



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 17th January 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine Office Psalter - Week 2

Sunday Readings - Year B

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Parish Diary

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

Sunday 17th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Green	18.00 Our Lady Mass Channell Family 09.00 St. Joseph Mass Pro Populo 11.00 St. Mary Mass Anne Fenwick, Anne Bennison and Fenwick Relations [Foundation Mass]
Monday 18th January Feria Green	09.30 St. Mary Mass Philip Scrope
Tuesday 19th January Feria Green	18.00 Our Lady Mass Fr Sean Thornton [h&i]
Wednesday 20th January St. Sebastian, Martyr Red	St. Mary Mass [Private] Private Intention 18.00 Zoom Holy Rosary - click link on website.
Thursday 21st January St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr Red	18.30 St. Joseph Mass A safe confinement
Friday 22nd January St. Vincent, Deacon & Martyr Red	09.30 St. Mary Mass Cameron Taylor [LD]
Saturday 23rd January Memorial Blessed Virgin Mary White	18.00 Our Lady Mass McCombe-Laidlaw family [h&i]
Sunday 17th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Green	09.00 St. Joseph Mass In thanksgiving 11.00 St. Mary Mass People of the Parish

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 221.5, Caton 211.8, Kirkby Lonsdale 322.7 - below the national average. 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, Gloria or Creed.



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, Bryan Ingleby, Jenny Fisher and Robert Otway

For those whose anniversaries occur during and around this time

Isobella Holden, Merton Atkins, Nicholas Gent, Patsy McFadden, Wanda Grisham, Mary Murray, Anne Barnes, Agnes MacCarthy, James Walker



Reflecting on the Word of God

Who's Calling?

In the First Reading, Samuel, who was still young, was waked up by hearing his name called in the night. He thought that the person calling him was Eli, the old priest whom Samuel served. But Samuel was wrong in thinking this. It was the Lord calling.

God had to call three times before the experienced old priest Eli tumbled to the fact that it was God who was calling Samuel. God had to call four times before Samuel finally answered by saying, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

Who would believe this story? Wouldn't you suppose that if God called you, you would know that something very special had happened? Who would believe that God could call you, and you wouldn't recognise that you were having a wild, spooky, religious experience? Who would believe that you could get the voice of God confused with the voice of the old guy in the neighbouring room?

The answer is "Eli." In other words, in the story, it is the wise old priest who believes these things. It is Eli who understands that you can be in direct contact with God and still not know that it is God who is talking to you.

But if God's voice can be confused with some ordinary voice, how does Eli know, how does Samuel know, how does anyone know that it is God calling?

The answer is that you can't know until you are willing to listen. God doesn't force monologues on the unwilling. He invites to conversation. When Samuel is ready to tell God that he is willing to listen, then the real connection between God and Samuel begins.

The connection that starts with that willingness of Samuel grows into a friendship that is rightly described this way: the Lord was with Samuel. At that point, no one at all could miss the fact that it was God who had called Samuel.

And so here is one moral of the story in the First Reading. The voice of God can be anywhere, in any guise. It isn't thunder and lightning or extraordinary psychic happenings that connect a person to God. Rather, it is the willingness to listen, to trust and obey, that makes the Lord known to you.

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 this 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.

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/>

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 [an 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.

Attendance Figures Last week

To help you decide if and when you would like to come to Holy Mass the following figures from last week give some idea of Mass attendance at the moment:

Saturday 18.00	7
Sunday 09.00	15
Sunday 11.00	11
Monday 09.30	3
Tuesday 18.00	8
Wednesday	'Private' Mass
Thursday 18.30	5
Friday 09.30	3