



## 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 3rd January 2021

Second Sunday after Christmas

[Epiphany of the Lord observed]

Divine Office Psalter - Proper with Week 2

Sunday Readings - Year B

Weekday Readings - Proper

### 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 3rd January</b> Second Sunday after Christmas <i>[Epiphany of the Lord]</i> White	18.00 Our Lady   Mass Bowers Family 09.00 St. Joseph   Mass <i>Pro Populo</i> 11.00 Our Lady   Mass <i>In thanksgiving [Johnson]</i> <i>With permission, these Masses will be an observation of the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i>
<b>Monday 4th January</b> Monday of the Christmas Season White	09.30 St. Mary   Mass LISCF
<b>Tuesday 5th January</b> Tuesday of the Christmas Season Wednesday	18.00 Our Lady   Mass Fr Evarist Gabostya [LD]
<b>Wednesday 6th January</b> The Epiphany of the Lord White	St. Mary   Mass <i>[Private] Private Intention</i> 18.00 Zoom   Holy Rosary - click link on website.
<b>Thursday 7th January</b> Thursday after Epiphany White	18.30 St. Joseph   Mass Robert Otway
<b>Friday 8th January</b> Friday after Epiphany White	09.30 St. Mary   Mass Fr. Mark McManus [h&i]
<b>Saturday 9th January</b> Saturday after Epiphany White	18.00 Our Lady   Mass Scott Family
<b>Sunday 10th January</b> The Baptism of the Lord White	09.00 St. Joseph   Mass Fr Brian Newns [h&i] 11.00 Our Lady   Mass <i>Pro Populo</i>

### Covid-19 Guidance

- The parish is now operating within Tier 4 Covid Restrictions. Public worship is permissible within this tier. 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.
- The obligation to assist at Holy Mass is still lifted as is the requirement to abstain from meat on Fridays.
- 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

Thomas Wilson, Ellen Cummings, Kate Gillen, Gertrude Burke, Stuart Martin, John Gill, Damien Waterhouse, David Brown, Lila McFadden, Anne Mackelling, Kathleen Strickland, Gen Stephenson, Dennis Burles

### For those who have died recently

Pauline Hall *[Funeral liturgy at 6.00 pm in Caton on 13th January]*



## Reflecting on the Word of God

### Who knew?

Who knew the Messiah was born as the baby Jesus in Bethlehem in that wintertime?

In this Sunday's Gospel Reading, a lot of people came to figure it out.

The chief priests and scribes knew where the Messiah would be born because they could interpret the parts in the Old Testament that predicted the Messiah's birth. The magi from the East knew that the Messiah had been born, because they could interpret the presence of the star in the sky. When the magi followed the star to Bethlehem to see for themselves, Herod the King ordered them to come back and tell him too.

For all these people, there was a way to know the birth of the Messiah. The priests could interpret Scripture, and the magi could read the stars. King Herod had the political power to command their knowledge and wisdom for his own purposes.

But what about people who lack the advantages of the priests and magi and who have no power to command others? How are they to know? Does God make provision only for the fortunate? Consider the shepherds. They lacked the money needed for education, and so they lacked the ability to use Scripture or stars to know the birth of the Messiah. They had no power to command others to share the fruits of their education with them either.

But it isn't powerlessness or poverty that keeps a person from knowing the birth of the Messiah. In the end, it was not the shepherds but the powerful and wealthy King Herod, with his evil-hearted intentions, who didn't know the baby Jesus was the Messiah. The magi didn't tell him, because God warned them in a dream not to. And so Herod the King didn't know.

In spite of their lack of all worldly advantages, the shepherds in fact outranked the king and all the others. They were by the side of the Messiah first, and they didn't have to figure it out for themselves either.

The shepherds may have been poor and simple, but they were trusting and open-hearted, too. And so they knew Christ Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem that cold winter night because they heard the angels sing.

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



## Parish Notices

### Epiphany of the Lord

The Epiphany of the Lord is kept on 6th January and usually a holy day of obligation. With the current pandemic this obligation is not in place. Also with moving into Tier 4 and with very few people attending Holy Mass during the week Fr Michael has sought permission to observe Epiphany at Masses this weekend. Permission has been granted so Masses this weekend will be those of the Epiphany.

Immediately after the proclamation of the Gospel the traditional proclamation of the date of Easter will occur.

### Sunday Mass returning to Hornby

Given the very low Mass attendance at present it seems possible to restore the celebration of the 11.00 am Sunday Mass to St. Mary, Hornby. This will be effective from Sunday 17th January. We estimate [with family groups in benches] that 24 spaces are available - 16/18 only if occupied by individuals. We're proposing that a booking system be put in place using 'eventbrite', an online ticketing system. Fr Michael will discuss this with parishioners who attend the 11.00 am Mass this weekend.

### New Covid Regulations - Tier 4

*Both public worship and individual prayer in churches is permitted in Tier 4.* Public celebrations of Holy Mass are permitted; there is no change in the regulations regarding public celebrations of Holy Mass.

Funeral liturgies are unchanged from Tier 3 - i.e. limit of 30 persons.

Weddings should only be in exceptional circumstances, with a maximum of 6 people in attendance. Baptisms are permitted with only 6 people, including the baby, in attendance.

This is the relevant paragraph from the Government website regarding public worship in Tier 4:

*"You can attend places of worship for a service. However, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble. You should maintain strict social distancing at all times."*

Whilst we must be very thankful that we have not been deprived once again of the celebration of the Sacraments - which is an essential for our Catholic life - we must be very vigilant about maintaining our high standards of hygiene in church, and observing such matters as social distancing, no congregational singing, wearing of face coverings, use of hand sanitiser as prescribed, not mingling in groups, etc. This is particularly important especially after Mass.

### 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. 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.

### 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'.

### The Drama Displayed: A Journey of Salvation

A free series of online talks offered by the Christian Heritage Centre. A range of excellent speakers will examine the key moments of salvation history, with the aid of great works of art. At 7:30pm every second Thursday, from 14th January to 25th March.

For info and registration: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-drama-displayed/>

### Please pray

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Monsignor James Hook, a retired priest of the diocese, who died peacefully on St. Stephen's Day. Also for Mary Winstanley, mother of Fr John Winstanley, who died on Christmas Eve. May they rest in peace.

### Help needed at St. Joseph's

Help is needed to ensure that the church is thoroughly cleaned and fogged after every celebration of Holy Mass. If you are able to help then please contact Mike Cunningham.