



## 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 25th April 2021

4th Sunday of Easter

Divine Office Psalter - Week 4

Sunday Readings - Year B

Weekday Readings - Easter Week 4

### Parish Website

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## Parish Diary

*Weekend 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 25th April</b> <b>4th SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>White</i> <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i> <i>Second Collection Ecclesiastical</i> <i>Education Fund</i>	18.00 Our Lady   Mass Dr Douglas Bell [h&i] 09.00 St. Joseph   Mass John Finch [h&i] 11.00 St. Mary   Mass People of the Parish [Living and Dead]
<b>Monday 26th April</b> <i>of the Fourth Week of Easter</i> <i>White</i>	No public Mass
<b>Tuesday 27th April</b> <i>of the Fourth Week of Easter</i> <i>White</i>	No public Mass
<b>Wednesday 28th April</b> <i>of the Fourth Week of Easter</i> <i>White</i>	No public Mass
<b>Thursday 29th April</b> <i>St Catherine of Siena, Feast</i> <i>White</i>	No public Mass
<b>Friday 30th April</b> <i>of the Fourth Week of Easter</i> <i>Red</i> <i>Abstinence from meat</i>	No public Mass
<b>Saturday 1st May</b> <b>St. Joseph the Worker</b> <i>White</i>	9.30 am St. Mary's Covid-Compliant Garden 'Spring Clean', Fr. Michael's Ginger Bread as a 'reward'. See notice on reverse.  18.00 Our Lady   Mass Arnold & Elvira Thompson
<b>Sunday 2nd May</b> <b>5th SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>White</i>	09.00 St. Joseph   Mass In thanksgiving 11.00 St. Mary   Mass People of the Parish [Living and Dead]



### May: The Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pope Francis invites us, this May, to participate in a global Rosary Marathon dedicated to praying for an end to the global pandemic. "The initiative will involve all the Shrines of the world in a special way, so that they might encourage the faithful, families, and communities to recite the Rosary to pray for an end to the pandemic". The Holy Father will launch the initiative on Saturday - please look out on Vatican Media to participate in this event.

Please consider praying the Holy Rosary each day for this intention during May, even if just a decade of the rosary. If you are uncertain about how to pray the rosary a useful 2 minute video is available here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuT7H1Zv6A>

Fr Michael will lead the recitation of the Rosary in the garden at Hornby during May *more details to follow*,



## 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, 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, Margaret McMullen, Bryan Ingleby, Jenny Fisher and Robert Otway

### For those whose have died recently

Arthur Such [Melling] May he rest in peace.

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

Thomas Sheridan, Florence Harris, Bernard Dugdale, Vincent Murray, Sister Margaret Tomlinson, Father Dominic Rolls, Gordon Edwards, Gerard Murphy Daniel Stephenson, Margaret Bradley, Isa Turnbull, Elizabeth Bennett, Christine Moore and Cath Williamson.



## Reflecting on the Word of God

### Doctors without borders

The international aid organisation Doctors Without

Borders has 27,000 medical personnel in 60 countries, and they bring essential medicines and medical care to very many people who otherwise would go without.

The medical science they use comes from the Western industrialised countries. But no one supposes that there is something exclusivist or arrogant or intolerant about Doctors Without Borders for bringing this medical care from the West to the poor and sick in third-world countries. On the contrary, in 1999 Doctors Without Borders won the Nobel Peace Prize for its work with the world's needy.

There is an objective truth about what will heal people, and the fact that modern medicine comes from the industrialised West doesn't alter this truth. Western medicine is prized around the world because it has a power to heal which nothing else does.

What Peter says about Christ in the First Reading is a little like this. There is a sickness of the spirit as well as of the body, and it can lead to death too, a death of the spirit rather than the body. There is healing for this spiritual sickness. But, Peter says, it comes only from Christ. Christ has a power to heal that nothing else does.

That is a lesson that the First Reading teaches. To some people, this lesson is worrisome, or worth rejecting. They think it is disrespectful to other cultures and religions.

But notice what Christ adds to this lesson in the Gospel. He has more than one fold of sheep, he says. In their varying countries, cultures, and ethnicities, all those who hear his voice and are glad of it form the different folds of sheep for whom Christ is the good Shepherd. All these differing folds together make up the one truly world-wide flock of the Lord.

And so there is one objective truth about what heals, whether the healing is medical or spiritual; and there is only one source for this healing. But, unlike modern medicine, the healing of Christ is not another monopoly of the Western industrialised nations. Whatever his social or ethnic group, whatever the way in which Christ's voice comes to him and moves him, each person whose heart is stirred by the voice of the Lord is included in Christ's one flock.

The ultimate doctor without borders is Christ. 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

### The Ecclesiastical Education Fund

The Ecclesiastical Education Fund is a social reserve fund held by the Diocese of Lancaster to pay for the training of candidates to the priesthood. This includes academic and subsistence costs as well as a small grant given to seminarians each year [of around £2,000] which helps cover transport to and from seminary, books, clothing and other necessities. It costs around £130,000 to train a priest during their 7 years of formation. Contributions to the Ecclesiastical Education Fund, either through the annual collection or through legacies [e.g. monies left via wills] helps to meet these costs.

We currently have four men in formation for priestly ministry in the diocese. Please pray for Deacon Stuart Chapple, to be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese on June 26th, and for Philip Wrigley to be ordained Deacon at Oscott on the 6th June. Pray for Simon Marley in his first year at the Beda College, Rome, and for James Knight in his propaedeutic year at Valladolid, Spain.

Please be generous for this Special Collection this weekend.

### Spectacular Spectacles!

Do you have glasses lying around the house? Hidden away in drawers? No longer any use to you?

Hying Hall is able to send spectacles that are no longer required to developing countries where they are given a new life and will transform the daily life of those who need a pair of specs.

If you have any lying around at home bring them to Mass with you and deposit in the box set up for this purpose.

A little gesture that could make a real difference in the lives of those who need them.

### St. Mary's Garden

The garden is open for visitors on Sunday afternoon from 12.00 noon until 5.00 pm. We will look at further opening as the Covid restrictions continue to be lifted.

### Garden 'Sanctuary'



Many thanks to the parishioners who helped erect the 'Sanctuary' in the garden to assist with the celebration of Holy Mass outdoors.

Parishioners are invited to plant up and contribute some arrangements of seasonal bedding plants in weighted pots to decorate this sanctuary. The Bishop will be visiting in June to celebrate a 'Covid compliant' Mass here for teachers

### Covid - changes over coming months

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 available in each church, please see Fr Michael to get one.

Please return by the end of April: they can be posted through the Presbytery door.

### 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.

### St. Mary's Garden Spring Clean

On Saturday 1st May meeting at 9.30 am helpers are needed to give St. Mary's Garden a 'spring clean' gardening session in readiness for the summer. It's the first opportunity we've had in a long time for a 'social gathering' even if we'll only be able to work closely with someone in our own household.

We'll be operating under Government 'Volunteering' Guidance.

Socially distanced refreshments will be available and Fr. Michael has promised to bake some of his Ginger Bread!

### Time to start coming back...

Pubs, gyms, shops and even hair dressers reopen this week. Good news! An end appears to be in sight...we hope.

While we still have to be careful, observing social distancing etc, there is a sense that some things are returning back to 'normal'.

With this in mind, especially for those who have received both vaccines, it is good to be thinking seriously about returning to Mass in person, even if only for a weekday Mass at present. Our faith is an 'incarnational', bodily one and as the recent court case in Scotland demonstrated - 'in person' worship is fundamental to the Catholic faith.

Thanks to the stewards and others, our churches meet the guidelines from the Bishops' Conference which have been agreed with the government and offer a Covid-secure way of celebrating our faith.

Weekday Masses will no longer be 'broadcast' via Zoom. I'm grateful to Barbara and Allison who have facilitated this for so long.

The weekend Masses at Caton and Hornby will continue to be broadcast for the time being.

### Swollen neck...

Fr Michael had emergency surgery this past week and a couple of nights in hospital to provide a remedy the swollen neck issue. The operation appears to have been successful and he'll spend this week recuperating.

### Pastoral Letter

This weekend we have a Pastoral Letter for Good Shepherd Sunday - a day of international prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

If you are discerning a vocation to the priesthood please contact Canon Luiz Ruscillo, vocations director for the Diocese of Lancaster on 01228 525632.

Copies of the Bishops Pastoral letter are available on the parish website.