



KENT ESTUARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

*Our Lady of Lourdes, Arnside;
St Charles & St Cuthbert, Grange;
Christ the King, Milnthorpe*

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ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY : 16th August 2020

Editorial: Easing Lockdown: following government directions, we have the first tentative easing of the lockdown. Under strict conditions made for our safety, we have re-started public Mass. Following guidelines, home visits to the housebound and small meetings for prayer are now possible. Our halls are in the process of being opened up. Under the distancing mitigation rules, we have allowed a significant increase of households in our churches (see *Opening our Churches*). We are aware that, in holiday season, visitors might want to come, and we don't want to refuse them.



Keeping Faith

This Sunday's Scripture The Assumption. On her natural death, Mary is taken up into heaven body and soul. The process of salvation has started. As we say in the creed 'we believe in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting...' We honour Mary as the one who is 'full of grace' and therefore freed from the corruption of the body, as well as being the chief of Our Lord's disciples and therefore sharer in His redeeming work and His resurrection.

Assumption: an ancient belief with a recent definition. The Assumption was only defined in 1950 but was believed from the earliest days of the church. The fact is that the dogma follows the belief and merely defines what is already believed.

The Mass Part 11. The Mass is the source and summit of our worship and spiritual life. The Mass contains many parts, each with meaning. These parts should be understood if we are to get the full benefit of the Mass:

The Sacrifice of the Mass: The Mass is a re-presenting of the loving self-sacrifice of Christ for us, His people. He substituted Himself for us, and bore our faults on His shoulders. Jesus adapted the Passover as the first Mass. The centre of the Passover is the sacrifice and eating of a lamb. His self-sacrifice did not happen at the Supper itself. It did happen on the cross, when Jesus became the lamb that takes away the sin of the world. He made it clear that he was the new Lamb of

sacrifice when he tasted the sour wine on the sponge. This was the last of the four glasses of wine drunk at the Passover. It completed what had he had begun at the meal. It is accomplished, He said on the cross.

Opening our Churches further: Making a visit to our churches is very important. They are the houses of God. They are places where we meet God in a special way. Two out of our three churches are small in size and only take small numbers when following the 2 metre distancing rules. We have had to refuse several applications for places last Sunday.

More Places at Mass

At St. Charles, Grange, the pressure on the church is most acute. Many of our households are of one person. We believe that we can increase the number of spaces for households significantly by allowing a closer spacing of the one-person households. At Milnthorpe we can increase the numbers in a smaller way. Please keep the 'over four feet' distancing rule and wear masks in church. Remove the mask only to receive communion. Please book a place as stated below.

Booking a place at Mass

For Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses, please book from Monday onwards for the following weekend only. Similarly, for Weekday Masses, only book from 7 days prior to the Mass you wish to attend, please. Because of the current restrictions on numbers, it may be necessary to offer a place at a Mass a week later to the Mass requested, in order to give places to those who have not yet been accommodated.

- Bookings for both GRANGE & MILNTHORPE phone Len Gee tel. 015395 33881 or e-mail leonard.afgee@yahoo.co.uk
- Bookings for ARNSIDE phone Joe Timothy Tel. 07929 900730 or e-mail joetimothy@me.com

Keeping Together

Sign of Peace: I am glad people have taken to a 'distanced' sign of peace at the Mass. In the good weather, people are taking a moment after Mass to greet each other outside before dispersing. Both these are spontaneous actions by you, Christ's Faithful. They are a recognition of each other as a community of faith even under difficult conditions. Please however respect the 'over 4 feet' distancing rule out of care for others.

Keeping Charity:

Sunday Mass. We have examined the new distancing rules, and believe more people can be welcomed to Grange and Milnthorpe safely (see separate article). Last Sunday it was distressing to see a visitor turned away because we had reached our set number at Grange. Additionally, we were only able to welcome an

extra visitor at Milnthorpe by the stewards giving up their places. We believe that at Arnside we can't increase the set places.

Death: of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Savage of Milnthorpe, who died after a long illness last Friday, 8 August. A small family funeral will take place at St George, Kendal.

Communion to the Housebound: If a Minister makes a 'bubble' arrangement with a housebound person and wishes to take communion to them, please contact Fr. Philip.

Assisting in Church: I ask those attending church to help with the safety arrangements if asked to carry out some small task. We are short of stewards.

Reminder, Masks in Church: Please wear a mask or face covering.

Gardens Thanks to Mark Walmsley and Tom & Sarah, gardeners at Grange and Gayle Little, gardner and Sue and John at Christ the King. Many have been cheered by the work they have done during this difficult time.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS !

The office at St Charles is currently undergoing a major clear-out, because we urgently need more storage space for equipment, files and stationery. We have unearthed three very large boxes of Christmas decorations and paraphernalia, which have been stored in the office for many years. We invite the owners/custodians of these items to get in touch with Marian or Fr Philip to arrange removal or disposal. Many thanks.

Please pray for the sick of our parishes:

Geoff Critchley, Barbara Crossland, Nick Drake-Lee, Michael Carter, Pam Gee, Stella Naylor, Josie Buckley, Margaret Vincent, Brian Mills, Eileen Parker, Christine McIvor, Ann Savage, Philip Barry, Chris Browne, Libby Stretton, Jenny Hodgkinson, Kathleen Lavin, Sue and Mike Coyle, Jean McQueen, Anne Dacey.

Also please pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.



THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY

Sat	15 Aug	5.30pm	Arnside	Private Intention
Sun	16 Aug	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	16 Aug	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	16 Aug	11.00am	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Mon	17 Aug	11.00am*	(In Private)	Special Intention (GB)
Tues	18Aug	9.30am	Grange	Maureen Caddick RIP
Tues	18 Aug	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Wed	19 Aug	11.00am*	(In Private)	Paul Noblet RIP
Thurs	20 Aug	9.30am	Arnside	Monica O'Donnell RIP
Thurs	20 Aug	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Fri	21 Aug	9.30am	Milnthorpe	Aidan & Veronica Smith RIP
Fri	21 Aug	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Sat	22Aug	11.00am	(Mass Broadcasted)	Private Intention
Sat	22 Aug	5.30pm	Arnside	Private Intention

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Sun	23 Aug	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	23 Aug	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	23 Aug	11.00am	(Mass Broadcasted)	

CORONAVIRUS

***The above masses/ will be celebrated either publicly or privately by Fr. Philip and broadcasted at 11.00am.**

Confessions: by arrangement with Fr. Philip. The present regulations prevent opening the church for confession in the usual way.

THE FOLLOWING ARE DISCONTINUED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- **Celebration of Office in the Church**
- **Formal Exposition**
- **Rest Home & Nursing Home visits (except in an emergency)**

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