

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...

Michael Birtwistle, K M Turner, Luis Santos

REFLECTING ON THE WORD OF GOD

Using this Sunday's Gospel [John 10: 27-30], think about/discuss at home the following questions:

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice." Do You? Maybe in your heart? Or in homilies, or in the poor, or in people around you? In books, poems, nature? Any of the above? All of the above?

Jesus is the Good Shepherd. According to Pope Francis, is there anyone who is not one of his sheep?

Christ's love is not selective; it embraces everyone. He himself reminds us of this in the Gospel when he says: "And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd" (Jn 10:16). These words testify to his universal concern: He is everyone's shepherd. Jesus wants everyone to be able to receive the Father's love and encounter God.

And the Church is called to carry on this mission of Christ. Aside from those who participate in our communities, there are many people, the majority, who do so only at particular moments or never. But this does not mean they are not God's children: the Father entrusts everyone to Jesus the Good Shepherd, who gave his life for everyone.

*Good Shepherd Sunday Angelus
Pope Francis, April 25, 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.

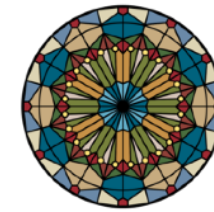
Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Health and Safety Concerns?

Please notify Fr Michael as soon as possible if anything seems amiss.

Safeguarding

Kirkby Lonsdale - Julie Stafford
Hornby/Caton - *vacancy*



THE PARISHES OF ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 8th May 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Our Hope and Strength

The risen Christ is our shepherd. "We are his people: the sheep of his flock." He gives us eternal life, and we shall never perish. The risen Christ is "a light to the nations," so that all people everywhere are renewed by the Easter event. The poor, the hungry and the homeless stand in the presence of the risen Christ: "he will lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes." Abused children and the neglected elderly stand before the risen Christ: "he will lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes." The victims of war and torture, the masses of uprooted refugees, and the despised people of the world stand before the risen Christ: "he will lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."

We walk in the valley of darkness, but we fear no evil, for we follow in faith the call of the shepherd, who was "sent for our hope and strength."

Jesus has entered our history as God's anointed son who announces the coming of God's kingdom, a kingdom of justice and peace and freedom. And, what Jesus proclaims, he embodies in his actions. His ministry reveals that the reign of God is something more powerful than evil, injustice, and the hardness of hearts. Through his crucifixion and resurrection, he reveals that God's love is ultimately victorious over all suffering, all horror, all meaninglessness, and even over the mystery of death. Thus, we proclaim words of hope and assurance to all who suffer and are in need.

U.S. Bishops, Economic Justice for All, 1986: 28

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PARISH DIARY

<p>Sunday 8th May Fourth Sunday of Easter Day of prayer for Vocations Second Collection EEF White</p>	<p>18:00 Our Lady <i>Mass</i> Private Intention* 09.00 St. Joseph <i>Mass</i> People of the Parish <i>Refreshments after Mass in the St. Joseph's Room</i> 11.00 St. Mary <i>Mass</i> Pauline Noblet 17.30 Lancaster University <i>Mass</i> Private Intention*</p>
<p>Monday 9th May of Easter Week 4 White</p>	<p><i>Fr Michael's Rest Day: no public Mass today</i> <i>Fr Michael Meeting [online] a.m.</i></p>
<p>Tuesday 10th May of Easter Week 4 White</p>	<p><i>Fr Michael Education Service meetings a.m</i> 16.30 St. Joseph Holy Rosary for Ukraine. 18.00 Our Lady <i>Mass</i> Sr Gerald (h&i)*</p>
<p>Wednesday 11th May of Easter Week 4 White</p>	<p><i>Fr Michael Education Meeting in Hornby a.m.</i> <i>Fr Michael at University p.m</i> 16.15 St. Joseph <i>First Holy Communion Catechesis</i> 16.30 University <i>Adoration and Reconciliation</i> 17.30 University <i>Mass</i> John Grove* 19.00 Cathedral Social Centre Confirmation Class</p>
<p>Thursday 12th May of Easter Week 4 White</p>	<p><i>Fr Michael Meetings in Lancaster p.m.</i> 18.00 St. Joseph <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 18.30 St. Joseph <i>Mass</i> Kathleen Crowe</p>
<p>Friday 13th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> White</p>	<p>08.15 St. Mary <i>Mass</i> Elizabeth Way (h&i)*</p>
<p>Saturday 14th May <i>St. Matthias</i> Red</p>	<p>11.00 St. Mary <i>Latin Mass</i> Private Intention* 17.30 Our Lady <i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i> 18:00 Our Lady <i>Mass</i> Michael Johnson*</p>
<p>Sunday 15th May Fifth Sunday of Easter White</p>	<p>09.00 St. Joseph <i>Mass</i> People of the Parish <i>Refreshments after Mass in the St. Joseph's Room</i> 11.00 St. Mary <i>Mass</i> Peter Johnson (h&i)* 17.30 Lancaster University <i>Mass</i> Private Intention*</p>

* 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 Deanery celebration of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Swarbrick on Sunday 5th June, Pentecost Sunday, at 2.00 pm in Lancaster Cathedral. Applications for this year are now closed.

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.

Pastoral Letter

This weekend, Good Shepherd Sunday, we have a pastoral letter from Bishop Paul on vocations. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life : pray for priests! There is a collection for the Priests Training Fund next weekend.

John Bradburne Pilgrimage Walk

Saturday 18th June 2022 at 11am
Come and climb Cross Fell (John Bradburne did), the highest mountain in England outside of the Lake District. Just 5 miles from Skirwith from where John Bradburne spent his early childhood years.

You will need good walking boots and a good level of fitness to manage the climb. Prayers will be said by the Bishop of Lancaster, The Right Reverend Paul Swarbrick at the top of the Fell.

To book your place and make your donation, please visit www.johnbradburne.com or call Kate on 07979 187498 to reserve your place.

Parish Mission Teams

The St. Joseph's Parish Mission team will meet in June rather than in May...the next St. Mary's meeting will be on 24th May.

The Paradox of Abundance

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our *Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey* resource.

Mission Appeal

We will welcome a priest from the Holy Ghost Fathers [*the Spiritans*] on the weekend of 11th/12th June - the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity.

St. Mary's Garden

The garden is open each day for visits between 10.00 am and 7.00 pm.

Churches open for 'Visit's

St. Mary's, Hornby and St. Joseph's Kirkby Lonsdale are open each day for 'visits' to the Blessed Sacrament.

The Gate at Our Lady's, Caton

The gate is being closed at present due to a 'local' issue with a very 'local' dog causing problems on the site.