



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

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Lancaster Registered Charity Number 234331

Parish Newsletter

Sunday 20th February 2022

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Readings - Year C

Divine Office - Week 3

Weekday Readings - Week 7 Year 2

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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 20th February Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Green	18.00 Our Lady Mass Private Intention 09.00 St. Joseph Mass People of the Parish Refreshments after Mass in the St. Joseph's Room 11.00 St. Mary Mass Kate McDonald 17.00 University Sacrament of Reconciliation 17.30 University Mass Private Intention
Monday 21st February of Week 7 Green	No public Mass this morning
Tuesday 22nd February Chair of St. Peter Apostle Green	a.m. Fr Michael in Preston, Academy Vision & Mission Day p.m. Fr Michael University Chaplaincy Management Mtg 18.00 Our Lady Mass The Bishop Family 18.30 Our Lady Parish Mission Team Meeting
Wednesday 23rd February St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr Red	No public Mass this morning a.m. Fr Michael working from home 15.00 University Chaplains Meeting 16.30 University Adoration & Confession 16.30 St. Joseph First Communion Parents Mtg 17.30 University Mass Sr Gerald [h&i] 19.00 University Catholic Society Meeting
Thursday 24th February of Week 7 Green	a.m. Fr Michael at Education Centre 14.00 Education Centre Staffing Sub-Committee Mtg 18.00 St. Joseph Sacrament of Reconciliation 18.30 St. Joseph Mass Monsignor Branson [h&i]
Friday 25th February of Week 7 Green	08.15 St. Mary Mass Susan & Jim Hyndman 11.00 - 15.00 Education Centre Council of Priests Meeting 18.00 University Faith Formation Group
Saturday 26th February of the Blessed Virgin Mary White	11.00 St. Mary Latin Mass Docherty Family 17.30 Our Lady Sacrament of Reconciliation 18.00 Our Lady Mass Successful Exams [RB]
Sunday 27th February Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Green	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 17.00 University Sacrament of Reconciliation 17.30 University Mass Private Intention



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, Rod Beirne & Fr Bernard Walker SJ.

For those died recently

Jack Raymond Dodd

For those whose anniversaries occur during and around this time

Eva Smith, Kate Jones, George Hose



Reflecting on the Word of God

Love your enemies

In the Gospel Reading, Jesus commands us to love our enemies. In other words, every one of us is commanded to love each person who counts as an enemy to us.

Many people suppose that no one except a saint could fulfil this command. Other people think that this command is nothing more than permission to connive with evil, because if you love your enemy instead of clobbering him, you enable him to continue his wrongdoing.

But consider what love is. As Aquinas explains it, love consists in two desires: (1) a desire for the good for the beloved person, and (2) a desire for union with that person. So a person Paula loves her enemy Jerome only if she desires the good for Jerome and union with Jerome.

But now notice that what the good for Jerome is will depend on Jerome. Desiring Jerome's good requires Paula's foregoing punishment for him if that would be for his good—or insisting on punishment for him if that would be for his good. What is best for Jerome is whatever it takes to bring him to a morally good condition in mind and will; and that might include Paula's calling the police to arrest him.

For this same reason, Paula's desire for union with Jerome need not include a desire for companionship with him. If Jerome is entirely unrepentant, then Paula's desire for union with him should not involve a willingness to be in his company. In that worst case, Paula's desire for union with Jerome can appropriately come to no more than the desire that Jerome will repent and reform, so that companionship becomes a possibility for them.

The desire of love is a desire to be at one with the beloved person, but you can be unified with a person only if you each love the good. The proverb says that there is no honour among thieves, but there is no unity among them either.

To love your enemy, then, is not to enable him to continue to do morally wrong acts against you or anybody else either.

If you want what is good for your enemy, you will want for him what you want for yourself: to be a person who has love for the Lord and obedience to him. And if you want union with your enemy, you won't want him to go to hell because he has hurt you. You will be glad if in love and obedience to the Lord, he finds his way to heaven too.

So that is what it is to love your enemy. Each one of us can do this, can't we?

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

Bishops' Covid Guidance

Guidelines remain unchanged for the moment. Please refer to previous newsletters for specific information.

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

Thank you for your response. Please return any outstanding questionnaires as soon as possible so that they can be forwarded to Fr Jim Burns by 28th February.

Jack Dodd

Jack's funeral liturgy will take place at St. Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale on Monday 28th February at 1.00 pm. May he rest in peace.

Parish Mission Teams

The next Parish Mission Team meetings will be Tuesday 22nd February [St. Mary's] and Thursday 3rd March [Kirkby].

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.

Prayer Intentions

Daily prayer should be a feature of our life in Christ. You may wish to pray for following intentions:

Peace in Ukraine

Can you pray for peace in Ukraine - perhaps a 'Hail Mary' or even a Rosary each day for this intention?

For those struggling to cope

Pray for those who are struggling at the moment - parents with children they worry about, those struggling to make ends meet, those in hospital and their families.

If you watch the news, respond with prayer to events around the world.

Chrism Mass

This will be held on 14th April at 11.30am at St. Peter's Cathedral. Parishioners are very welcome to attend this celebration [the first public celebration of the Chrism Mass since 2019]. Tea/coffee will be served afterwards.

Visit of the Relics of St. Bernadette to Lancaster

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has arranged for the relics of Saint Bernadette to be brought to England this year. Her relics will be welcomed to St Peter's Cathedral from the evening of September 23rd through to the late morning of September 24th. Mindful that the Diocesan Chief Patroness is Our Lady of Lourdes, we must look on this as a very special moment in the life of the Diocese. This event provides an invitation for all of us to know the story of Saint Bernadette and to give her a place in our devotion. She has much to teach us in the ways of humility and trust. Many of you may recall the occasion when the Cathedral welcomed the relics of St. Therese of Lisieux. Unfortunately, this forthcoming occasion is much shorter. There will also be need for a team of volunteers to facilitate those coming to venerate St Bernadette's relics: if you would like to volunteer to help please see Fr Michael.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

The Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes is planned for 22nd July 2022. For more information visit <https://lancasterlourdes.co.uk>