



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 4th April 2021

Easter Sunday

Divine Office Psalter - Easter Octave Propers

Sunday Readings - Year B

Weekday Readings - Easter Octave Propers

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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 4th April EASTER SUNDAY <i>White</i> <i>Easter Offering for Clergy</i>	20.00 St. Mary Mass People of the Parish 09.00 St. Joseph Mass Anthony Finnerty [LD] 10.00 St. Mary Mass Fr Mark McManus [h&i] 11.00 Our Lady Mass Elizabeth Stenson
Monday 5th April EASTER MONDAY <i>White</i>	10.00 St. Mary Mass Private Intention [MD]* <i>Mass is later to allow for the Public Holiday</i>
Tuesday 6th April EASTER TUESDAY <i>White</i>	18.00 Our Lady Mass Michael Johnson*
Wednesday 7th April EASTER WEDNESDAY <i>White</i>	08.15 St. Mary Mass Helen Hyndman*
Thursday 8th April EASTER THURSDAY <i>White</i>	18.30 St. Joseph Mass Marion Finch-Moxham
Friday 9th April EASTER FRIDAY <i>White</i> <i>Meat may be eaten</i>	08.15 St. Mary Mass Holy Souls *
Saturday 10th April EASTER SATURDAY <i>White</i>	18.00 Our Lady Mass Joan Elliot
Sunday 11th April 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY <i>White</i>	09.00 St. Joseph Mass People of the Parish 11.00 St. Mary Mass William and Mary Rogerson

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, 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.
- 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

David Smail. May he rest in peace.

For those whose anniversaries occur during and around this time

Josephine O'Donnell, Arnold Roscoe, Theresa Aindow, Joe Stephenson, Eileen Darcy, Charlotte Wolstenholme, William Rogerson and Joan Elliot.



Reflecting on the Word of God

True joy

The Psalm for Easter Sunday says, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Above all days, Easter is a day of joy.

But what is joy? The answer St. Francis gave to this question is famous. St. Francis said to his Brother Leo, "When we come to [our house] St. Mary of the Angels, soaked by the rain and frozen by the cold, all soiled with mud and suffering from hunger, and we ring at the gate of the place and the brother porter comes and says angrily: 'Who are you?' And we say: 'We are two of your brothers.' And ... he does not open for us, but makes us stand outside in the snow and rain, cold and hungry, until night falls—then if we endure all those insults and cruel rebuffs patiently, ... oh, Brother Leo, ... perfect joy is there!"

Whatever we may think of St. Francis's explanation of perfect joy, Easter reminds us that Francis's kind of joy is not the end of the story. At Easter, we celebrate the other kind of joy, the kind each of us longs for, when every tear is wiped away, and there is no sorrow anymore—no more suffering from weather or hunger or hurtful human beings. In the hymn by Fr. John Foley, S. J. at Easter "the cross and passion past, dark night is over, bright morning comes at last!" When we ourselves rise to meet our risen Lord, in that bright morning we will hear him say, "Come away, beloved. The winter is past; the rain is gone, and the flowers return to the earth." (Song of Songs 2:10-12) In the loving union of that encounter, all the heartbrokenness of our lives will be redeemed. That will be perfect joy.

If all we had was the joy St. Francis describes, our courage might fail us in this life. Easter celebrates now the perfect joy waiting for us when we and all creation are reborn with our resurrected Lord into the everlasting love of God. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

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].

For more information and to register visit <https://comeandsee.org>. The course is FREE.

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 to order – we can deliver to your home. Thank you.

St. Mary's Garden

With the lifting of certain Covid restrictions [especially concerning groups of 6 or 2 households meeting in gardens], from the 12th April the garden will be able to welcome visitors. Initially this will be limited to Sundays between 12.00 noon and 5.00 p.m [18th April being the first Sunday for this]. Persons entering do so at their own risk. A risk assessment covering access to this garden is available on the parish website.

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 any classes for First Holy Communion taking place after the 12th April.

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. Any queries please contact Christine Griffiths.

Easter Offering

The Offertory at Easter is traditionally been given to clergy and contributes to their annual allowance. Fr Michael gives this to the parish and it is used to fund his monthly allowance over the year.

The collection on Good Friday is for the 'Holy Places' and helps support the work of the Church in the Holy Land: if you are not attending on Good Friday please consider bringing an offering marked 'Holy Places' with you on Easter Sunday.

Climate Change Conference

The British Government is hosting the United Nations Climate Change Conference in November this year in Glasgow. The hope is that when the governments of the world come together they will be able to build on the agreement reached in Paris in 2015. Although we are still living through the current pandemic, the Pope has pointed out that this is actually just one of the 'pandemics' that affect our world at the moment; human trafficking, corruption, hunger, but also climate change which affects all of these.

The experience of Paris showed that governments are encouraged to take this matter seriously when they hear expressions of concern from the public.

I am conscious that personal opinions regarding global climate change differ. Our parishes should not be operating as political pressure groups, however, the care of and concern for the environment is something we should all take more seriously. The Glasgow conference COP26 is an event of world significance challenging the way the world does business. It opens the door for all of us to live in a way that is less demanding on Creation and more sympathetic to becoming a global citizen. There is much to reflect on. Fr. Hugh Pollock, Chair of the Faith and Justice Commission, Lancaster invites you to contact him should you wish to know more details of matters related to care of the gift of God's creation please contact Father Hugh Pollock at lfjcm@gmail.com.

Chaplaincy at HMP Kirkham

A vacancy has arisen for a Catholic chaplain at HMP Kirkham, details of which can be found here: [42453 - Chaplain - Catholic Ordained Deacon, Religious Brother/Sister/Lay Person - MoJ \(fal.net\)](https://www.fal.net/42453-Chaplain-Catholic-Ordained-Deacon-Religious-Brother/Sister/Lay-Person-MoJ)

Happy Easter! He is risen!

Fr Michael would like to wish parishioners, their families and friends a very happy and blessed Easter Season! We may have been fasting for forty days but on the plus side we now have an opportunity to feast for fifty days! Enjoy the season.

With the gradual lifting of Covid restrictions there is some hope that the parishes, at least by the end of June, will begin to return to some degree of 'normality'. Perhaps that might be a good prayer intention for the season of Easter - some 'normality'.

I speak in my homily this weekend of deepening our commitment to the Word of God, to prayer, to the celebration of Holy Mass in the confidence of the Resurrection. As the weeks proceed it may be an opportunity to begin to return to Mass if you have been away: one of the effects of the pandemic is a general 'do I have to?' approach to many things and we can become a little too comfortable just 'staying at home' [which has been the right and proper thing to do to protect ourselves and others]. When you're ready perhaps begin with small steps to embracing life beyond Covid...life after Covid.

You are in my prayers each day. May God bless you.