

St Mary's Hornby, Our Lady's Caton, St Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale
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23 December 2018 – 4th Sunday of Advent - Divine Office Week 4
30 December 2018 – Holy Family – Divine Office Week 1

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 22 December	Kirkby Lonsdale	12 noon	Special Intention
Saturday 22 December	Caton	6:00 pm	Mason Family
Sunday 23 December	Kirkby Lonsdale	9:00 am	Glen Birtwistle
Sunday 23 December	Hornby	11.00 am	James Freeman
Monday 24 December	Hornby	8:00 am	Thanksgiving
Monday 24 December	Caton	6:00 pm	Peter Atkinson, Pat and Tony Bishop
Monday 24 December	Kirkby Lonsdale	9:00 pm	Parish
Tuesday 25 December	Kirkby Lonsdale	9:00 am	Thanksgiving
Tuesday 25 December	Hornby	11:00 am	Parish
Wednesday 26 December	Hornby	12 noon	Benedict Haynes
Thursday 27 December	No Scheduled Mass		
Friday 28 December	Hornby	8:00 am	Adelina Roscoe
Saturday 29 December	Kirkby Lonsdale	12 noon	Pat Miller
Saturday 29 December	Caton	6:00 pm	Parish
Sunday 30 December	Kirkby Lonsdale	9:00 am	Priest's Intentions
Sunday 30 December	Hornby	11.00 am	Charles Gilbertson
Monday 31 December	Hornby	8:00 am	Thanksgiving
Tuesday 1 January	Caton	6:00 pm	Holy Souls
Wednesday 2 January	Kirkby Lonsdale	6:30 pm	Marjorie Crook
Thursday 3 January	Hornby	8:00 am	Jim Moores
Friday 4 January	Hornby	8:00 am	Special Intention
Saturday 5 January	Kirkby Lonsdale	12 noon	Ina Pretsell
Saturday 5 January	Caton	6:00 pm	Parish
Sunday 6 January	Kirkby Lonsdale	9:00 am	Thanksgiving
Sunday 6 January	Hornby	11.00 am	Priest's Intention

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

Friday	5:00 – 6:00 pm	Holy Hour for Vocations (Hornby)
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Anniversaries: Anne Carroll, Thomas Ruddy, Glen Birtwistle, Mary Coffey, Joseph Moxham, Adelina Roscoe, Michael Strain, Joseph Newns, Agnes McCarry, Emily Dugdale, Charlie Broadbent, Pat Miller, Edith Parr, Marjorie Broadbent, Ethel Regan, John McKenna, Jenny Cullen, Gertrude Burke, Stuart Martin, John Gill, Philip Crosby, Mary Anne Bateson, Hilarie Stephenson, William Hall, Jennie Nisbett, Anthony Bishop, Thomas Wilson and Ellen Cummings.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parishes: 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Monday 24 December: First Mass of Christmas, Caton 6pm

Monday 24 December: Mass of Christmas Night, Kirkby Lonsdale 9pm

Tuesday 25 December: Christmas Day Mass, Kirkby Lonsdale 9am

Tuesday 25 December: Christmas Day Mass, Hornby 11am

Note: there will be carols sung preceding the Christmas Masses in the evening and night of 24 December:

beginning at 5.30pm before 6pm Christmas Mass in Caton

beginning at 8.30pm before the 9pm Christmas Mass in Kirkby Lonsdale.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS! I wish you all and all your families and loved ones every blessing this Christmas. May God be close to you and bring you the most cherished gifts of peace, joy and contentment.

THANK YOU! I take this opportunity to express my most sincere gratitude to you all for your thoughtfulness, commitment and support throughout the year. You all contribute in your own way to making the life of the parish welcoming and vibrant. It is a great service to the Church. I am also personally grateful for your generosity and kindness, not just in this festive season of the year but at all times.

CARDS DEPICTING HORNBY IN WINTER: The parish of St Margaret's has commissioned a "Christmas/Winter-scene/any-occasion" card depicting landmarks of Hornby by the renowned local artist Chas Jacobs. On the card, alongside St Margaret's church, the bridge and the Institute, proudly stands the Catholic Presbytery. The cards cost 50p for the smaller version and £1 for the larger version. 36% of all our sales will come back to us to be given to a charity of our choice. I suggest we give these monies to the Refugee Fund. You can see examples of the cards at the back of St Mary's church, and you can purchase the cards from Fr Luiz. (Note: there are no balloons on the card!).

OLIVE BRANCH FOOD BANK: FAITH IN ACTION, GIVING IN ADVENT

The Olive Branch is collecting chocolates and confectionary suitable for children and adults for Christmas. Could you make a contribution? It would be very much appreciated and would make a big contribution to many families who are struggling at this time. There is a 'collection bin' at the back of church.

DECORATING THE CHURCHES FOR CHRISTMAS: If you would like to contribute to making the churches beautiful this Christmas then you can do so in Caton by bringing plants; they can be left in the church no later than Saturday 22 December. In Kirkby Lonsdale there will be a retiring collection in order to purchase flowers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Please note that those children who are in Year 3 or above at school (7 – 8 year olds) can be prepared to make their First Holy Communion and First Confession this coming year. The preparation sessions are **Saturdays 9.30– 12 am in St Joseph's Room, Kirkby Lonsdale on 16, 23, 30 March; 6, 13 April.** First Confessions: Saturday 27 April 12.30pm; First Holy Communion on Sunday 28 April. The May Procession will be on 12 May.

BERNADINE CISTERCIANS 'COME AND SEE' WEEKEND

At the Monastery of Our Lady of Hying on 15 February – 17 February. For single catholic women and men in their 20s and 30s. Spend the weekend with a monastic community and experience a life of prayer and work of hospitality. For more information, contact Sr. Mary Bernard.

John the Baptist, leapt for joy...

Elizabeth was part of the Temple tradition. The Jews knew God could not be limited to one place, but needed somewhere to honour Him, that place was the Temple. There, was the dwelling-place of the presence of the One whom the universe could not contain. Elizabeth became like the Temple; containing the one who would point out the Lord to the world. Within her John, the last of the prophets became the first Christian prophet pointing to the one he would call the Lamb of God. He brought to a conclusion the Temple Tradition, the tradition of reminding the people that God is among them. For now, everyone, not just the high priests like Zechariah, could experience the presence of God. The Temple is no longer needed to point to the Lord as He is among us. Our homes, our families, our parish, our lives have been transformed into the new Temples of the Lord. We must keep them sacred and holy, for they are dwelling places of the Lord. The Lord is not just among us, He is within us just as He was within Mary on that beautiful day when Elizabeth met her cousin.

...at the presence of Jesus within Mary.

A CHRISTMAS REFLECTION: What can I bring Him, poor as I am?

Christmas is not just for children! It's for us all. Christmas is about our salvation made manifest in the birth of Jesus. He came to bring light into a darkened world, to bring hope to those who have none, to bring peace to those in turmoil. All these things our world, our families and, yes, each of us, longs for every day. In coming to the new-born Christ quietly and prayerfully we are able to offer Him our very selves, our loved ones and our world. In so doing we ask Him to make our own the transforming gifts He brings us. His gifts to us, which we all certainly need to face the challenges of daily life, we encounter, experience and receive at Mass. Why not, during the Christmas season, invite a family members or a friend who may not have been for some time, to come with you to Mass. Then together we can bring our hearts to the Christ-child and He will receive, renew and fill them with His gifts. At Mass, as a spiritual family, we come to understand more deeply what the real meaning of Christmas is.

...bring my heart!

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