies raised through the crib offering are sent to help the growing number of needy families in and around Bethlehem, supported by Friends of the Holy Land, who have been especially hit by the loss of all their income.

### OLCC Uganda Fund Raising

To place your order, please contact Ruth Lowe by Email: [r.lowe@olcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:r.lowe@olcc.lancs.sch.uk) or Tel: 01524 770706. Thank you.

### Olive Branch

Please support Olive Branch: containers to receive donations are present in our churches.

### Our Lady's Sixth Form Uganda Action Group

I would like to thank all the parishioners who bought items or donated towards our Christmas Fund Raiser and a special thanks to Elda for all her masks and stockings! Incredibly, alongside funds raised in school, we have raised more than £1000 for the Home of Divine Mercy which we visited in 2018. They are building a dormitory so the girls do not have to walk a long distance to school each day. This is a message they have sent to thank you for your generosity.

'We roofed the dormitory with the help of professor Pulice of Regis University in the USA. He has promised to look for some assistance to put some doors and windows on the dormitory. With your assistance of £1000 we propose that we buy beds and mattresses to host at least 25 most vulnerable girls who are currently living in a poor situation. Due to the urgency of keeping the girls in a safe environment, we can begin using the dormitory before we plaster it and put down the floor. We shall keep pouring water to minimise dust. Safety of life of girls comes first as we gradually improve their dormitory standards. Again, allow me to say THANKS A LOT AND BE BLESSED. AM SHORT OF WORDS. Fr Evarist ' We are still selling greeting cards to raise further funds – please ring Ruth Lowe on 01524 770706 to order.

### Winter Coats needed

Thanks to those who brought winter coats in response to last week's appeal.

### Caton Christmas flowers

If you would like to bring a plant to decorate the church at Caton for Christmas please leave it in the porch at Caton next weekend 19th/20th Dec. Any problems or queries contact Christine Griffiths.

### Mary's Meals

This charity has secured government 'match funding' so your donation goes further. Visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk). A good cause.

### Mass intentions

The 'book' is now 'empty'...the first time in 16 years of priestly ministry. There's always a first I suppose! To request a Mass for a particular intention please complete one of the envelopes found in each church. If sending your offering via cheque please remember to make it payable to 'St. Mary's Hornby'.

### Threats to life.

The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands. Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link below:  
<https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>