



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 14th February 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine Office Psalter - Week 2 [Week 4 in Lent]

Sunday Readings - Year B

Weekday Readings - Year 1 Week 6 then Lent

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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 14th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Green	18.00 Our Lady Mass Frank and Margaret Hardman 09.00 St. Joseph Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 11.00 St. Mary Mass Kate McDonald
Monday 15th February Feria Green	09.30 St. Mary Mass Thomas Toase
Tuesday 16th February The Guardian Angels Votive, White	09.30 St. Mary Mass In thanksgiving [AA] 18.00 Zoom Holy Rosary - click link on website.
Wednesday 17th February ASH WEDNESDAY Purple	A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE 12.00 St. Joseph Mass Mike & Margaret Docherty* 18.00 Our Lady Mass Fr. Bernard Kevill
Thursday 18th February Thursday after Ash Wednesday Purple	18.30 St. Joseph Mass Dora Burke*
Friday 19th February Friday after Ash Wednesday Purple	09.30 St. Mary Mass Francis Bostrom [h&i]* 12.30 Zoom Stations of the Cross
Saturday 20th February Saturday after Ash Wednesday Purple	18.00 Our Lady Mass Ted & Anastasia McDonald*
Sunday 21st February First Sunday in Lent Purple Pastoral Letter from the Bishop	09.00 St. Joseph Mass Patricia Keeffe [h&i]* 11.00 St. Mary Mass <i>People of the Parish</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 Sunday Mass with the lowest attendance at the moment is the 6.00 pm Vigil Mass at Caton [8].
- 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 in the area per 100,000 are Hornby 63 [4 cases], Caton 53 [3 cases], Kirkby Lonsdale 48 [3 cases] - all well below the national average.
- With such low cases, the Gloria, Second Reading and Creed will be reintroduced this weekend.



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

May Sheridan, Patrick Daly, Margaret Lavelle



Reflecting on the Word of God

Only say the word and my soul shall be healed

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus reaches out to touch a leper; and, by touching him heals him.

Leprosy is a disease worth fearing. It disfigures and disables a person. The ancient world thought it could be transmitted by touch. For the sake of the health of the community, the law made lepers outcasts; but, even without the law, nobody wanted to touch a leper. The leper healed by Jesus must have lived without the touch of another human being for a long time.

How welcome the touch of Jesus must have been to that leper! And how overjoyed he must have been when he found himself healed!

Leprosy is not the only thing that severely disfigures and disables a person. Sin does so too. And the touch of Jesus that heals leprosy heals sin as well. That is why, at mass, we pray, "Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed." Forego touch, Lord! We would be so overjoyed if you just said the word! Your healing would be so welcome to us!

But we say those words at every mass, week after week, year after year. And still we struggle with our sins. Somewhere Nietzsche says, unkindly, about Christians, "They don't even look like the redeemed!" That is a painful accusation, isn't it? Why aren't we healed, by word or by touch, as the leper was? Why do we have to keep asking for the Lord's healing touch at every mass?

But think about it this way: how would Nietzsche know what the redeemed look like? For that matter, how would we? Why should we think that we are in a position to see the healing that the Lord does in our lives? Why would we think that we are in a position to judge how far we have come in conquering the sin in ourselves? The Lord tells us not to judge others (Mt 7:1). Why should we think we are able to judge ourselves? So we do not have to see the effects of the healing touch of the Lord in order for it to do its work. The touch of the Word, for whose healing word we pray at every mass, does its healing deep within. Our job is to be open to that touch.

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

Times of Holy Mass this week

Please note the time of Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday this week to accommodate and extra celebration on Mass on Wednesday.

Fasting and Abstinence on Ash Wednesday

We are asked to practice Abstinence on all the Fridays of Lent, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means that no meat may be eaten on days of abstinence. Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat. Those who are sick, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

The Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday means having *only one full meal* to maintain one's strength. Two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Catholics from age 18 through age 59 are bound to fast. Again, the sick, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

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

In the next couple of weeks 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.

St. Mary Hornby 1821-2021

The first part of the Quinquennial Survey took place on Thursday. This was the internal investigation; the external investigation will take place when it is a bit warmer. The verbal feedback highlighted a need to investigate further the condition of the beams in the cellar and roof space: there is evidence of insect activity in beams especially in the cellar. There are also a number of damaged panes of glass in the front windows [upstairs and downstairs] of the presbytery which require action. Finally, quotes will be sort to enable the production of drawings of the presbytery and church to assist with planning and grant applications.

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	15
Sunday 11.00	17
Monday 09.30	4
Tuesday 18.00	11
Wednesday	Did not take place
Thursday 18.30	7 plus Stella
Friday 09.30	5

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? It 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.

Vocation to the Priesthood

Any young men in the parish who sense they have a calling to priestly ministry or would like to know more about it are invited to an evening session by Zoom. This opportunity for reflection requires no commitment, just an open and interested heart. Monday 22 March 6.30pm – 8.00pm Zoom: Meeting ID: 926 5171 4195 Passcode: 024463 Or contact Fr Luiz Ruscillo: 01228 525632 email: luiz.ruscillo@gmail.com

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.

St. Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale

A few parishioners have commented that it would be good to give St. Joseph's Church a bit of 'lift'. When the situation allows it would be good to have a bit of a 'sort out', particularly of the St. Joseph's Room and Sacristy...watch this space.

Fr Michael has contacted Bruno Ormsby of Ormsby of Scarisbrick to look at options for enhancing the current arrangement of the tabernacle and gradine [the tables that the 6 candlesticks are placed] to match the altar. The vestments and altar cloths [many have wax build up] will be renewed over the coming months. If any parishioners would like to donate something, for example 'in memory' of someone, they are very welcome to do this and should have a quiet word with Fr Michael. It would be good to mark this Year of St. Joseph in this way.