

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 18 th January	Caton	6:00pm	Priest's Intention
Sunday 19 th January	Kirkby Lonsdale	9:00am	Parish
Sunday 19 th January	Hornby	11:00am	Parish
There are no weekday Masses in the Parishes. Mass is celebrated each day at Lancaster Cathedral at 12:15, and at St Joseph's Church, Slyne Road Lancaster, Tues - Sat at 10am. Check https://stjosephs-lancaster.co.uk/ for details. Holy Trinity & St George Church, 33 Blackhall Road, Kendal, LA9 4BW, offer weekday masses at various times – see https://kendalcatholicchurch.uk/			
Saturday 25 th January	Caton	6:00pm	Victims of the Holocaust
Sunday 26 th January	Kirkby Lonsdale	9:00am	Victims of the Holocaust
Sunday 26 th January	Hornby	11:00am	Victims of the Holocaust

Kirkby Lonsdale Weekly Services

Sunday	After 9:00 am Mass	Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Tuesday	9:30 am	Ecumenical Prayer (St Mary's Kirkby Lonsdale)
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Novena to Our Lady and Benediction
Wednesday	10:15 am	Morning Prayers
Saturday	11- 11:45 am	Adoration and Confession
Sunday	After 9:00 am Mass	Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Hornby /Caton Services

Tuesday	6:00 – 6:30 pm	Rosary Prayers at Caton
Friday	5:00 – 6:00 pm	Holy Hour for Vocations (Hornby)

Anniversaries:

Isobella Holden, Patsy McFadden, Wanda Grisham, Mary Murray, Anne Barnes, Agnes MacCarthy, James Walker, Joseph Eaton

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parishes:

Brian Byrne, Sarah Adam, Veronica Law, Dennis Brown, Graham Jubb, Paul Shuttleworth, Keith and Alexa Wightman, Sarah Mason, Cynthia McPherson, Jean Wilson, Kevin Casey, Esther Castle, Chris Broadhurst, Joan Randall, Hazel Waring, Eric and Nina Ireland, Frances McKenzie, Sandie Hardy, Elizabeth Ackerley, Pepe Casanova, Karen Parkinson, Margaret Aspin, Damien Waterhouse, Bruce Kay, Colette Calveley, Lucy Ball, Maggie Trimble, Pauline O'Toole, Roberta Whiteside, Alan Hypher, Alan White.

Behold, the Lamb of God...

Today's Gospel follows the Baptism of Jesus; John tells us that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Saint Paul points out that Jesus came that we might be holy, for Paul being holy is being set aside for God. Jesus suffered death and rose again to give us His life, setting us aside for God: He died so we can be holy. Holiness is not something that we do; it is something that Jesus has done for us. He made us holy. We all want to have wonderful, full lives; how can we live life to its fullest? How, basically, by committing ourselves to God and abandoning ourselves to His Truth. This is how we respond to the call to be holy. Behold, the Lamb of God, who accepted the way that would lead to the cross. He is calling us to join Him and sacrifice ourselves for others. John said that he saw the Holy Spirit descend upon Jesus. The Spirit has descended upon us too, calling us by name to trust in God; calling us to be lights in the world, lights guiding others to Jesus.

... only say the word and I shall be healed!

The God Who Speaks

In light of the Bishop's Conference focus on the "God Who Speaks", we Xaverian Missionaries are hosting a series of events to mark this special year:

February 8th Liturgy and the Bible
 March 7th Women in the Bible
 May 16th Easter and Pentecost
 June 13th Jesus on the Margins

September 5th Reading Scripture as a Family
 October 17th Scripture and Mission
 November 14th St. Guido Maria Conforti and Scripture

All the events take place on Saturdays from 10.00am until 2.00pm with different organisations helping prepare and facilitate the days. We are hoping that different voices will help open Sacred Scripture to us and the wider Church.

Yours, Fr. Patrick Duffy, sx

For more information:

Xaverian Mission Spirituality Centre, 169 Sharoe Green Lane, Preston, PR 2 8HE preston@xavs.org 01772 717 122

Alpha Course

It's not too late to join the Alpha Course. We meet on Thursdays 7pm. Come along and bring a friend – revive your faith and introduce someone else to its life-affirming possibilities. We start with supper, so let us know you're coming for the catering numbers! St Joseph's Church, Skerton LA1 2HU. alphalancs@gmail.com 01524 32493.

Lourdes 2020

The Pilgrimage Planning Committee have changed tour operator for the 2020 pilgrimage and have reduced the cost of coming to Lourdes quite substantially. I encourage brother priests, parishioners, youth and sick in your parishes to come to Lourdes with the Diocese 24 – 31 July 2020. PLEASE BOOK NOW with JOE WALSH TOURS.COM.

For further information feel free to contact operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk.

Rededication of England as the 'Dowry of Mary' Sunday, 29 March, 2020

This is an event of National importance for the Catholic Church in England. In advance of this date Monsignor John Armitage and the team from the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, are visiting each of the Catholic Cathedrals in England with the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham. Dates for visits to St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster are from Thursday 6 February at 6pm through to Saturday midday. There will be a timetable of Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Devotions, Talks on Marian Devotion and an Exhibition. It is hoped that over the period of the visit parishes and schools will organise visits. Details will be sent to parishes early in the New Year.

Sunday, 29 March, 2020 - Rededication of England as the 'Dowry of Mary' Mass, St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster, 10.30am, main celebrant Bishop Paul Swarbrick.

This will also happen in Westminster Cathedral, in Walsingham, in every Catholic Cathedral, in every parish and in as many homes as possible. Monsignor John Armitage has asked people to prepare spiritually for the rededication by praying the Angelus every day after parish Masses – you may, of course, pray the Angelus at other times if you wish. The traditional times for the Angelus are 6am (or when you get out of bed), 12 noon and 6pm. It is a most suitable prayer to prepare us spiritually for the rededication, recalling, as it does, 'some essential moments in the History of Salvation, reminding us of Mary's 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel, which undid Eve's 'no' in the Garden of Eden.' We profess our faith in 'The Word, who was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us,' and in his Death and Resurrection, the eternal destiny to which each of us is called in Christ. I hope that many parishes will respond to Monsignor Armitage's invitation to pray this beautiful prayer after our daily Masses, so that our hearts may be spiritually prepared for this wonderful event. Mary, Our Lady, welcomed the coming of Christ into the world and into our lives. She will help us to do the same.

℟. The Angel of the LORD declared unto Mary,

℟. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...

℟. Behold the handmaid of the LORD.

℟. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary...

℟. And the Word was made flesh.

℟. And dwelt amongst us. Hail Mary...

℟. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O LORD, Thy grace into our hearts; that, we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross + be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Vacancy - Lead Diocesan Education Officer

The Bishop and Trustees are seeking to appoint a Lead Diocesan Education Officer to work for the Education Service.

0.8 FTE Term time only - Leadership salary £40,987 to £45,220 - required for Easter 2020. Closing Date: 12:00 noon Friday, 1st February 2020. Email educationservice@lancasterdiocese.org.uk or telephone 01524 841190 for a Job Description, Person Specification and Application Form.

While Fr Luiz is away

As you are aware, Fr Luiz is away from the parishes until 19 April 2020. During this time a number of priests will be looking after the parishes and saying the masses, and various volunteers are helping with church management. You can read full details of all arrangements on the website: <https://www.lunevalleycatholics.org.uk/2019/11/01/fr-luiz-sabbatical-leave/>.

Email notices to: newsletter@lunevalleycatholics.org.uk
