



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

Sunday 6th December 2020

Second Sunday of Advent

Divine Office Psalter - Week 2

Sunday Readings - Year B

Weekday Readings - Year 1 Advent Week 2

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Parish Diary

All Masses celebrated at Caton and Hornby will be 'live broadcasted' via Zoom. The weekday Mass at Hornby is later to enable more people to attend in person.

Sunday 6th December Second Sunday of Advent Violet Collection Apostleship of the Sea	18.00 Our Lady Mass <i>Margaret Taylor</i> 09.00 St. Joseph Mass <i>Bishop Lawrence Hardman</i> 11.00 Our Lady Mass <i>Pro Populo</i> <i>There is a Pastoral Letter from the Bishop of Lancaster this weekend</i>
Monday 7th December St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor Memorial, White	09.30 St. Mary Mass <i>Tony Kevill</i> Please note the time of Mass this morning
Tuesday 8th December The Immaculate Conception BVM Solemnity, White	18.00 Our Lady Mass <i>Int's Sick and Housebound</i>
Wednesday 9th December Wednesday of Advent 2 Violet	St. Mary Mass [Private] <i>Mo O'Connell [LD]</i> 18.00 Zoom Holy Rosary - click link on website.
Thursday 10th December Thursday of Advent 2 Violet	18.00 St. Joseph Sacrament of Reconciliation 18.30 St. Joseph Mass <i>John & Dorothy McKenzie [h&i]</i>
Friday 11th December Friday of Advent 2 Violet	09.30 St. Mary Mass <i>Special Intention</i> Please note the time of Mass this morning
Saturday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe Optional Memorial, White	08.00 St. Mary 'Rorate Caeli' Mass <i>For mothers</i> This Mass before dawn is celebrated by candle light. 18.00 Our Lady Mass <i>Norman McCulloch</i>
Sunday 13th December Third Sunday of Advent [Gaudete] Rose Day for Life Collection	09.00 St. Joseph Mass <i>Pro Populo</i> 11.00 Our Lady Mass <i>Peter Atkinson</i> <i>Remember to bring your crib's 'Baby Jesus' to Mass this weekend for the 'Bambellini' blessing</i>

* Mass cards are available by contacting Marie Boardman

Covid-19 Guidance

- Public worship resumes in the parishes on Thursday 3rd December. The obligation to assist at Holy Mass is still lifted as is the requirement to abstain from meat on Fridays.
- Whilst we are taking our utmost care to ensure that our buildings are Covid-safe, 'vulnerable' parishioners are asked to think carefully before attending Holy Mass. Although Lancashire is in Tier 3 our area currently has a relatively low rate of infection.
- We are severely restricting numbers in the church buildings, to ensure social distancing, and everyone is required to sanitise their hands on entry and to keep the nose and mouth covered whilst in the building [unless medical conditions prevent you from doing so].
- We will also take contact details of those attending to enable Track and Trace procedures. NHS Track and Trace app scanning codes are available in all churches. These details will be destroyed after 21 days according to data management regulations.
- The churches are cleaned using a 'fogging' system after each celebration of Holy Mass, if you are visiting for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's Hornby please clean your space using wipes after use.



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, Veronica Law, Dennis Brown, Paul Shuttleworth, Keith and Alexa Wightman, Sarah Mason, 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, Bruce Kay, Colette Calveley, Lucy Ball, Maggie Trimble, Pauline O'Toole, Roberta Whiteside, Alan White, Lynne Griffiths, John McKenzie, Margaret McMullen, and Bryan Ingleby.

For those whose anniversaries occur during and around this time

Trevor Parkinson, Annie McGrath, Liam Gribben, Mary Lester, Eileen Beck, Lena Dugdale, P J Lynch, Peter & Carmel Naylor, William Gee, Anthony Kevill, Hannah Stephenson, Harold Orrell and Peter Atkinson.

Thanks to Betty and Sue for keeping the anniversary books and letting us know each week.



Reflecting on the Word of God

Comfort



Parish Notices

Advent dates for the diary

On **Tuesday 8th December** we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the titular feast of Our Lady Immaculate Caton. Normally, there would have been Mass for the Sick and Housebound on that day. Unfortunately this cannot happen this year, however, Mass that evening will be offered for the intentions of the Sick and Housebound and will be Zoomed.

On **Saturday 12th December** there will be a *Rorate Caeli* Mass at 8.00 am at St. Mary Hornby. A *Rorate Caeli* Mass is a candlelit Mass just before dawn in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Sunrise that day is 08.22 so Mass will finish just as the sun begins to rise. This is a beautiful advent devotion.

On **Sunday 13th December**, Gaudete Sunday, it is customary to bless the Christ Child figurines you use in your nativity scenes at home. Please bring with you your 'Bambellini' and they will be blessed after Holy Communion.

From **Thursday 17th December** the Church recites the historic 'O Antiphons' in the lead-up to the celebration of Christmas. Evening Prayer will be celebrated publicly each evening in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Please consider joining this.

An **Outdoor Crib Service** will be organised near to Christmas once the date of the erection of the outdoor nativity scene is arranged. Carols can be sung outdoors according to government guidelines - it will be a nice way to prepare for Christmas with a socially distanced gathering around the Crib.

Christmas Masses

It was hoped to be able to celebrate Mass in larger numbers this Christmas through the hiring of a marquee. However, with the news that we will remain in Tier 3 on the conclusion of the current lockdown, this will not now be possible. Thank you to those who have donated to this cause: if you are in agreement the funds will be retained for a future project unless we hear from you.

Fr Michael will offer a total of 5 Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to enable you to attend Holy Mass. Remember that the obligation to assist at Mass on Sundays and Holydays is still suspended.

You will need to book a place in advance to prevent the need to turn people away once capacity is reached. To book a place at one Mass please contact Marie Boardman on 01524 770825 Monday - Friday 9.00 - 11.00 am or 5.00 - 7.00 pm. Don't request a place by email or via Fr Michael...we need to have one record and Marie is the one keeping it! For family groups [up to 6] please book at the same time.

'Christmas' Masses will be celebrated at the following times.

Christmas Eve

1.00 pm	Kirkby Lonsdale [30]
5.00 pm	Caton <i>Fully booked</i>
6.30 pm	Caton [30]

Christmas Day

8.00 am	Hornby <i>Fully booked</i>
9.30 am	Kirkby Lonsdale [30]

A total of 146 places

The Bishop reminds us in his Pastoral Letter that it is reasonable to attend Mass during the Christmas Octave rather than Christmas Eve/Day due to the current situation.

Mass on Boxing Day [Saturday 26th] will be at 10.00 am at Hornby. *There will not be a Vigil Mass that evening.* For the Feast of the Holy Family [Sunday 27th], Mass will be at 9.00 am Kirkby Lonsdale and 11.00 am at Caton.

A Christmas 'Choir'?

Congregational singing is still not permitted during the public celebration of Mass, however [if the congregation do not join in...please promise] a small group of socially distanced singers may sing [e.g. singing in the porch at Caton or St. Joseph's Room at Kirkby] may sing enabling us to have a 'Carol Fix' this Christmas. If you are interested please contact Ruth Lowe [email below] and we'll see what we can do.

OLCC Uganda Fund Raising

Despite being unable to visit this year, the students are continuing to raise funds, primarily for a Vocational School for vulnerable girls. We are selling a few things we have made and hope you might consider purchasing something. All items are made or donated and so every penny you give will get to the Home. Pack of 10 'high quality' handmade greeting cards £10 - for all 'occasions' - please specify. Mini knitted Christmas Stockings - ideal for gift cards or for the Christmas table - £2 each or £1.50 if you buy more than 4. A decorated mini basket containing Christmas Blessing card, a Christmas Quiz sheet, a mini knitted stocking with chocolates, a Christmas Mask, a bar of soap, and either a packet of luxury biscuits or a mini bottle of Prosecco - £12 each.

To place your order, please contact Ruth Lowe by Email: r.lowe@olcc.lancs.sch.uk or Tel: 01524 770706. Thank you.

Olive Branch

Please support Olive Branch: containers to receive donations are present in our churches.

Items for the newsletter

Email newsletter@lunevalleycatholics.org.uk before Thursday evening for inclusion

Eucalyptus

If you have a Eucalyptus tree growing on your property Fr Michael would greatly appreciate branches to help decorate the Presbytery for the Christmas Season.

Carol Service

St. Margaret's, the Anglican church in Hornby, is organising a greatly reduced 'Covid-friendly' [i.e. No live singing] 'Carol Service' at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 16th December to which parishioners are invited. You will need to book a ticket to attend via these4parishes.co.uk. There will be no refreshments this year.

Unfortunately Fr Michael is unable to attend due to an existing commitment with the *Priestly Society of the Holy Cross*, of which he is a member, in Macclesfield that day.

Mary's Meals

This charity has secured government 'match funding' so your donation goes further. Visit www.marysmeals.org.uk. A good cause.

In the First Reading, the prophet reports a command given by God: 'Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God!' In the sorrows of life, who does not long for comfort? Who would not melt with gratitude at the tender comfort of God?

But what is comfort?

Sometimes what we want is just what the good shepherd gives his lost sheep. We don't want to walk along the road of our life to the Lord. We want God to carry us.

But a child that is carried all the time will never learn to walk, to leap and run. That child, weak enough already to have to be carried, will get only weaker as the carrying goes on.

And comfort isn't a matter of giving weakness. It's a matter of giving strength—strength for walking, even over very rough roads.

In fact, the "-fort" in "comfort" comes from the Latin word for "strong." The "com-" in "comfort" is from the Latin word for "with." To give comfort to someone is to lend him some of your strength. He is more able to stand on his own feet and walk because you are with him.

But what is the comfort of God? Where is it? How do we find it?

The Gospel says that Christ baptises his own with the Holy Spirit. Because of this baptism, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within each person who comes to Christ.

That is why no one who comes to Christ and receives his baptism of the Holy Spirit walks the wild and rocky road of life alone. God is so much with him that, in the person of the Holy Spirit, God is within him. If God is for us, even within us, who can be against us? This is strength indeed.

And so no wonder that the other name for the Holy Spirit is "the Comforter."

Eleanor 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.

Online resources to help during the pandemic

Daily Mass from Walsingham
<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

Lectio Divina for the Sunday Scriptures
<https://catholic.bible/lectio-divina-in-english/>

Practical ways of living the faith in the family
<https://www.catholicmom.com>

To help men in their journey of faith
<https://catholicgentleman.net>

To help women in their journey in faith
<https://thecatholicwoman.com>

Word on Fire

Search 'Word on Fire' on YouTube for topical videos about the Faith and Culture.