



## 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

6th February 2022

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 6th February</b> Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Green	18.00 Our Lady   Mass William & Mary Trezise 09.00 St. Joseph   Mass Jack Dodd [LD] Refreshments after Mass in the St. Joseph's Room 11.00 St. Mary   Mass People of the Parish 17.30 University   Mass
<b>Monday 7th February</b> Monday of Week 5 Green	No public Mass this morning
<b>Tuesday 8th February</b> Tuesday of Week 5 Green	09.15 Our Lady   Mass Michael Byrne Please note the time of Mass today due to evening commitments at the University with the C.M.A.
<b>Wednesday 9th February</b> Wednesday of Week 5 Green	No public Mass this morning  17.30 University   Mass In Thanksgiving [CJ]
<b>Thursday 10th February</b> St. Scholastic White	18.00 St. Joseph   Sacrament of Reconciliation 18.30 St. Joseph   Mass Nancy Tiernan
<b>Friday 11th February</b> Our Lady of Lourdes Patroness of the Diocese White World Day of Prayer for the Sick	12.00 Noon St. Mary   Mass Brian Burns [h&i] The Mass for the Patronal Feast will be celebrated later today. Fr Michael will anoint any sick parishioners present at this celebration of Holy Mass. 18.00 University   Faith formation group.
<b>Saturday 12th February</b> of the Blessed Virgin Mary White	11.00 St. Mary   Latin Mass Dunstan Booth  18.00 Our Lady   Mass Private Intention
<b>Sunday 13th February</b> Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Green Racial Justice Day	09.00 St. Joseph   Mass People of the Parish Refreshments after Mass in the St. Joseph's Room 11.00 St. Mary   Mass Thomas Toase 17.30 University   Mass



## 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 McNerney, Robert Otway, Marie Hopkinson, and Rod Beirne.

### For those died recently

Jack Raymond Dodd

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

Canon Edward Wynne, Rose Clough, Michael McFadden, Gwendolyn Defoe, Rita Giblin



When you walk into the church, you dip your fingers into the holy water font and then make the sign of the cross. But why do you do that? Why do Catholics use holy water in their worship and their devotional life?

Consider the Lord's direction to Moses in Numbers 5:17: "And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is in the floor of the Tabernacle the priest shall take, and put it into the water."

The Catholic Church teaches that Christ instituted seven "sacraments" — means by which grace is conferred. But beyond that, the Church recognises other aids to devotion, such as medals, rosaries, scapulars and statues, all of which they call "sacramentals." Actions (such as the sign of the cross) can be sacramentals, as well. Holy water, like those other aids to piety, is a "sacramental."

When you dip your finger into the holy water font at the entrance to the church and make the sign of the cross, you are touching your forehead (your mind), your shoulders and your heart with a sacramental. If this simple action is performed in faith, it imparts grace to the believer as well as reminding us of our baptism.



## Reflecting on the Word of God

### Life after death

In the First Reading, Isaiah dates a religious vision not by a day but by a death: "... in the year that King Uzziah died."

There are some things so painful for a person that events in his life can be dated by them: "in the year my wife died"; "in the year we lost our mom"; "in the year the hurricane devastated the town." An affliction of this sort divides a whole life into before and after: there is the life you had before your wife died, and then there is the life you have afterwards, after the death of your wife and the death of everything that made up your life together.

Sometimes in unbearable grief such as that stemming from the death of someone so loved, a person doesn't know how to stand under his sorrow. A heartbroken person has lost something central to him; and a person can fall apart when the centre doesn't hold.

In those circumstances, a grieved and suffering person can want to die then too; he can want to come to the Lord too. When King Uzziah died, Isaiah came before the Lord too, but only in a vision, where the doorposts shook and the house filled up with smoke.

The problem is that you can't really come to the Lord before your time on earth is over, and falling apart under grief gets you only an increase of sorrow. Isaiah responded to that vision of the Lord by saying "Woe is me! I am doomed!"

This is not the end of the story for Isaiah, though. An angel seared Isaiah's mouth with a burning coal.

And then Isaiah opened his mouth and offered to serve the Lord. When God asked, "whom shall I send?" Isaiah said, "Here I am. Send me." All his most important service for the Lord came after the death that dates his vision and that changed his life.

When Isaiah himself finally died and came to the Lord, three kings later, he had become the foremost prophet of Israel. Because in the end he didn't fall apart but lived after King Uzziah's death, he produced the great prophecies of the Messiah that even now give the whole world hope.

If you can stand under your sorrow, rather than falling apart, then through the searing grief can come a new life, a good life that was unimaginable to you before. If you can stand and live into the period of your life after the destruction of your heart's desire, then God's grace can bring life out of death for you.

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

### New Bishops' Covid Guidance

The Bishops have issued the following new 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.

Whilst no longer mandatory, face coverings are still encouraged to be worn.

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!

That the Sign of Peace may now be restored [this will be considered in coming weeks].

That Holy Water may be restored for use in churches.

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.

### 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

The first Synod on Synodality questionnaire is available this weekend. Please return next weekend. Alternatively, instead of taking a copy home you can complete by using the following link:

<https://www.lancasterdiocese.org.uk/useful-information/for-a-synodal-church-communion-participation-and-mission/>

### SPUC White Flower Appeal

Thank you to all who contributed to this appeal.

### Thank you

Thank you to Fr Michael, parishioners and friends from Alison and Andy for all the prayers, Rosary intentions, cards and Mass offerings celebrating their marriage - they are overwhelmed and very grateful for the love and support shown.

### Another 'Thank you'

The Olive Branch have sent a card thanking parishioners for their support to the Olive Branch Christmas appeal. Your donations help them to distribute 199 Christmas hampers to those in need. Many thanks.

### Jack Dodd

We're sad to announce the passing of Jack Dodd, the husband of Monica. His funeral liturgy will take place at St.

Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale on Monday 28th February at 1.00 pm. May he rest in peace.

### Catholic Medical Association

The Catholic Medical Association will be holding a talk in the Catholic Chapel at Lancaster University on Tuesday 8th February at 7.00 pm to discuss the ethical challenges regarding COVID in I.T.U. with reflections from a Consultant Intensivist and a Chaplain. All are welcome to attend this event.

### St. Bernadette's Lancaster

St. Bernadette's Primary School is looking for people to serve as Foundation Governors on their governing body.

If anyone feels they would like to give some time to serve in this capacity could you have a word with Fr. Michael please.

### First Holy Communion

This will take place on the weekend of 24th/25th June in the churches of the parishes. Weekly preparation classes will take place in the St. Joseph's Room in Kirkby Lonsdale on Wednesday evenings as an 'after-school club' [beginning with refreshments at 4.15 pm]. The course will begin on Ash Wednesday - 2nd March. There will be an introductory evening for parents on Wednesday 23rd February at 4.30 pm where application forms will be distributed.

### Other Notices:

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent is on Wednesday 2nd March. It is hoped Masses with the distribution of Ashes will take place in all of our churches.

It was agreed at recent Parish Mission Team meetings that the Easter Triduum [Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday] will be celebrated in one venue. Last year this was Hornby, this year will be St. Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale, and next year Caton. Easter Sunday Masses will be celebrated in Kirkby Lonsdale and Caton with an early morning Mass in Hornby.

### Changes in the Education Service.

The Diocesan School Commissioner [who replaced Canon Luiz] is moving on to take up a new position with the national Catholic Education Service. Fr Michael will be covering her work until a recruitment process is concluded [probably September at the earliest]. This may result in adjustments to the weekday Mass schedule in coming months.

Your understanding of this is greatly appreciated.