



The Parishes of St. Mary | Hornby, with Caton St. Joseph | Kirkby Lonsdale

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Parish Newsletter

Sunday 23rd May 2021

Pentecost

Divine Office Psalter - Week 4

Sunday Readings - Year B

Weekday Readings - Ordinary Time Week 8

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Parish Diary

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

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

Sunday 23rd May PENTECOST <i>Red</i> <i>Conclusion of the Season of Easter</i> <i>Pastoral Letter Bishops Conference</i>	18.00 Our Lady Mass Patrick Anderson 09.00 St. Joseph Mass People of the Parish 11.00 St. Mary Mass Harold Foster <i>Holy Mass will be celebrated inside this week</i> 17.00 St. Mary Meeting for First Holy Communion Parents
Monday 24th May <i>Our Lady, Mother of the Church</i> <i>White</i>	08.15 St. Mary Mass Holy Souls*
Tuesday 25th May <i>St. Bede the Venerable</i> <i>White</i>	18.00 Our Lady Mass Barbara Redmond [h&i]
Wednesday 26th May <i>St. Philip Neri</i> <i>White</i>	No public Mass
Thursday 27th May <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal</i> <i>High Priest</i> <i>White</i>	18.30 St. Joseph Mass Susan & Jim Hyndman*
Friday 28th May <i>of Week 8</i> <i>Green</i> <i>Abstinence from meat</i>	08.15 St. Mary Mass Helen Hyndman*
Saturday 29th May <i>of Week 8</i> <i>Green</i>	18.00 Our Lady Mass Brian Boardman
Sunday 30th May THE MOST HOLY TRINITY <i>White</i>	09.00 St. Joseph Mass For the renewal of faith 11.00 St. Mary Mass People of the Parish <i>When wet and windy Mass will be celebrated inside.</i> 17.00 St. Mary Rosary & Benediction



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=GuT7HIZv6A>

Fr Michael will lead the recitation of the Rosary in the garden at Hornby on Sunday 30th May at 5.00 pm.



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, John McInerney and Robert Otway

For those whose anniversaries occur during and around this time

Doreen Flynn, Ellen Hardman, Horace Watts, Katie Bateson, John Mulroy, James Douglas, Gerard Doyle, Mary Agnes Archer, Susan Pearson, Dorothy Smith, David Roberts, Fr. George Fisher, Mary Kyle, Margaret McCarr, Rachel Higson, Elsie Eaton, Paula McKenna.



Reflecting on the Word of God

The coming of the Spirit

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus foretells that he will send the Holy Spirit on his disciples. And this Sunday we celebrate that coming of the Spirit at Pentecost.

But Genesis tells us that the Spirit was in the world from the beginning of creation. The Spirit moved upon the face of the waters when God first made heaven and earth. From that beginning all throughout the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is present in the world. For example, the Spirit of God came upon Balaam (Num. 24:2), Joshua (Num. 27:18), Gideon (Judges 6:34), Jephthah (Judges 11:29), Samson (Judges 13:25), Saul (1 Sam. 11:6), David (1 Sam. 16:13), and others as well.

So why in the Gospel Reading does Christ say that he will send the Spirit? How does he send the Spirit if the Spirit was already in the world in Old Testament times?

The first thing to notice is that, in the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit is mentioned as coming only on a few particular people, often just people marked out for some particular purposes by God. But after Christ sends the Spirit at Pentecost, the Spirit comes on every single Christian. As the Second Reading explains, every person who says (and believes) that Jesus is Lord has the Holy Spirit dwelling in him.

Furthermore, after Pentecost, the Spirit that comes is the Spirit of the resurrected Christ, as well as the Spirit of the Father. And so when, after Pentecost, Christ's followers are filled with the Spirit, they are unified with Christ, because his Spirit is within them.

At Pentecost, then, the Spirit comes on all those who believe in Christ; and it comes on them forever, for their whole lives, provided only that they remain in Christ. Those who have the Holy Spirit dwelling within them are made into the body of Christ, because the Spirit of the resurrected Christ is in them.

So that is why the Spirit comes at Pentecost, to inaugurate the new age which God promised long ago. Through his prophet Joel (Jl 2:28), God promised that in the messianic age God would pour out his Spirit on all his people; and then God himself would be the hope and the strength of his people (Jl 3:16).

We are included in that promise too. By God's spirit that dwells in us, we are made one with our risen Lord; and his peace remains with us because he himself is with us and within us always, as he promised.

Eleonore 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

Poor weather

If the weather is particularly fowl then Mass at Hornby will take place indoors. This may mean that spaces will not be available. As a general rule - wet and windy, back insidey...

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.

Ordination to the Priesthood

Deacon Stuart Chapple will be ordained Priest for the Diocese of Lancaster at St Peter's Cathedral on Saturday 26th June 2021. Do keep Stuart in your prayers.

First Holy Communion

There will be a meeting for parents who have requested that their children receive First Holy Communion this year at 5.00 pm on Sunday 23rd May at St. Mary's Hornby [inside church] to discuss how children will be prepared this year and when to choose a particular day for this to be celebrated over the summer months - this will allow families to celebrate this occasion with some flexibility given uncertainty with regard to numbers permitted at Mass. Given the situation the date chosen may not necessarily be a Sunday.

Thank you - a spectacular response!

Many thanks to those who have donated unwanted spectacles in response to the recent appeal. 101 pairs have been recycled so far - too many for Hyning to deal with so these have been passed on to a similar scheme operated by Vision Express. You can keep donating..

May Rosary Mission

The Pontifical Council for the New Evangelisation that the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham has chosen as one of the shrines worldwide to lead daily prayers for the end of the pandemic. More information on this is available from <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

In addition to this Our Lady's Shrine in Walsingham is holding a Rosary Mission in the light of the Rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary and extends the call for Our Lady's Protection and Queenship over the entire world. Each night at 8pm there will be a foundational Rosary - to Jesus through Mary led from a different Parish/Shrine...this should be available online. Sunday May 30th between 5-6pm is the Rosary Hour for the Diocese of Lancaster.

Red Boxes

Now that restrictions are beginning to ease I would like to collect in the red boxes during the next few weeks. I know that Missio will be grateful for all contributions. Could you please bring your box to church and it will find its way to me. If there are any problems please do not hesitate to contact me. Many thanks Christine Griffiths.

Welcome

Welcome to any visitors to the parish this weekend. Your presence among us is a great blessing.

Lifting of Restrictions

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have issued new guidance for churches. The headlines are:

- There is some relaxation in the use of the confessional - as long as it is well-ventilated and a barrier/screen is in place.
 - Funerals - mourners can attend up to the church's safe capacity. The 30 person rule is dropped.
 - Singing; use of holy water stoups; Communion under both kinds; sign of peace - no change at the present time.
 - Offertory procession can take place.
 - Communion in the hand recommended; however, Holy Communion on the tongue can take place, so long as those who wish to receive on the tongue are at the back of the queue. This is not recommended if there is a local surge in infections.
 - Sunday collection may take place with volunteers holding the basket and moving around church (but not baskets passed-around the congregation).
 - Baptisms - stand alone baptisms with up to 30 persons can take place.
 - Weddings - up to 30 persons present (30 includes the couple, but not anyone 'working' at the event).
 - Use of face coverings remains a legal requirement at the present time.
 - Stewarding requirement dropped for weekday Mass and private prayer. Stewards only needed on Sundays and major services (and possibly larger funerals).
 - Track and Trace remains in place, though on weekdays, those visiting church need to take personal responsibility for signing-in.
 - Some flexibility in the assessment of safe capacity of a church (e.g. possible to safely drop to 1m+ with mitigation, though some smaller churches have been doing this for a while).
 - A reasonable number of home visits per day with Holy Communion can take place, including by extra-ordinary ministers.
- The full guidance can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2021/05/CBCEW-COVID-Step-3-Guidance-v.pdf>

In terms of our churches we have increased capacity at Caton to 42 [with effect from this weekend] and there is more flexibility at Hornby. Kirkby Lonsdale remains unchanged at the present.

The offertory collection will resume next weekend. Those who have not contributed for some time may wish to consider their offering.

Parish Property and Finance Committee

Just a reminder to members that a meeting has been called for Friday 4th June at 2.00 pm to discuss the findings of the Quinquennial Report.

Bishops' Pastoral Letter on the Environment

This will not be read this weekend but can be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pastoral-letter-environment-pentecost/>