



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 24th January 2021

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine Office Psalter - Week 3

Sunday Readings - Year B

Weekday Readings - Year 1 Week 3

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Parish Diary

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

* denotes Mass where no Mass intention was requested by parishioners.

Sunday 24th January 2020 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Green Sunday of the Word of God	18.00 Our Lady Mass McCombe-Laidlaw family [h&i] 09.00 St. Joseph Mass In thanksgiving 11.00 St. Mary Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday 25th January The Conversion of St. Paul Apostle Feast, White	09.30 St. Mary Mass Peter Johnson [h&i]*
Tuesday 26th January Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops Memorial, White	18.00 Our Lady Mass LISCF*
Wednesday 27th January St. Angela Merici, Virgin Opt Memorial, White	St. Mary Mass [Private] Private Intention 18.00 Zoom Holy Rosary - click link on website.
Thursday 28th January St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Dr Memorial, White	18.30 St. Joseph Mass Margaret McMullen [h&i]*
Friday 29th January Feria Green	09.30 St. Mary Mass Teachers in the Diocese of Lancaster*
Saturday 30th January Memorial Blessed Virgin Mary White	18.00 Our Lady Mass Deceased Friends
Sunday 31st January 2020 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Green Racial Justice Day	09.00 St. Joseph Mass People of the Parish 11.00 St. Mary Mass Nancy Walbank [h&i]*

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 237.3, Caton 300, Kirkby Lonsdale 96.8 - below or well 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

Fr. Bernard Kevill, Joseph Arner, Joseph Eaton, Leo Carroll, Billy Hindle, Joyce Otway, Elizabeth Booth, John Henry.



Reflecting on the Word of God

The Destruction of Nineveh

The First Reading poses a puzzle that has bedevilled philosophers and theologians.

God tells Jonah to tell the people of Nineveh this line from the Lord: Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed.

God is announcing his own intention here, and God does not lie. Furthermore, the people of Nineveh believe this line to be true. That is why they fast and repent. And God is pleased with them for doing so.

BUT here is the problem: the line seems to be false. At any rate, forty days after Jonah's announcement, the city is still standing.

And so here is the puzzle: could God say a lie and approve people for believing a line that is false?

Philosophers and theologians have had a lot to say about this puzzle. But here is a simple thought.

When God intervenes dramatically in your life, he puts your whole life immediately at a major cross-road. You can either ignore him and continue stubbornly with your old life, as if God didn't really matter, or didn't really care what you did, or maybe didn't really exist at all. Or you can open yourself to God. You can respond to him with trust and a willingness to obey. But if you do this, you will be leaving your old life aside, for a new life that might well have been unimaginable to you beforehand. You won't be who you were before. You will be a new person, in him and for him.

The people of Nineveh respond to God's call in this second way. When they hear God's voice through Jonah and repent, their whole lives change. Because they repent, they become very different people from the people they had been. And so the whole city becomes a very different city from the one it had been.

There are, then, two ways in which the Lord's line can be true. Nineveh can be destroyed either because God destroys the city or because the people cease to be the Nineveh that they were. Either way, the old Nineveh will no longer exist.

And so God's line is never false. The people of Nineveh make it true in the best way by believing it to be true. When they respond with repentance, with trust and obedience, they cease to be what they were. And then, in that best way, Nineveh is destroyed.

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

Lockdown, Lent and Easter

There is a clear message that we should 'Stay at Home' and do everything to minimise contacts outside our household. In general, this seems to be being observed and it is noticeable that our congregations have been smaller in number. Either way, we give thanks to all those who keep the light of faith alight at home or in church and we pray we may continue to operate in safety and give witness to the world.

It is just over three-and-a-half weeks to Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, and it would seem highly unlikely that the ashes will be 'imposed' on that day. Likewise, with Holy Week just over nine weeks away and Easter Sunday ten, it is reasonable to suppose that there will still be some limitations concerning public worship with regard to the amount of time and numbers in church, etc., and that our ceremonies will be affected also. For example, I do not see any washing of feet or communal veneration of the cross being allowed to take place. Hopefully, as things progress, we will get a clearer sense of things. For now, it would be good to start thinking about our spiritual observance of Lent, despite the fact that we probably all feel like we've already given enough things up(!) (and that we've been 'living' Lent for nearly a year) and how we might climb the holy mountain to Easter.

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

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 take place during the week beginning 8th February. 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 assist in person at Holy Mass the following figures from last week give some idea of Mass attendance at the moment:

Saturday 18.00	8
Sunday 09.00	20
Sunday 11.00	10
Monday 09.30	3
Tuesday 18.00	9
Wednesday	Mass without congregation
Thursday 18.30	6
Friday 09.30	6

Growing in the Prophetic & Open Miracle Healing Service - with Damian Stayne

Friday 5th to Saturday 6 February 2021 - An online event. Web: www.coretlumenchristi.org
Email: stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org Tel: 016973 45623 or 07588 159341

Open for Personal Prayer

Just a reminder that St. Mary's is open for personal prayer during daylight hours. Why not call in and spend some time before our Eucharistic Lord? I may provide a break from being in the house...even if only for a few minutes.