



## 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 March 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent - Laetare Sunday  
Divine Office Psalter - 4 Lent Propers  
Sunday Readings - Year B  
Weekday Readings - Lent Week 4

### Parish Website

[www.lunevalleycatholics.org.uk](http://www.lunevalleycatholics.org.uk)

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St. Joseph

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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.

<b>Sunday 14th March</b> Fourth Sunday in Lent Laetare Sunday Mothering Sunday Rose	18.00 Our Lady   Mass People of the Parish 09.00 St. Joseph   Mass Michael Ryan 11.00 St. Mary   Mass Peter Johnson [h&i]*
<b>Monday 15th March</b> of Lent Week 4 Purple	Fr Michael is on 'leave' this week Private Mass Holy Souls*
<b>Tuesday 16th March</b> of Lent Week 4 Purple	Fr Michael is on 'leave' this week Private Mass Mona & Jim Hyndman*
<b>Wednesday 17th March</b> St Patrick, Bishop White	Fr Michael is on 'leave' this week Private Mass In thanksgiving* 18.00 Zoom   Holy Rosary - click link on website.
<b>Thursday 18th March</b> of Lent Week 4 Purple	Fr Michael is on 'leave' this week Private Mass Helen Hyndman*
<b>Friday 19th March</b> St. Joseph White	Fr Michael is on 'leave' this week Private Mass Holy Souls*
<b>Saturday 20th March</b> of Lent Week 4 Purple	18.00 Our Lady   Mass Anthony Finnerty [LD]*
<b>Sunday 21st March</b> Fifth Sunday in Lent  'Passiontide' begins Crosses and images are veiled	09.00 St. Joseph   Mass Private Intention [AL] 11.00 St. Mary   Mass People of the Parish

### Covid-19 Guidance

- Instructions are as given in previous weeks please refer to those via the parish website.
- Those who have been vaccinated may want to consider returning back to Holy Mass in coming weeks, even if only to one of the weekday Masses.
- 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. Hornby is reaching capacity.
- 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: For all areas of the parish numbers are now all classed as 'suppressed' indicating that there are fewer than 3 cases in each area.



## 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 have died recently

Keith Bennison [Funeral Liturgy on 24th March] and Philomena Dickinson. May they rest in peace.

### For those whose anniversaries occur during and around this time

George Hose, Thomas Carter, Albert Jibson, Patricia Hicks, Brian Gray, Ethel Parkinson, Richard Culbert, Warren Apps, Rev. T Gore, John P Shields



## Reflecting on the Word of God

### Heartbreak

As the First Reading describes it, the enemies of the Jews smash Jerusalem. The walls of the city are torn down. The Temple of God is burned up, and all its holy things are destroyed. And the people are taken captive to Babylon. It's all lost, their country, their customs, their language, their cult, their Temple.

In the Psalm, there is a poignant picture of the people's heartbreak over this destruction of their home. The enemies who had wrecked Jerusalem wanted the Jews to sing Hebrew songs for them. "How can we sing the Lord's songs in a strange land," the captive people say to themselves in their grief.

The Second Reading declares that God is rich in mercy and great in love. So why doesn't God protect his people from the heartbreak that his people had when Jerusalem was destroyed?

The answer to the question lies in the Readings. God doesn't want to destroy people and God doesn't allow suffering for the sake of hurting people either. Instead, God is looking for a remedy, as the First Reading implies. God is willing to use desperate measures, even the heartbreak of his people, to save them.

And not only that, but God is willing to use his own suffering too. As the Gospel Reading says, God gave his beloved Son to save the world. Christ was betrayed by his disciples, shamed in front of his family and friends, mocked by his community, condemned by the legal authorities, publicly flogged, and put to death by crucifixion. Any one of these things is enough for heartbreak, isn't it? And so, in the incarnate Christ, God uses his own great suffering as the final remedy to bring people from death into life, when all other remedies have been tried and failed.

Heartbreak by us, by Christ, is for life not for death.

And here is what else we need to see. Jerusalem was rebuilt and the Temple was restored, as the First Reading explains. Christ's death was followed by his resurrection. In each of these cases, heartbreak was turned into joy.

And so heartbreak is not the last word. Elsewhere (Ps 37:3-4) the Psalmist says, "put your trust in the Lord, ... and he will give you the desires of your heart." When the story is God's, heartbreak is not the end of the story.

Joy in finding your heart's desire is.

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

### Post Christmas Break

Fr Michael will be taking his post-Christmas 'break' from Monday 15th to Friday 19th March - there will be no public liturgies, talks etc during this week. He turns 50 on Wednesday - please keep him in your prayers.

### Attendance Figures Last Weekend

Saturday 18.00	15
Sunday 09.00	26
Sunday 11.00	17

### A Day of Recollection for Women

'Awaken with Hope' organised by Women of the Diocese in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Saturday 20th March 2021 [9.45 am - 2.30 pm [Via Zoom] Cost £10 [£5 unwaged] Register online at [bit.ly/awakenwithhope](http://bit.ly/awakenwithhope) Tel 07586521502

### OLCC Sixth Form Uganda 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](mailto:ruthclowe@gmail.com) to order - we can deliver to your home. Thank you.

### Covid - changes over coming months

12th April: Weddings 15. Funerals 30. Sacramental preparation can take place.  
17th May: Weddings 30. Baptisms permitted.  
From the 21st June 'it is hoped all legal limits on social contact can be removed'.  
First Holy Communion this year is likely to take place over the weekend of Sunday 27th June 2021. Application forms for both sacraments will be available shortly on the parish website with classes for First Holy Communion taking place after the 12th April.

### Holy Week and Easter

The guidelines from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales are available on the parish website.

### Maundy Thursday [1st April]

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00 pm. [Hornby and Zoom].

### Good Friday [2nd April]

The Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 9.00 am at Hornby  
Stations of the Cross at 11.00 am at Kirkby Lonsdale.

The Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3.00 pm [Hornby and Zoom].

Stations of the Cross at 6.00 pm in the garden at Hornby [with singing].

### Holy Saturday [3rd April]

The Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 9.00 am at Hornby

The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter at 8.00 pm [sunset being 7.51] at Hornby.

On Easter Sunday morning please note that Masses will be celebrated at 9.00 am in Kirkby Lonsdale, 10.00 am at Hornby and 11.00 am at Caton.

*The renewal of baptismal promises will be observed at each of these celebrations of Holy Mass.*

*It will be necessary to book at place at these liturgies. More information shortly.*

### Red Boxes

Many thanks for your continued support as through the Red Box you play a vital part in creating a vibrant Catholic Church for the future. Whilst at present I am unable to collect the red boxes the Spring magazines and a prayer card for the year of St Joseph are available at the back of all three churches. The Mill Hill Missionaries annual novena to St Joseph starts on Wednesday 10th March and further details about this and the Red Boxes can be found at [www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena](http://www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena) and [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk). Any queries please contact Christine Griffiths.

### Aid to the Church in Need

Wondering how you can make a difference this Lent? You are invited to join ACN benefactors and parishes all across the UK for a virtual Sunday Lunch, on 21 March 2021, 1pm, in aid of the St John the Merciful Table, a fantastic initiative that serves daily meals to over 1,500 struggling Christians in Lebanon. All you need to attend this event is an internet connection and a device on which you can access YouTube. Be prepared to enjoy a full line-up of prayer, videos, music and more! For more info, visit <https://acnuk.org/event/acn-virtual-sunday-lunch/> See you there!

### Ask your MP to attend a parliamentary event on the dangers of DIY abortion

Governments are currently deciding on whether to make permanent the temporary measure allowing 'DIY' home abortions in England, Wales and Scotland. To ensure that politicians are aware of the negative impact of 'DIY' home abortions, the All-Party Parliamentary Pro-Life Group will be hosting a parliamentary event on Tuesday 23 March where experts will cover the latest evidence on how 'DIY' home abortions are placing women at risk. Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool that will enable members of the public to easily contact their MPs asking them to attend this event. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds! [www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionMeeting](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionMeeting)

### Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

A superb course is available online beginning Wednesday 7th April which will help anyone participating to understand Sacred Scripture with greater depth and insight.

I recommend especially that readers in the parish seriously consider joining this course: 50 parishioners completed the course when I was in Carlisle [in person not online].

Over 8 sessions you'll get a great overview of God's plan of salvation and the place of Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church.

For more information and to register visit <https://comeandsee.org>

The course is FREE.