

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, Chris Doyle, & Rod Beirne.

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

Sophie Gallagher, Thomas Sheridan Florence Harris, Bernard Dugdale, Vincent Murray, Sister Margaret Tomlinson, Father Dominic Rolls, Gordon Edwards, Gerald Murphy, George Reynolds, Eric Jakubowski, Matthew Murray, Michael Partridge, Edmund Clarkson, James Mason, Herbert Keenan and Mary Armer.

REFLECTING ON THE WORD OF GOD

Using this Sunday's Gospel [John 20: 19-31], think about/discuss at home the following questions:

1. Why do you think Jesus breathed on the disciples when he gave them the Holy Spirit? "The Lord God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life ... " (Genesis 2:7). What effect did this gift have on the disciples' fear? How about the Holy Spirit's effect on your fear, in various aspects of your life? What do forgiveness of sin and resurrection have in common?

2. Where do you think we can find wounded people today? How does Pope Francis say we become witnesses of mercy?

The peace of Jesus made them pass from remorse to mission. The peace of Jesus awakens mission. It entails not ease and comfort, but the challenge to break out of ourselves. The peace of Jesus frees from the self-absorption that paralyses; it shatters the bonds that keep the heart imprisoned. ...

Dear sister, dear brother, do you want proof that God has touched your life? See if you can stoop to bind the wounds of others. Today is the day to ask, "am I, who so often have received God's peace, his mercy, merciful to others? Do I, who have so often been fed by the Body of Jesus, make any effort to relieve the hunger of the poor?"...

Having received mercy, let us now become merciful. For if love is only about us, faith becomes arid, barren and sentimental. Without others, faith becomes disembodied. Without works of mercy, it dies (cf. Jas 2:17).

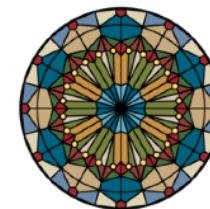
Feast of Divine Mercy
Pope Francis, April 11, 2021

THE REGINA CAELI

During the Easter Season, the Regina Caeli replaces the Angelus:

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



THE PARISHES OF ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 24th April 2022 - Second Sunday of Easter

Believing

Thomas had not seen the risen Christ, and so he refused to believe that Jesus had really risen. Jesus does not rebuke him, but he does point out that "blest are they who have not seen and have believed."

One reason why we are so far from the Kingdom is that we refuse to believe what we have not seen. We have not experienced a world without war, so we refuse to believe that peace is possible. We have always had poor among us, so we refuse to believe that poverty can be eliminated. We see only our own economic system and we refuse to believe that anything else will work.

The saying of Jesus echoes through the centuries: "blest are they who have not seen and have believed." Blest are those prophetic voices raised in anticipation of a new day, a new world of justice and peace. They "no longer look for Jesus among the dead," but find him instead in life and in the fullness of life. They base their lives on their total faith that we "have become a new creation."

Will the world ever succeed in changing that selfish and bellicose mentality which, up to now, has been interwoven in so much of its history? It is hard to foresee; but it is easy to affirm that it is toward that new history, a peaceful, truly human history, as promised by God to men of good will, that we must resolutely march.

Pope Paul VI, Address to the United Nations (1965) Para. 22

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PARISH DIARY

Sunday 24th April Second Sunday of Easter Day of Divine Mercy <i>White</i>	18:00 Our Lady Mass Private Intention* 09.00 St. Joseph Mass People of the Parish <i>Refreshments after Mass in the St. Joseph's Room</i> 11.00 St Mary Mass Mary Wells 17.30 Lancaster University Mass Private Intention*
Monday 25th April <i>St. Mark</i> <i>Red</i>	<i>Fr Michael's Rest Day: no public Mass today</i>
Tuesday 26th April <i>St. George, Patron of England</i> <i>[transferred]</i> <i>Red</i>	<i>Fr Michael Meetings in Lancaster p.m.</i> 18.00 Our Lady Mass Chris Doyle [h&i]* 18.30 Our Lady Parish Mission Team Meeting [H]
Wednesday 27th April <i>of Easter Week 2</i> <i>White</i>	<i>Fr Michael Meetings in Lancaster a.m. & p.m.</i> 16.15 St. Joseph First Holy Communion Catechesis 16.30 University Adoration and Reconciliation 17.30 University Mass Private Intention*
Thursday 28th April <i>of Easter Week 2</i> <i>White</i>	<i>Fr Michael Meetings in Lancaster a.m.</i> 18.00 St. Joseph Sacrament of Reconciliation 18.30 St. Joseph Mass Successful Operation [HW]*
Friday 29th April <i>St. Catherine of Siena</i> <i>White</i>	08.15 St. Mary Mass Foundation Mass [1/6]*
Saturday 30th April <i>of Easter Week 2</i> <i>White</i>	11.00 St. Mary Latin Mass Anthony Wallbank [h&i] 17.30 Our Lady Sacrament of Reconciliation 18:00 Our Lady Mass Private Intention*
Sunday 1st May Third Sunday of Easter Day of Divine Mercy <i>White</i>	09.00 St. Joseph Mass Watson Family <i>Refreshments after Mass in the St. Joseph's Room</i> 11.00 St. Mary Mass People of the Parish 17.30 Lancaster University Mass Private Intention*

* Denotes a Mass without an intention requested by parishioners. Please consider 'putting in' a Mass Intention soon.

THE CHURCHES OF THE PARISH

St. Mary - 59 Main Street, Hornby, LA2 8JT

Our Lady Immaculate [Chapel of Ease] - Station Road, Caton, LA2 9QL

St. Joseph - Back Lane, Kirkby Lonsdale LA6 2AP

University Chapel of St. Thomas More - Chaplaincy Centre, Bailrigg, Lancaster LA1 4YW

PARISH NOTICES

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 5th June at 2.00 pm at Lancaster Cathedral. Classes begin on Wednesday 4th May at 7.00 pm in the Social Centre of Lancaster Cathedral. Children/Young people of Year 6 and above. There are four sessions in total. Application forms are available on request. Weekly attendance at Holy Mass in the parish is an essential part of the preparation. At present we have three candidates, if there are any more please talk to Fr Michael quickly - names need to be sent to the Cathedral this weekend.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

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

Hospital Visitors

Father Chapple the Chaplain at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary is seeking volunteers to help with the provision of Catholic patients in the hospital. This will involve the general visiting of Catholic patients and to take Holy Communion to those who wish to receive. Days for volunteering can be flexible in consultation with Fr Chapple. In order to meet conditions currently laid down by the Trust, volunteers must be under 70 years old and be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Please speak to Father Chapple if you are interested in this ministry. He can be contacted by email : schapple@lancastercathedral.org.uk , or by telephone at the Cathedral: 01524 384820.

Chaplaincy HMP Lancaster Farms

There is currently a vacancy for a Catholic chaplain (lay or ordained) at Lancaster

Farms for approximately 26 hours per week. Details are at the Ministry of Justice's jobs site: jobs.justice.gov.uk with a reference of 56531. This is a Band 5 permanent post. This will be a very rewarding pastoral care role for the successful candidate. Applications close on 24th April.

World Youth Day 2023

The Youth Service have now launched the package for World Youth Day 2023. It's happening next August in Lisbon, Portugal and the diocese are taking a small group of young adults. Check out castleriggmanor.com for more details.

LIT (Open Confirmation Retreat)

Castlerigg Manor are holding the first ever in-person open confirmation retreat this May (25-27th). It's open to anyone who has been confirmed recently, or anybody who is about to be. Check out castleriggmanor.com for more details.

Lourdes 2022 Youth Section

Lourdes is back this year and once again there will be a huge section led by the Youth Service. Check out castleriggmanor.com for more details

Castlerigg Open Day

July 17th, 1pm to 5pm, with Mass at 4pm. Fun for all the family, and a chance to help Castlerigg raise some money to help its work with young people. Save the date.

Parish Mission Team

Hornby/Caton Parish Mission Team will meet on Tuesday evening after the Evening Mass

University Term

The University is back this weekend so please note the times of weekday Masses. Please pray for Joe and Jack who will be baptised next Sunday evening.