



## 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 10th January 2021

The Baptism of the Lord  
Divine Office Psalter - Week 1  
Sunday Readings - Year B  
Weekday Readings - Year 1

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#### St. Mary

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#### St. Joseph

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## Parish Diary

All Masses celebrated at Caton and Hornby will be 'live broadcasted' via Zoom.

<b>Sunday 10th January</b> The Baptism of the Lord White	18.00 Our Lady   Mass Scott Family 09.00 St. Joseph   Mass Fr Brian Newns [h&i] 11.00 Our Lady   Mass Pro Populo
<b>Monday 11th January</b> Feria - Week 1 Ordinary Time Green	09.30 St. Mary   Mass Patricia Donald [h&i]
<b>Tuesday 12th January</b> Feria Green	18.00 Our Lady   Mass Peter Brennan [LD]
<b>Wednesday 13th January</b> Feria Green	St. Mary   Mass [Private] Private Intention  18.00 Our Lady   Funeral Liturgy Pauline Hall 18.00 Zoom   Holy Rosary - click link on website.
<b>Thursday 14th January</b> Feria Green	18.30 St. Joseph   Mass Deceased Family & Friends
<b>Friday 15th January</b> Feria Green	09.30 St. Mary   Mass Jenny Fisher [h&i]
<b>Saturday 16th January</b> Memorial Blessed Virgin Mary White	18.00 Our Lady   Mass Channell Family
<b>Sunday 17th January</b> Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Green	09.00 St. Joseph   Mass Pro Populo 11.00 St. Mary   Mass Anne Fenwick, Anne Bennison and Fenwick Relations [Foundation Mass] The Capacity at Hornby is a maximum of 24 [based on household groups sharing a bench]. Single attendees will limit this number.

### Covid-19 Guidance - UPDATED

- The parish is now operating within the NATIONAL LOCKDOWN. Public worship is permissible within lockdown BUT THOSE WHO ARE CONSIDERED VULNERABLE or who HAVE BEEN ASKED TO SHIELD are advised to assist at Holy Mass **online** and not to attend in person. There is still no obligation to attend Mass in person.
- For those who have been vaccinated please remember that this **does not provide immunity** from the COVID Virus but in the majority of cases does prevent severe symptoms developing.
- You must **wear a mask** if attending Holy Mass. You must observe **social distancing** [including when you approach to receive Holy Communion]. You must **sanitise your hands** when entering the church. Failure to observe these things may lead to suspending public Mass.
- We are restricting numbers in the church buildings: Caton has a capacity of 30. Hornby 24. Kirkby Lonsdale 29 [the St. Josephs room will no longer be used as an overspill]. The Mass with the lowest attendance at the moment is the 6.00 pm Vigil Mass at Caton [around 12/13].
- We will 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 NOTE: The current levels per 100,000 are Hornby 300.6, Caton 317.7, Kirkby Lonsdale 516.4. If levels are significantly above the national average then, for the interests of safety, the public celebration of Mass may be temporarily suspended.
- Holy Mass will be celebrated with dignity but without the Second Reading.



## 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, Bryan Ingleby, Jenny Fisher and Robert Otway

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

Mabel Pearse, Mary Rogerson, Paul Percy, Ginny Moore, Joseph Shields  
Oswald Ainscough, Jane Doherty



## Reflecting on the Word of God

Here and now

When the Lord was baptised, a voice came from heaven saying "This is my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." There could hardly be a more important message than this identification of Jesus, could there?

But why did this important message come through a voice from heaven? A voice from heaven can be heard only by those who are there, then. What about everybody else? Surely, it is important for all human beings to know that Jesus is God's beloved Son.

And the same sort of puzzle arises from the First Reading. It says that the Messiah will open the eyes of the blind, and the Gospels testify that Christ really did so. But he opened the eyes of only a few blind people, those blind people who were there, then. What about all the other blind people, in other places, in other times? Why didn't Jesus just heal all blindness everywhere with one impersonal command: let all the blind people of the world be healed?

And so here is one thing we can learn from these Readings. In the voice from heaven, in the miracles of Christ, God shows that he is committed to the good of particularity. God does not send the news about the Messiah as an impersonal message directed impartially to all humankind. He identifies Jesus as his Son by a voice from heaven heard by particular people at a particular time. Similarly, Christ does not issue an impersonal decree about nameless blind people taken as a group. Christ heals some particular blind people who happened to be at a particular place at the particular time when Christ was also there.

So you might feel that you are just an unnoticed member of your company or an invisible one of the many ordinary people in your town. But you stand out as the particular human being you are, where the Lord is concerned. God does not deal with people as faceless members of a collective. He calls, and he heals, one particular person at a time, as each individual comes to him.

But then you yourself—not your Church or your group, but you—need to come to the Lord, to face him, to know him, to love him, and to let him heal you, whatever your needs and sufferings are. Come as yourself, as you are, here and now.

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

### A National Lockdown Reminder

'Although there is a clear message that we should take the risk of infection seriously, 'Stay at Home' and do everything to minimise contacts outside our household for the next couple of months the latest *H.M. Government Guidance for Places of Worship* states that 'You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship.' However, 'You must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble if you do attend a service.'

Some churches have taken the voluntary decision to temporarily close due to a high rate of infection in their areas – playing their part in relieving pressure on the NHS – but I hope we are able to remain open while we can. Please remember that there is no obligation to attend the public celebration of Mass at present and that you can make a spiritual offering of your own self-denial. Let us remain vigilant and do all that we can to respect the health and safety of each other. If you are in the shielding category please follow guidance from the NHS.

We have to leave the doors open to ensure adequate ventilation. It may be cold in church, so wrap up warm...a don't forget your mask.

### Sunday Mass returning to Hornby

The Sunday Mass will return to Hornby next weekend but please note the advice given about who should be attending Mass in the current situation. As a venue, it may be more suited to the 'younger' end of the parish, whereas Caton may be more appropriate for....well I won't finish the end bit.

### 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.

### Mass intentions

To request a Mass for a particular intention please complete one of the envelopes found in each church. You can post these to Hornby or email Fr Michael with a particular request. 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/>

### 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. Without this, Mass will have to be suspended at Kirkby Lonsdale.

### Online resources to help during the lockdown

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

### Podcasts that may be useful. Search for the following in your Podcast app

Bishop Barron's Sermons

Fr Mike Schmitz Catholic Podcast [he has a couple including a new one, the Bible in a Year which is recommended]

Spiritual Batteries [a half hour meditation, spiritual talk]

Holiness for the Working Day [spiritual talks]

Meditations in Manhattan [spiritual talks]

### St. Mary Hornby 1821-2021

This year marks the bicentenary of the church of St. Mary in Hornby which will hopefully be marked in a special way [d.v.] on the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in August 2021. This being the patronal feast of the church.

As part of this bicentenary year we will be taking stock, not only to recognise the historical presence of the Catholic community in Hornby (especially the contribution of that great Catholic woman Anne Fenwick) but also to secure the future presence of the Catholic community in the Lune Valley, especially in light of the current situation.

Some may say that buildings don't matter but the truth is that we gather in, celebrate our faith in, worship Almighty God in and are shaped in buildings which we have received from those who have preceded us. We are only here because of what those who have gone before us have given us.

There is a duty placed upon us that we maintain and build upon that which we have received for the generations that will come after us.

In consultation with the Diocesan Property Office we are in the process of appointing a conservation architect to begin the initial process of providing a quinquennial survey of the site at St. Mary Hornby. This will determine priorities for necessary works and to update the facilities in Hornby for the 'good of the mission'.

As the process unfolds there will be regular updates of progress and opportunities for conversation, even if only virtual, as the year progresses.

Pray for the success of this work - especially as we prepare grant submissions to various organisations during the year.