



## 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 31st January 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine Office Psalter - Week 4

Sunday Readings - Year B

Weekday Readings - Year 1 Week 4

### Parish Website

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#### St. Mary

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#### Our Lady Immaculate

Station Road, Caton, LA2 9QL

#### St. Joseph

Back Lane, Kirkby Lonsdale LA6 2AP



## 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.

<b>Sunday 31st January</b> Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Green Racial Justice Day	18.00 Our Lady   Mass Deceased Friends 09.00 St. Joseph   Mass People of the Parish 11.00 St. Mary   Mass Nancy Walbank [h&i]*
<b>Monday 1st February</b> Feria Green	09.30 St. Mary   Mass Relatives, Friends, Benefactors [H]*
<b>Tuesday 2nd February</b> The Presentation of the Lord Feast, White	18.00 Our Lady   Mass Andrea Manssur [h&i]*
<b>Wednesday 3rd February</b> St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr Memorial, Red	09.30 St. Mary   Mass Don Francesco Farina [h&i]* Throats will be blessed in a 'general' way at the end of Mass. 18.00 Zoom   Holy Rosary - click link on website.
<b>Thursday 4th February</b> Christ the High Priest Votive, White	18.30 St. Joseph   Mass Michael Johnson*
<b>Friday 5th February</b> St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr Memorial, Red	09.30 St. Mary   Mass Georgina Horsley [h&i]*
<b>Saturday 6th February</b> Ss Paul Miki & Comp's, Martyrs Memorial, Red	18.00 Our Lady   Mass Helen Hyndman*
<b>Sunday 7th February</b> Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Green	09.00 St. Joseph   Mass Mike Biers* 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 174.1, Caton 441.2, 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 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

Sandy Cross, Marian Moxham, Micky McCarry, John L Beesley, Dennis Burles, Mary Norris, Idina Mary Peraza and Philip Taylor.



## Reflecting on the Word of God

### The One and the Many

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus heals a man who was possessed. But notice that when the demon-possessed man first talks to Jesus, he uses the first-person plural pronoun to refer to himself. He says, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Why does he say "us"? Why doesn't he say "me"?

The answer, I think, is that although there is only one human body giving voice to these words, there is more than one mind behind the words. That is why that one man's voice says "us" to refer to himself.

When Jesus heals the man, he does so by ridding him of all minds but one, the man's own. In healing him, Jesus makes him single-minded. And so the Gospel Reading calls to our attention what an affliction it is to be double-minded.

Even just dealing with the double-mindedness of long bad habit can be miserable and devilishly difficult. Someone says to you when you are trying to diet and not doing particularly well, "Do you want another helping of pasta?" And what is the answer? Do you want more pasta? You do, you know you do, don't you? And yet somehow you really don't either.

And so, as we know from our own painful experience, being double-minded is a kind of slavery to our worst selves.

Real freedom is being able to do what you want to do. But if you have two minds about something, which mind is the real you? How can there be one real you when you are in two minds about something?

That's why you aren't free when you are double-minded. No matter what you do, you aren't doing what you want to do because there isn't just one you.

Like the demon-possessed man in the Gospel Reading, you will be free only when you are single-minded. But the demon-possessed man in the Gospel Reading was single-minded only after Jesus had healed him.

And so here is the lesson for us. In another Gospel text (John 8:32), Jesus tells his disciples that they will know the truth, and the truth will make them free. For those who will come to Jesus to be freed from their demons, he himself is that healing Truth that will make them free.

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

### Thank you Betty

Betty Byrne has let me know of her intention to retire from her role looking after the St. Mary's parish finances, after 18 years of dedicated work, at the end of this financial year. We thank her for her tireless and dedicated commitment over these many years...the calculator can finally be put down! I'm very grateful to Joe Armistead for his willingness to take up the mantle.

### 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 only a couple of 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.

### Canonical Merger of the Parish of St. Mary Hornby with St. Joseph Kirkby Lonsdale - consultation.

At the beginning of Lent Fr. Michael will begin a formal process of canonical consultation with parishioners on 'canonically' merging the two existing parishes. The impact of this will largely be to reduce the amount of bureaucracy that currently exists. More details to follow.

### 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 of 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	12
Sunday 09.00	17
Sunday 11.00	10
Monday 09.30	4
Tuesday 18.00	4
Wednesday	Mass without congregation
Thursday 18.30	5
Friday 09.30	4

### 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](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org)  
Email: [stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org](mailto: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.

### CAFOD Fast Day

Due to current low attendance at Mass, donations for the CAFOD Lent Fast Day on 26th February can be made at <https://cafod.org.uk/Give>. There will not be a 'second collection' for this purpose in the parish.