



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 18th April 2021

3rd Sunday of Easter

Divine Office Psalter - Week 3

Sunday Readings - Year B

Weekday Readings - Easter Week

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Parish Diary

*Weekend Masses celebrated at Caton and Hornby will be 'live broadcasted' via Zoom. Please follow link on the Parish Website.
* denotes Mass where no Mass Intention was requested by parishioners.*

Sunday 18th April 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER White	18.00 Our Lady Mass Mike & Margaret Docherty 09.00 St. Joseph Mass Martin Lamb 11.00 St. Mary Mass People of the Parish [Living & Dead]
Monday 19th April Requiem Mass Purple	08.15 St. Mary Mass HRH the Duke of Edinburgh
Tuesday 20th April of Third Week of Easter White	18.00 Our Lady Mass Harold Foster
Wednesday 21st April of Third Week of Easter White	08.15 St. Mary Mass Mona & Jim Hyndman*
Thursday 22nd April of Third Week of Easter White	18.30 St. Joseph Mass In thanksgiving
Friday 23rd April St. George, Martyr, Feast Red Abstinence from meat	08.15 St. Mary Mass Sick Clergy
Saturday 24th April of Third Week of Easter White	18.00 Our Lady Mass Dr Douglas Bell [h&i]
Sunday 25th April 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER White World Day of Prayer for Vocations Second Collection Ecclesiastical Education Fund	09.00 St. Joseph Mass John Finch [h&i] 11.00 St. Mary Mass People of the Parish [Living and Dead] Bishop's Pastoral Letter this weekend.

COME BACK TO MASS

From next Sunday, the 25th April, the 11.00 am Hornby Mass will be celebrated in the open air.

It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do so without the Holy Mass

St. Pius of Pietrelcina

With an ever growing number of parishioners having received a full vaccination it is way past the time for people to consider returning to regular weekly attendance at Holy Mass. The obligation to attend Holy Mass remains suspended, however, it is something we should want and desire to do anyway.

To facilitate those who remain fearful about being inside with people, the Sunday Mass at Hornby at 11.00 am will be celebrated outside from next Sunday, 25th April. Whatever the weather, Mass will be celebrated outside so please be prepared by wearing warm clothes and perhaps bringing an umbrella with you [either for rain or to protect from the sun].

This will be the way of things until restrictions are lifted by the government, hopefully this will be the case from 21st June.

This Mass will be celebrated in an expeditious manner in order to limit any discomfort caused by cold or heat. In order to show reverence during the Eucharistic Prayer for those unable to kneel, rather than sit, it would be appropriate to adopt the custom of the French and remain standing.



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, Margaret McMullen, Bryan Ingleby, Jenny Fisher and Robert Otway

For those whose have died recently

Arthur Such [Melling] May he rest in peace.

For those whose anniversaries occur during and around this time

Eric Jakubowski, Matthew Murray, Sophie Gallagher, Michael Partridge, Edward Clarkson, James Mason, Herbert Keenan and Mary Armer.



Reflecting on the Word of God

What are we supposed to do?

Once, in perplexity, people asked Jesus, "What are we supposed to do?" (John 6:28). The Second Reading raises this question for us too.

The Second Reading says that if you don't keep God's commandments but say that you know the Lord, you are a liar.

Being a liar is bad enough. But the Second Reading also says that if you don't keep the Lord's commandments, you don't know the Lord.

That is the worst, isn't it? Especially because the test for whether or not you know the Lord is not whether you have fervent prayer or sweet religious experience. No, the test is just whether you keep the Lord's commandments. That is why you lie if you don't keep the Lord's commandments but still try to tell yourself and others that you know the Lord.

In another passage, this same Epistle (1 John 1:6-8) claims that if you say you have no sin, you are a liar, too.

And now we have a real puzzle, don't we? To avoid the sin of lying, you have to confess that you do sinful things. But then you are confessing that you aren't keeping the Lord's commandments, aren't you? And in that case, you are a liar, and you don't know the Lord.

Well, then, what are we supposed to do?

The answer is in what Jesus told the people when they asked him that very question. Jesus said, "Believe on the one whom God has sent."

Notice that this is a command.

And here is what it means. We can tell the truth: that we are sinful. But it doesn't follow that we don't keep God's commandments. If we believe that Jesus is the Saviour, sent by God to save us from our sins, then, sinful as we are, we are in fact keeping the commandment the Lord gave the people when they asked him what they were supposed to do.

And if we keep his command, then it is also true that we know him. We know him as the Christ, sent by God to save us from our sins.

It can be true then that we are sinful and that we keep the commandment of the Lord, both, if we believe that he will save us from our sinfulness.

So this is what we are supposed to do: know him.

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.



Parish Notices

OLCC Sixth Form Uganda Project

Thank you for supporting the OLCC Lenten Fund Raising for the Vocational School in Uganda.

We have now raised just over £680. This includes sale of Elda's Chicks, Easter baskets, Easter cards and some very generous donations. This also includes the sale of some earrings which one of the students has been making. With the Christmas Fund Raising Project, we have now raised enough to buy a bed, mattress, sheets, pillow and a thick blanket for the 20 girls who board at the school.

The beds are currently being made and I have put some pictures on a little newsletter you can take a look at on the Parish Web-site. There is also a Thank You note there from the girls.

With the students back in school we have replenished our stock of Birthday, Thank You, Sympathy, Thinking of You etc cards - so please keep on ordering these. They have been well-received by everyone and are excellent value at £1 each.

Call Ruth on 01524 770706 to order or email ruthclowe@gmail.com.

St. Mary's Garden

The garden is open for visitors on Sunday afternoon from 12.00 noon until 5.00 pm. We will look at further opening as the Covid restrictions continue to be lifted.

Covid - changes over coming months

17th May: Weddings 30. Baptisms permitted.

From the 21st June 'it is hoped all legal limits on social contact can be removed'.

First Holy Communion this year is likely to take place over the weekend of Sunday 27th June 2021. Application forms for available in each church, please see Fr Michael to get one. Please return by the end of April.

Red Boxes

Many thanks for your continued support as through the Red Box you play a vital part in creating a vibrant Catholic Church for the future. Whilst at present I am unable to collect the red boxes the Spring magazines and a prayer card for the year of St Joseph are available at the back of all three churches. Any queries please contact Christine Griffiths.

Climate Change Conference

The British Government is hosting the United Nations Climate Change Conference in November this year in Glasgow. The hope is that when the governments of the world come together they will be able to build on the agreement reached in Paris in 2015. Although we are still living through the current pandemic, the Pope has pointed out that this is actually just one of the 'pandemics' that affect our world at the moment; human trafficking, corruption, hunger, but also climate change which affects all of these.

The experience of Paris showed that governments are encouraged to take this matter seriously when they hear expressions of concern from the public.

I am conscious that personal opinions regarding global climate change differ. Our parishes should not be operating as political

pressure groups, however, the care of and concern for the environment is something we should all take more seriously. The Glasgow conference COP26 is an event of world significance challenging the way the world does business. It opens the door for all of us to live in a way that is less demanding on Creation and more sympathetic to becoming a global citizen. There is much to reflect on. Fr. Hugh Pollock, Chair of the Faith and Justice Commission, Lancaster invites you to contact him should you wish to know more details of matters related to care of the gift of God's creation please contact Father Hugh Pollock at lfjcm@gmail.com.

Chaplaincy at HMP Kirkham

A vacancy has arisen for a Catholic chaplain at HMP Kirkham, details of which can be found here: [42453 - Chaplain - Catholic Ordained Deacon, Religious Brother/Sister/Lay Person - MoJ \(tal.net\)](https://www.42453.org.uk/)

Spectacular Spectacles!

Do you have glasses lying around the house? Hidden away in drawers? No longer any use to you?

Hyring Hall is able to send spectacles that are no longer required to developing countries where they are given a new life and will transform the daily life of those who need a pair of specs.

If you have any lying around at home bring them to Mass with you and deposit in the box set up for this purpose.

A little gesture that could make a real difference in the lives of those who need them.

Time to start coming back...

Pubs, gyms, shops and even hair dressers reopen this week. Good news! An end appears to be in sight...we hope.

While we still have to be careful, observing social distancing etc, there is a sense that some things are returning back to 'normal'.

With this in mind, especially for those who have received both vaccines, it is good to be thinking seriously about returning to Mass in person, even if only for a weekday Mass at present. Our faith is an 'incarnational', bodily one and as the recent court case in Scotland demonstrated - 'in person' worship is fundamental to the Catholic faith.

Thanks to the stewards and others, our churches meet the guidelines from the Bishops' Conference which have been agreed with the government and offer a Covid-secure way of celebrating our faith.

Weekday Masses will no longer be 'broadcast' via Zoom. I'm grateful to Barbara and Allison who have facilitated this for so long.

The weekend Masses at Caton and Hornby will continue to be broadcast for the time being.

Swollen necks...

Fr Michael had a dental extraction this week [a crown had fractured] and has a swollen neck...avoid the temptation to laugh but he is doing a good impression of Winston Churchill. He may be a little quieter this weekend - bear with it.