



## 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

9th - 30th January 2022

The Baptism of the Lord, Second & Third

Sundays in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings - Year C

### Parish Website

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

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St. Joseph

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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.

<b>Sunday 9th January</b> The Baptism of the Lord White End of the Season of Christmas. Ordinary Time commences Monday 10th January	18.00 Saturday Vigil Our Lady   Mass Michael Johnson* 09.00 St. Joseph   Mass Martin & Adrian Lamb 11.00 St. Mary   Mass People of the Parish
<b>Monday 10th - Friday 14th</b>	No public Masses this week
<b>Sunday 16th January</b> Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Green	18.00 Saturday Vigil Our Lady   Mass Special Intention 09.00 St. Joseph   Mass Andy & Alison [h&i] 11.00 St. Mary   Mass People of the Parish
<b>Monday 17th - Friday 21st</b>	No public Masses this week On Tuesday 18th at 11.00 am at St. Joseph's we will host an ecumenical prayer gathering for Christian Unity Week.
<b>Sunday 23rd January</b> Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Green	18.00 Saturday Vigil Our Lady   Mass Keith Bennison 09.00 St. Joseph   Mass Pope Francis 11.00 St. Mary   Mass People of the Parish
<b>Monday 24th January</b> St. Frances de Sales White	No public Mass today.
<b>Tuesday 25th January</b> The Conversion of St. Paul White	18.00 Our Lady   Mass Fr Bernard Kevill 18.30 Caton   Parish Mission Team Meeting
<b>Wednesday 26th January</b> Sts. Titus & Timothy White	08.15 St. Mary   Mass Private Intention*
<b>Thursday 27th January</b> Feria Green	18.00 St. Joseph   Sacrament of Reconciliation 18.30 St. Joseph   Mass Tom Burke 19.00 St. Joseph's Room   Parish Mission Team Meeting
<b>Friday 28th January</b> St. Thomas Aquinas White	08.15 St. Mary   Mass Private Intention*
<b>Saturday 29th January</b> of the Blessed Virgin Mary White	11.00 St. Mary   Latin Mass Mark Smith [h&i] 18.00 Our Lady   Mass Private Intention*
<b>Sunday 30th January</b> Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Green	09.00 St. Joseph   Mass People of the Parish Refreshments after Mass in the St. Joseph's Room 11.00 St. Mary   Mass Kathleen Horan LD



## 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

Mabel Pearce, Mary Rogerson, Gen Stephenson, Dennis Burles, Paul Percy, Ginny Moore, Joseph Shields

Additional names for this period will be included in the next newsletter



## Reflecting on the Word of God

### Here and Now

When the Lord was baptised, a voice came from heaven saying "This is my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." There could hardly be a more important message than this identification of Jesus, could there?

But why did this important message come through a voice from heaven? A voice from heaven can be heard only by those who are there then. What about everybody else? Surely it is important for all human beings to know that Jesus is God's beloved Son.

And the same sort of puzzle arises from the First Reading. It says that the Messiah will open the eyes of the blind, and the Gospels testify that Christ really did so. But he opened the eyes of only a few blind people, those blind people who were there then. What about all the other blind people, in other places, in other times? Why didn't Jesus just heal all blindness everywhere with one impersonal command: let all the blind people of the world be healed?

And so here is one thing we can learn from these Readings. In the voice from heaven, in the miracles of Christ, God shows that he is committed to the good of particularity.

God does not send the news about the Messiah as an impersonal message directed impartially to all humankind. He identifies Jesus as his Son by a voice from heaven heard by particular people at a particular time. Similarly, Christ does not issue an impersonal decree about nameless blind people taken as a group. Christ heals some particular blind people who happened to be at a particular place at the particular time when Christ was also there.

So you might feel that you are just an unnoticed member of your company or an invisible one of the many ordinary people in your town. But where the Lord is concerned, you stand out as the particular person you are. God does not deal with people as faceless members of a collective. He calls, and he heals one particular person at a time, as each individual comes to him.

But then you yourself—not your Church or your group, but you—need to come to the Lord, to face him, to know him, to love him, and to let him heal you. Come as yourself, as you are, here and now.

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 [although well below the national average] 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.

### 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 in Lancaster or Canon Gibson in Carnforth.

### SPUC White Flower Appeal

This voluntary special collection will take place this week. It supports the work of SPUC in its pro-life work.

### Parish Mission Team Meetings

The St. Mary's Meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th January at 6.30 pm. The St. Joseph's Meeting will take place on Thursday 27th at 7.00 pm.

### The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This Octave of Prayer is held between 18th and 25th January each year. St. Joseph's will host an ecumenical gathering for prayer on Tuesday 18th January at 11.00 am. All are welcome.

### Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator

Post - Safeguarding Coordinator Diocese of Lancaster

Hours of Work Part Time - 25 Hours per week

Salary IRO £27K - (subject to qualifications and experience)

Office Base in Lancaster – some home working is possible.

Travel - Car User essential as some travel within the Diocese is required.

An exciting opportunity for a qualified person with recent or current experience in leading and delivering safeguarding services in either the statutory or voluntary sector. The post holder will have a minimum of 3 years safeguarding experience and hold a professional qualification gained in social work, public protection, health or education.

The post holder will be expected to manage a varied portfolio of safeguarding case work, promote a culture of safeguarding in the diocese through support, advice and training initiatives.

The Diocese of Lancaster is committed to implementing the new National Catholic Safeguarding Standards in order to create safe environments for all children and vulnerable persons who come into contact with us.

Closing Date for Applications 9am Monday 17th January 2022

Interviews will be held on 24 January 2022 at The Pastoral Centre, Balmoral Road, Lancaster LA1 3BT

Application packs are available from the safeguarding office  
safeguarding@lancasterdiocese.org.uk