



KENT ESTUARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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

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Kent Estuary Catholic Churches.*

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 30th August 2020

Coronavirus: Our principles We respond to Coronavirus by Keeping Faith, Keeping Contact, Keeping Charity.

Season of Creation: Pope Francis established 1st September (Tuesday) as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in 2015, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The day is inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si', which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth. He calls us all to celebrate this opportune moment to **“reaffirm [our] personal vocation to be stewards of creation”**, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation, as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.” This World Day of Prayer begins the Season of Creation, which runs until 4th October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. This is an ecumenical season dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

Editorial: Easing Lockdown (continued): following government directions, we have the first tentative easing of the lockdown, under strict conditions made for our safety. It is now time to look forward. Up until now we have had a 'wait and see' policy of 'Keeping Faith, Keeping Contact, Keeping Charity'. In addition to these principles, from now on I urge our communities in the Kent Estuary to look forward to the future with new purpose under the slogan of **'Looking Forward in Faith'**. Please think about the questions below, and give your responses if you so wish.

'Looking Forward in Faith'

As members of our parishes your thoughts are important.

I ask you to respond to the following questions. Please give them your devoted and earnest thought:

With regard to the COVID 19 situation:

1. What has been lost that we need to grieve?
2. What has stopped that we can let go of?

3. What has stopped that we need to renew and hold onto?
4. What has been shown forth that we should respond to?
5. What new things have emerged which are positive, that we could promote more and resource more?

(from the notice board at the chapel in Storth)

Responses should be left at the churches headed 'Looking Forward in Faith', or e-mailed to Len Gee, Chair of the St Charles PPC, who will sort them: phone Len Gee tel. 015395 33881 or e-mail leonard.afgee@yahoo.co.uk



Keeping Faith

This Sunday's Scripture: Jeremiah finds that life sticking up for God is not comfortable. He has to bear his cross as Jesus says in the gospel, the cross of a prophet speaking for God. Yet the opposite, life without God, is miserable. It is literally hopeless, without future and true purpose. Jesus invites us to take up our daily cross today and to follow him to glory.

The Mass Part 13. 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 Preface: The centre of the Mass is two parts, often known as the two tables of the Lord, the table of the Word, and the table of the Eucharist. It is a 'table' because both parts feed us spiritually. Introducing the table of the Eucharist is the preface, which ends in the 'Holy, Holy'. It gives us insights into the emphasis of the particular Mass, especially for feast days. This helps us focus on the theme of the particular Mass, and is always worth listening to, especially on particular feasts.

Prayers for Sunday: As Catholics, many of us have centred our devotion and prayer on the sacred Mass. This is the supreme prayer. Yet many of us are not yet able to return to Mass in the church. Also our churches are too small to take the entire congregation under the distancing rules. We want some sort of guidance with a simple structure of prayer outside the Mass, to make the Sunday Holy. Members of our parish who have experience in teaching prayer are making a simple leaflet which will be circulated shortly.

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

Confessions: Please contact Fr Philip, who can arrange confession 'on call'. I will try to make some arrangement as soon as I can. Because of the present regulations it is difficult to open our churches for confessions in the usual way.

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

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

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, 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.

WEBSITE RENEWED! But work still in progress. Please look on our website at *Kent Estuary Catholic Churches*. Your comments will be appreciated. Our website is important. It is the gateway to our parishes. Many visitors search there when looking for our churches.

MISSION BOXES ... Eric will be outside St Charles' church to collect your Mission Boxes, on the following days: **Tuesday 1st September between 11am and 12 noon; Friday 4th September between 2pm and 3pm.** Any problems, please ring Eric on 34487. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

Hi everyone. It looks like it's going to be a long time before we can meet together to learn about Jesus like we used to each week. In the meantime, Fr Philip has asked me to give you some websites that you and your Mums and Dads can go on to find activities on the Gospel each week. In this way we can still learn about Jesus in our own homes even if we're not all together. Some good web sites are:

cafod.org.uk › Education › Children-s-liturgy
www.sdc.me.uk › sundayliturgy
catholicmom.com

There are also very good cartoon bible stories available online for you to watch, just get Mum or Dad to google the gospel story for that week.

Hope going back to school goes well and to see you all soon. *Carla*

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR ST. CHARLES

Envelopes are now available for collection when the Church is open.

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY YEAR A

Sat	29 Aug	5.30pm	Arnside	Special Int (Ruby Wedding)
Sun	30 Aug	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	30 Aug	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	23 Aug	11.00am	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Mon	31 Aug	11.00am*	(In Private)	Nicola Jane Guy (sick)
Tues	1 Sept	9.30am	Grange	Maureen & Joseph Peter Higgins RIP
Tues	1 Sept	11.00am	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Wed	2 Aug	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Frank Cummings and brothers
Thurs	3 Sept	9.30am	Arnside	Private Intention
Thurs	3 Sept	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Fri	4 Sept	9.30am	Miln'thorpe	McAllister Family RIP
Fri	4 Sept	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Sat	5 Sept	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Private Intention
Sat	5 Sept	5.30pm	Arnside	Brian Hayhurst Anniversary

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY YEAR A

Sun	6 Sept	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	6 Sept	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	6 Sept	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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