

## 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 3rd October 2021

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine Office Psalter - Week 3

Sunday Readings - Year B

Weekday Readings - Year 1 Week 27

### Parish Website

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

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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.

<b>Sunday 3rd October</b> XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time Solemnity, Green Harvest Fast Day Envelopes Returned	18.00 Our Lady   Mass Michael Johnson* 09.00 St. Joseph   Mass People of the Parish 11.00 St. Mary   Mass Nicholas Gilbertson 17.30 University Chapel   Mass Private Intention
<b>Monday 4th October</b> St Francis of Assisi White	No public Mass
<b>Tuesday 5th October</b> Dedication of the Cathedral White	18.00 Our Lady   Mass Mike & Margaret Docherty* After Mass : Tuesday Night Faith Formation [see below]
<b>Wednesday 6th October</b> St Bruno White	17.30 University Chapel   Mass Peter Johnson [h&i]*
<b>Thursday 7th October</b> Our Lady of the Rosary White	18.00 St. Joseph   Sacrament of Reconciliation 18.30 St. Joseph   Mass Susan & Harry Hardman*
<b>Friday 8th October</b> Feria Green	08.15 St. Mary   Mass Mona & Jim Hyndman*
<b>Saturday 9th October</b> St. John Henry Newman White	11.00 St. Mary   Mass [Latin] 'Foundation' Mass St. John Leonardi 17.30 Our Lady   Sacrament of Reconciliation 18.00 Our Lady   Mass John Kelly [Jr]
<b>Sunday 10th October</b> XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time Solemnity, Green Day of Prayer for Prisoners & Dependents	09.00 St. Joseph   Mass People of the Parish 11.00 St. Mary   Mass Wladyslaw Furyna 17.30 University Chapel   Mass Private Intention

### Tuesday Night Faith Formation

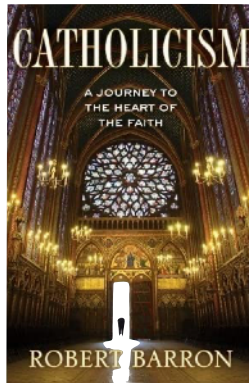
On Tuesdays following the evening Mass at Caton we'll begin a regular programme of faith formation: we have a rich and beautiful heritage as Catholics and it is great to know that we can learn more about it. This Tuesday-evening slot will begin with refreshments after Mass and then an opportunity to explore the riches of our faith using a variety of resources.

This week:

### That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought: The Ineffable Mystery of God

Bishop Barron considers St. Anselm's description of God as "that than which nothing greater can be thought," and goes on to explain St. Thomas Aquinas' arguments which support the claim that God truly exists. He also speaks from the Catholic tradition about the nature of God and the challenging question of evil and the existence of God.

Evenings should finish around 7.30 pm. - please come along!



## 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, Robert Otway and Marie Hopkinson

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

Mary Henry, Anthony Mason-Hornby, Violet Stapleton, Alan Torrance, Susan Dugdale, Gertrude May Doyle, Rose McLeish



## Reflecting on the Word of God

### Marriage

In the Gospel Reading Christ has a stern thing to say about all marriages: if a husband divorces his wife and marries again, he commits adultery, and so does his wife if she remarries.

Given that stern saying, why would anyone want to marry? Why would God want anyone to marry?

The First Reading describes the way God arranged the first marriage. When Adam is without Eve, God says that it isn't good for Adam to be alone—and that's the reason for God's creating Eve and arranging Adam's marriage to her.

But who made the man in such a way that it isn't good for him to be alone? God did, didn't he? God didn't make the angels this way. Angels don't get married. They don't have children either. No angel is in himself the union of two other angels, who merged something of themselves to form him.

As far as that goes, angels have no gender either. An angel isn't male or female. No angel can say to another angel, "You complete me." It is perfectly fine for an angel to be alone.

Human beings have what angels lack: the glorious richness of embodied, gendered human life. But there is a fragility about this rich embodied life too. Those who do get married are open to each other and dependent on each other, and so they become terribly vulnerable to each other, too.

And here it is worth noticing that both the Readings focus on men. In the First Reading, God's arrangements for Adam have the result Adam sketches: a man will leave his parents and cling to his wife. In the Gospel Reading, Christ is responding to the Pharisees' question whether it is lawful for a husband to divorce his wife. Most of the time, in the post-fall world, the risks of marriage are unequally distributed between the genders. They tend to fall more on women than on men.

When God made human beings embodied and gendered, he gave them the great gift, lacking for the angels, that they could be joined together for life in marriage, with children. For us, who live in the post-fall world that Adam bequeathed us, this gift comes beset with risks for heart-breaking suffering. The challenge for us is to preserve the promise and beauty of God's gift. The perils of marriage for women—and also for men—is hedged in by Christ's stern prohibition against divorce.

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

### Night at the Races

Our Lady's Catholic College Sixth Form #Uganda22 Project are holding a 'Night at the Races' on Friday 15 October from 7.30 pm in the school Hall.

It is a large hall with good ventilation and tables will be well spaced out.

The funds raised at the event will be shared between the Morecambe Food Bank and our partner schools in Uganda.

The sixth form students will be helping to organise and run this event and will be a great opportunity for them to increase their confidence and leadership skills.

It is always a fun night and we would really appreciate your support.

If you own a business, then please consider sponsoring a race.

Tickets will be available on the night at £3 (£2 for concessions) or can be ordered in advance from [r.lowe@olcc.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:r.lowe@olcc.lancs.sch.uk).

### easyfundraising

St Mary's, Hornby with Our Lady Immaculate, Caton are now registered with easy fundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

You can find our easyfundraising page at: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmaryshornby>

### Mass intentions

Please consider making a request that Mass is celebrated for a particular intention. Envelopes are available in all churches for this purpose.

### Covid levels in the area [Saturday a.m.]

Covid levels in the area:

*Kellett & Lune Valley:* 24 cases representing a rate of 388 per 100,000

*Halton & Caton:* 34 cases representing a rate of 586 per 100,000

*Kirkby Lonsdale & Sedburgh:* 25 cases representing a rate of 396 per 100,000

### Mass in the Extra-Ordinary Form

Holy Mass in the Extra-Ordinary Form [Missal of 1962] will be celebrated for the deanery each Saturday morning at 11.00 am at St. Mary's Hornby. All are welcome to this celebration of Holy Mass. Following recent guidelines, the readings from Scripture will be in the vernacular.

### Updating the Parish Website

The parish website is in the process of being updated. Watch this space.

### Parish Census

Parish records could do with an update. To this end, forms will be available in coming weeks. Please complete and return as soon as possible when they become available. It is hoped that we will be able to use the Flocknote system to aid in the distribution of the parish newsletter electronically which will assist in reducing the use of paper. Information requested will only be used for pastoral purposes.

### Communion to the sick and housebound

Any 'at home' parishioners are invited to request Holy Communion from Fr Michael, who will arrange a regular visit.

### University... help.

A feature of the chaplaincy is the 'feeding' of students [usually biscuits, cakes etc] at gatherings on Sunday evening and Wednesday evening...if any parishioners would be willing to donate cakes, biscuits etc for this purpose it would be greatly appreciated: thanks to those who have offered help so far

### Synodality

**What is Synodality?** According to Pope Francis, 'Synodality is a style, it is walking together, and it is what the Lord expects of the Church in the third millennium.' As Pope Francis says again, it is 'journeying together – laity, pastors and the Bishops of Rome.' What is unique about this Synod? When Pope Paul VI introduced the Synod, the idea was to continue the collegial experience of the Vatican Council II. Pope Francis is now taking it to a new level, decentralising the Synod with the active participation of the entire People of God in every diocese. This will be made possible through the help of the Preparatory Document, Questionnaire and a *vademecum* (handbook) with proposals sent by the General Secretariat of the Synod in Rome to each diocese.

*More on this over coming weeks*

### Season of Creation Study Days

During the 2021 Season of Creation, from 1st September to the feast of St Francis on 4th October, thousands of Christians on six continents will unite to pray and take action in defence of our common home [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org). From the parish of Gidea Park we have organised a study day – on Saturday 2nd October from 11.00 to 12.30 BST – to explore the teaching of Pope Francis on 'care for our common home' (Laudato si'), and the promotion of global solidarity (Fratelli Tutti). These study days, 'The Cry of Creation' and 'The Cry of the Poor' will be given by Fr Ashley Beck, associate professor at St Mary's University, Twickenham. For access to these free live stream events go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). No registration needed. Talks will be available subsequently on the same website.

### Boarbank Laudato Si

An opportunity to join one of the next ZOOM meetings, which will 15th-18th October 2021 led by Sr. Margaret Atkins. More information here <http://www.boarbankhall.org.uk/index.php/whats-on/called-to-work/285-living-laudato-si-your-parish-and-your-planet>

### Catholics working in health care.

Are you a catholic working in health care? Please could you contact Cath Morgan the Bishop's healthcare advisor on [bha@lancasterdiocese.org.uk](mailto:bha@lancasterdiocese.org.uk) as we are trying to establish if there is any interest in establishing a branch of the Catholic Medical Association in the Diocese. The aim of the CMA meetings are to meet with fellow professionals and to keep you updated as to occasional continuing clinical educational events.