



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 December 2020

The Holy Family

Divine Office Psalter - Proper for Octave

Sunday Readings - Year B

Weekday Readings - Proper and Year B

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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.

Sunday 27th December The Holy Family Feast, White Pastoral Letter	09.00 St. Joseph Mass <i>Pro Populo</i> 11.00 Our Lady Mass <i>In thanksgiving [Johnson]</i>
Monday 28th December The Holy Innocents, Martyrs Feast, Red	09.30 St. Mary Mass LISCF
Tuesday 29th December St. Thomas Becket, Bish. & Martyr Patron of the English Pastoral Clergy Red	18.00 Our Lady Mass Sue Rigby [LD]
Wednesday 30th December Sixth Day of the Christmas Octave White	St. Mary Mass [Private] Private Intention 18.00 Zoom Holy Rosary - click link on website.
Thursday 31st December Seventh Day of the Christmas Octave White	18.30 St. Joseph Mass Bernard Loveland
Friday 1st January Mary, Mother of God Solemnity, White	09.30 St. Mary Mass In thanksgiving
Saturday 2nd January St Basil & St. Gregory Memorial, White	18.00 Our Lady Mass Bowers Family
Sunday 3rd January Second Sunday after Christmas White	09.00 St. Joseph Mass <i>Kay Brown [h&i]</i> 11.00 Our Lady Mass <i>Pro Populo</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 Calveley, 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.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for January 2021

Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



Reflecting on the Word of God

Peace, Consolation, and Glory

In the Gospel Reading, Simeon is waiting in the Temple, because the Holy Spirit has revealed to him that he will meet the Messiah there. When Simeon does finally see Jesus, the Gospel tells us, Simeon had been waiting for a long time.

Waiting can be so hard. Think of the young mother waiting for lab results about her cancer, or the old lady waiting for news about her son in Afghanistan. Think of the aspiring novelist waiting to hear if the press will accept his manuscript or the scientist waiting to know if his life's work will be honoured with a great prize. Peace is so often lost by such a wait.

While a person is waiting, he is anxious—what if the thing he is waiting for never comes? And he is sad or sorrowful, because he does not yet have the thing he wants and is waiting for. Then there's the undeniable humiliation of having to wait. A person who waits knows that what he wants depends on things outside his own control. Having to wait brings home to him his vulnerability and neediness.

And so look at what Simeon says when his wait is finally over and he sees Jesus.

Seeing this baby, Simeon says, lets me die in peace. This baby overturns anxiety and brings peace—not a theoretical kind of peace which has no purchase on a person's emotions, but real peace, the kind that brings with it easy breathing. And why peace? Because, as the Holy Spirit revealed to Simeon, this baby is God's consolation for all his people. If God himself gives a person consolation, he will have God's peace as well.

And, finally, this peace is not the kind of peace that makes a person ready with resignation to accept defeat. No, on the contrary: it makes a person rise to glory. That is why Simeon says in his prayer that this baby brings glory to God's people.

And so here is the thing for us to think about at Christmas. In our anxieties, in our sorrows, in our defeats and humiliations, can we turn and look at this baby? No matter what anxiety, sorrow, or defeat the world has given us, nothing can take this baby away from us. Our consolation, our peace, and our glory lie with him.

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

Happy Christmas and Thank you

Happy Christmas to all the families of the parish! May the blessing of this season dwell in our hearts.

Thank you to all who helped make the Christmas celebrations as good as they could be in the present situation. Many thanks to Marie for assisting with the booking of places. Thanks to those who prepared the churches, especially the flowers and other decorations, and those who sang or played the organ - it made a real difference.

Many thanks from Fr Michael for the cards and gifts he has received in this, his first Christmas in the parish - they are very much appreciated.

Pastoral Letter

As is the custom, the pastoral letter from the Bishop of Lancaster for the Feast of the Holy Family will be read at Masses this weekend - his 'gift' to the priests of the diocese.

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.

White Flower Collection

This collection, which helps the work of the pro-life campaigning group SPUC, is usually held in January. A plate for that purpose will be set up during the month of January if you wish to make a contribution. Alternatively you can make a donation directly by visiting <https://www.spuc.org.uk>

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.

Mary's Meals

This charity has secured government 'match funding' so your donation goes further. Visit www.marysmeals.org.uk. A good cause.

Mass intentions

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>

And finally...

And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so?

It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before.

What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more.

- Dr. Seuss