



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 2nd January 2022

The Second Sunday after Christmas

Divine Office Psalter - Proper and Week 2

Sunday Readings - Year C

Weekday Readings - Proper for Season

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Parish Diary

Weekend Mass 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 2nd January Second Sunday after Christmas White	09.00 St. Joseph Mass People of the Parish Refreshments after Mass in the St. Joseph's Room 11.00 St. Mary Mass Agnes Walker
Monday 3rd January of the Christmas Season White	08.15 St. Mary Mass Private Intention*
Tuesday 4th January of the Christmas Season White	17.30 Our Lady Sacrament of Reconciliation 18.00 Our Lady Mass Private Intention*
Wednesday 5th January of the Christmas Season White	18.00 St. Mary Mass [Vigil of Epiphany] Alistair Stewart LD
Thursday 6th January The Epiphany of the Lord White	18.00 St. Joseph Sacrament of Reconciliation 18.30 St. Joseph Mass Tom Burke
Friday 7th January Friday After Epiphany White	13.00 St. Joseph Nuptial Mass Andrew Crowe & Alison Sarah Loveland [DV]
Saturday 8th January Saturday After Epiphany White	11.00 St. Mary Latin Mass Bobby Kirk 18.00 Our Lady Mass Michael Johnson*
Sunday 9th January The Baptism of the Lord White End of the Season of Christmas. Ordinary Time commences Monday 10th January	09.00 St. Joseph Mass Martin & Adrian Lamb Refreshments after Mass in the St. Joseph's Room 11.00 St. Mary Mass People of the Parish



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, Bryan Ingleby, Jenny Fisher, John McInerney, Robert Otway, Marie Hopkinson, and Rod Beirne.

For those whose anniversaries occur during and around this time

John McKenna, Jenny Cullen, Gertrude Burke, Stuart Martin, John Gill Damien Waterhouse, David Brown, Lila McFadden, Anne Mackelling, Eileen Beck, Kathleen Strickland



Happy Christmas & Happy New Year!

Happy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year to all the families of the parish! May the peace and joy of this season dwell in our hearts.

Thank you to all who helped make the Christmas celebrations as good as they could be in the present situation. Thanks to those who prepared the churches, especially the flowers and other decorations, and those who sang or played the organ - it made a real difference.

Many thanks from Fr Michael for the cards and gifts he has received in this, his second Christmas in the parish - they are greatly appreciated.



Reflecting on the Word of God

How knew?

Who knew the Messiah was born as the baby Jesus in Bethlehem in that wintertime?

In the Gospel Reading for the Epiphany, a lot of people came to figure it out.

The chief priests and scribes knew where the Messiah would be born, because they could interpret the parts in the Old Testament that predicted the Messiah's birth. The magi from the East knew that the Messiah had been born, because they could interpret the presence of the star in the sky. When the magi followed the star to Bethlehem to see for themselves, Herod the King ordered them to come back and tell him too.

For all these people, there was a way to know the birth of the Messiah. The priests could interpret Scripture, and the magi could read the stars. King Herod had the political power to command their knowledge and wisdom for his own purposes.

But what about people who lack the advantages of the priests and magi and who have no power to command others? How are they to know? Does God make provision only for the fortunate? Consider the shepherds. They lacked the money needed for education, and so they lacked the ability to use Scripture or stars to know the birth of the Messiah. They had no power to command others to share the fruits of their education with them either.

But it isn't powerlessness or poverty that keeps a person from knowing the birth of the Messiah. In the end, it was not the shepherds but the powerful and wealthy King Herod, with his evil-hearted intentions, who didn't know the baby Jesus was the Messiah. The magi didn't tell him, because God warned them in a dream not to. And so Herod the King didn't know.

In spite of their lack of all worldly advantages, the shepherds in fact outranked the king and all the others. They were by the side of the Messiah first, and they didn't have to figure it out for themselves either.

The shepherds may have been poor and simple, but they were trusting and open-hearted, too. And so they knew Christ Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem that cold winter night because they heard the angels sing.

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

Covid levels in the area

Covid levels are particularly high in the area at the moment and whilst infection does not appear to be as severe as in the past it is still wise to exercise caution. Mass will be celebrated worthily and well but may be 'quicker' than in recent weeks.

Bishop's Covid Guidance

The Bishops have issued the following guidance for parishes:

That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.

That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.

Face coverings must be worn by those attending public acts of worship unless there is a genuine exemption or the person is leading worship or participating in a role that requires the mask to be removed for a period of time.

That there is good ventilation and air throughput in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!

There is now very strong evidence to support that the main mode of this variant's viral transmission is through aerosols, and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. As such, the strict regimes of church cleaning that were recommended at the beginning of the opening of churches for public worship are no longer necessary. General church cleaning is sufficient.

That people who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS.

Parish Registration

If you are new to the parish or returning from the period of Covid for the first time please complete and return the parish registration card.

The Synod Consultation

This will take place in February in our parishes [other parishes may be doing this at other times]. Rather than meeting in a large group, a questionnaire will be distributed each Sunday over three weeks which you are asked to prayerfully complete and return. These will then be collated and sent to the Diocese for forwarded to the Bishops of England and Wales.

Crib Collection

The traditional collection taken at the Crib will, this year, help support Christian communities in the Holy Land.

Bishop Swarbrick wrote in a recent letter to priests "Christmas time brings to mind the needs of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Many parishes across the country already adopt *Friends of the Holy Land* as the beneficiary of their crib collections. FHL help the most deprived Christian families, especially those living around Bethlehem, in Gaza, Israel and Jordan. With no pilgrims and tourism since March 2020 and no government support to individuals or businesses, many families, especially in and around Bethlehem have lost all their income and are increasingly calling on FHL for help with day to day living. FHL remains the only registered UK Charity with its own office, staff and volunteers in the City of Christ's birth. I encourage you to consider this Charity as a most appropriate beneficiary of your parish crib offerings this year. Further information on FHL is available on their website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk"

The Christmas Offering

The Christmas Offering is, by tradition an offering for the clergy of the parish and in the Diocese of Lancaster, forms part of a priests allowance. In our parish, Fr Michael pays this over to the parish for his monthly allowance from the parish.

This collection is not included in your standing order contributions but is an additional, special collection.

If you are not attending over Christmas but would like to make a contribution to this, please enclose in an envelope marked 'Christmas Offering'.

Annual Leave

Fr Michael will be on annual leave from Monday 10th January until Monday 24th January. Cathedral Clergy, Fr Jerome Ainsworth and Monsignor Branson will be covering the weekend Masses over this period. If you require a priest in an emergency during this time please contact either the Cathedral or St. Joseph's, Lancaster.

SPUC White Flower Appeal

This will take place next week. It supports the work of SPUC in its pro-life work.

Pastoral Letter

For the Feast of the Holy Family we have a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Paul Swarbrick - his annual 'gift' to the clergy of the diocese.