



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 21st February 2021

First Sunday in Lent

Divine Office Psalter - 1 Lent

Sunday Readings - Year B

Weekday Readings - Lent Week 1

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Parish Diary

All Masses celebrated at Caton and Hornby will be 'live broadcasted' via Zoom. Please follow link on the Parish Website.

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

Sunday 21st February First Sunday in Lent Purple Pastoral Letter from the Bishop	18.00 Our Lady Mass Ted & Anastasia McDonald* 09.00 St. Joseph Mass Patricia Keeffe [h&i]* 11.00 St. Mary Mass People of the Parish
Monday 22nd February The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle Feast, White	09.30 St. Mary Mass Private Intention [JG]* 19.00 Zoom Reflection on the Sunday Gospel
Tuesday 23rd February of Lent Week 1 Purple	18.00 Our Lady Mass Fr Geoffrey Parfitt [LD]
Wednesday 24th February of Lent Week 1 Purple	09.30 St. Mary Mass Myra Westall [h&i]* 18.00 Zoom Holy Rosary - click link on website.
Thursday 25th February of Lent Week 1 Purple	18.30 St. Joseph Mass Sick Clergy*
Friday 26th February of Lent Week 1 Purple	CAFOD Lent 'Fast Day' 09.30 St. Mary Mass Fr Paul Dillon* 12.30 Zoom Stations of the Cross
Saturday 27th February of Lent Week 1 Purple	18.00 Our Lady Mass Sylvia Hargreaves
Sunday 28th February Second Sunday in Lent Purple	09.00 St. Joseph Mass Anne & Bernard Loveland 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.
- We are restricting numbers in the church buildings: Caton has a capacity of 30. Hornby 24. Kirkby Lonsdale 29. The Sunday Mass with the lowest attendance at the moment is the 6.00 pm Vigil Mass.
- 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 70 [4 cases], Kirkby Lonsdale 80 [5 cases] - all below the national average.



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

Eva Smith, Kate Jones, Sister Gertrude, Thomas Toase, Mary Douglas and George Hose.



Reflecting on the Word of God

The Rainbow and the Goodness of God

In the First Reading, God gives Noah the rainbow as a reassuring sign of God's goodness: he will never again do what he has just done. God will never again destroy everything with a flood.

But why isn't it bad enough that God did it once? God brought it about that every human being, except for Noah and his small family, died by drowning in one great natural catastrophe. Where is the goodness of God in the story of the flood?

Well, here is one way to think about God's action. Consider the medical treatment for certain fatal cancers. For those deadly diseases, doctors can try to save the patient with an autologous bone marrow transplant. The doctor takes bone marrow from the patient and hunts for any cells that are not cancerous. He saves those healthy cells, but he kills the cancerous ones. Then he clones the healthy cells and puts them back into the patient. By this painful measure, there is a chance that the doctor can save the life of his patient.

In the story of the flood, God tries the analogue of this same procedure on the human race, doomed to die because of sin. God takes a few morally healthy human beings and puts them into a new world, to reproduce there. The morally sick and destructive population of the old world dies in God's flood.

But, you might think, what dies in the treatment for cancer is only cells. What died in the flood is human beings!

True, but notice this other difference between the medical treatment and the flood. In the flood, the selection between the sick and the healthy people is made by the people themselves. Those who aren't on Noah's boat don't want to be on it. To get on the boat, they would have to acknowledge their sins and accept God's means to safety. If they repented they would be among the healthy, the righteous invited on the boat. But this is what they refuse to do.

The boat is there for those who don't refuse it. And, as the Gospel reading makes plain, that boat is always there, in Christ, who saves all those who do not reject him.

And so the rainbow is a sign of the goodness of God, who calls everyone to salvation

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

Called and Gifted

Each of us is created uniquely by God, in our time and place, for a purpose. When we understand and allow ourselves to be aligned with that purpose we are energised and fulfilled; and God's love and provision is able to flow more freely exactly where it is needed, through our spiritual gifts (charisms). *Called and Gifted* is the discernment process that helps us unlock our story, understand our gifts (charisms) and discover our unique mission.

Until now the work of 'Called & Gifted' has been limited to the Diocese of Portsmouth, but it is now being offered across the UK. Thanks to Covid and with the blessing of the Catherine of Siena Institute, the Plymouth team can now offer *Called & Gifted* online.

Their website contains a summary with links: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/called-and-gifted>

It would be good to pilot this opportunity in parish. The cost is £100 per participant - a parish subsidy should be available. Could we have 10 parishioners to pilot this? Please talk to Fr Michael

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

Due to discussions taking place across the diocese in coming months, with a number clergy retirements imminent, the consultation will take place at a later date. 'Be of good cheer'.

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 gospel 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.

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	10
Sunday 09.00	13
Sunday 11.00	17
Monday 09.30	6
Tuesday 09.30	4
Wednesday 12.00	23
Wednesday 18.00	21
Thursday 18.30	5 plus Stella
Friday 09.30	4

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

OLCC Sixth Form Uganda Project

Thank you to all who supported our Christmas fund-raising project. The amount raised has now exceeded £1500 and this is being sent to the Home of Divine Mercy Vocational School to purchase beds for the new dormitory. We are hoping to continue to support the school to finish the dormitory and we have started a Lenten Fund-raising project. We are making and selling the following items: knitted Easter chicks with a Creme Egg inside (£3 each or 2 for £5), knitted baby bunnies (£4) Easter baskets for Children (£10) and for Adults (£12) – these contain a mixture of Easter treats as well as a puzzles and Easter Prayer cards – please see the church web-site for a leaflet with pictures of these items and more details. We also continue to sell hand-made greeting cards at £1 each – including Easter Cards. Call Ruth Lowe on 01524 770706 or email ruthclowe@gmail.com to order – we can deliver to your home. Thank you.

Covid - a word of encouragement

Covid is impacting on us all in very different ways: frustration, boredom, anger even and a general 'fed up' - ness. It is frustrating that wider parish life is on 'pause' at the moment, that the usual run of meetings, sacramental preparation etc, cannot, at the moment, take place. We have the blessing of the daily celebration of Holy Mass [which many parishes do not have, even now] and open churches and we should draw strength from that. We are asked to be patient with one another, and the situation. We pray that it will all end soon and that some semblance of 'normality' can resume.

Even though cases in our area are low in number we must take the pandemic seriously, which includes strictly observing any legal requirements that are in force: they exist to protect the health and wellbeing of all of us. Hopefully, on Monday we will hear more about the gradual lifting of wider restrictions.

Holy Week and Easter

The Vatican has, this past week, issued guidelines for the celebration of Holy Week. They are more or less the same as the guidelines published last year. This will again mean that the liturgies of Holy Week are 'muted' in tone. Bearing this in mind, and what can realistically be achieved (particularly with a view to 'broadcasting' the Holy Week liturgies) I envisage that the Paschal Triduum will be celebrated exclusively at St. Mary, Hornby.

Again, this will be a disappointment to all and many: let's hope and pray that this is the final 'muted' Holy Week.

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Masses will be as 'normal' as they can be.