



## 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 7th February 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine Office Psalter - Week 1

Sunday Readings - Year B

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### Parish Website

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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.

<b>Sunday 7th February</b> Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Green	18.00 Our Lady   Mass Helen Hyndman 09.00 St. Joseph   Mass Mike Biers 11.00 St. Mary   Mass People of the Parish
<b>Monday 8th February</b> Feria Green	09.30 St. Mary   Mass Luke Doherty [h&i]*
<b>Tuesday 9th February</b> The Guardian Angels Votive, White	18.00 Our Lady   Mass Susie and Harry Hardman*
<b>Wednesday 10th February</b> St. Scholastica, Virgin Memorial, White	09.30 St. Mary   Mass Susan and Jim Hyndman*  18.00 Zoom   Holy Rosary - click link on website.
<b>Thursday 11th February</b> Our Lady of Lourdes, Feast, White	18.30 St. Joseph   Mass Bob Edwards [h&i]*
<b>Friday 12th February</b> The Mystery of the Holy Cross Votive, Red	09.30 St. Mary   Mass Mona & Jim Hyndman*
<b>Saturday 13th February</b> The Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial, White	18.00 Our Lady   Mass Frank and Margaret Hardman
<b>Sunday 14th February</b> Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Green	09.00 St. Joseph   Mass Pro Populo 11.00 St. Mary   Mass Kate McDonald

### 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 142, Caton 282, Kirkby Lonsdale *Suppressed [fewer than 3 cases]* - 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**

Canon Edward Wynne, Rose Clough, Michael McFadden, Gwendolyn Defoe Rita Giblin, Frank Kilkenny, Michael Byrne, Therese Wilson, Larry Hand and Frank Hardman.



## Reflecting on the Word of God

Serving the Lord Well

In the Gospel Reading, when Jesus comes to Peter's house, he finds that Peter's mother-in-law is sick, and he heals her.

And then look what happens. The whole town hears of her healing and they rush all their sick to Peter's house. The house is surrounded, and so is Jesus. Now, all of a sudden, Jesus seems to have become a one-man hospital.

He is so besieged that he can't even pray in the house. He has to head out secretly into the countryside in the dark of early morning.

When his absence is detected, his disciples go looking for him. "Hey," they say when they find him, "Everybody is looking for you!" They seem to think that his urgent-care clinic should be open at all hours.

Now, of course, it is a good work to heal the sick. And, of course, those who love the sick are right to want them healed.

And yet how absurd it is to suppose that prayer should take second-place to work, no matter what the work is! And how sadly and understandably absurd it is to suppose that the mission of Jesus is to be a Doctor Without Borders.

So maybe it isn't hard to figure out what Jesus was praying about in the early morning in the countryside.

Each healing Jesus does is a good thing. But good things can actually get in the way of serving God well. To serve God well, a person has to do not just any good things that others want him to do. He has to do those good things that God has called him to do. It may take prayer to figure out which good things to turn down.

Jesus' disciples feel that Jesus needs to hurry back to Peter's village to keep practicing medicine. What Jesus tells them, after his prayer, is that he is leaving Peter's village to continue his ministry—not of medicine but of preaching—in other towns. Preaching is the purpose for which he came.

What is needed to serve God well, then, is not endless good things that other people want from you. What is needed for the Lord's service is prayer first. And after that comes fidelity to just those few good things that fulfil that particular purpose to which the Lord has called 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

### 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.

### 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.

### Devotions during Lent

During Lent, Fr Michael will offer a couple of spiritual devotions each week. On Monday evenings at 7.00 pm he will offer a spiritual reflection on the scriptures for the following Sunday. This will be followed by discussion. On Fridays at 12.30 pm he will lead Stations of the Cross using a series of different meditations [some traditional, some modern]. Both of these will be offered via Zoom on the Parish Website.

When the weather picks up it is hoped to have outdoor stations in the garden at Hornby... here's to a warmer Spring.

### 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 have appointed 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 and be conducted by Robert Harrington, an experienced conservation architect with a special interest in Georgian architecture. 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	19
Sunday 11.00	12
Monday 09.30	2
Tuesday 18.00	8
Wednesday	0
Thursday 18.30	8 <i>plus Stella</i>
Friday 09.30	6

### 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.

### Bishop Patrick O'Donoghue

As announced at all Masses last weekend we received the sad news of the passing of Bishop O'Donoghue on Sunday 24th January 2021. His funeral Mass took place on Tuesday 26th January in his home parish of Mourneabbey, Co. Cork. There will be a Diocesan Requiem Mass when conditions permit.

Memorial cards will be distributed in due course but please pray for the repose of his soul.

Fr. Robert Billing, secretary to Bishop O'Donoghue has written a fitting tribute to Bishop Patrick and it is available at <https://catholicsinsouthblackpool.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/A-Personal-Tribute-to-Bishop-Padraig-ODonoghue-RIP.pdf> It is well worth a read.

### Ash Wednesday

The guidance from the Vatican for the imposition of Ashes is slightly different from what we would be used to. Whereas the English custom is to smear ashes on the forehead, this year we will be adopting the guidelines from the Vatican where the dry ashes are sprinkled on the crown of the head. As with the distribution of Holy Communion, the call to repentance will be made only once prior to the imposition of ashes.

There will be two celebrations of Holy Mass on Ash Wednesday. 12.00 noon at Kirkby Lonsdale and 6.00 pm at Caton to allow parishioners to begin their Lenten journey well. Fr Michael will take Tuesday 16th as his rest day so there will be no evening Mass at Caton that evening, but a morning Mass at Hornby.