



KENT ESTUARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 6th September 2020

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

Editorial: Easing Lockdown (continued): 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.

In the ‘**Season of Creation**’ Pope Francis reminds us that we are stewards of creation. We look out beyond our immediate concerns, and take in the big picture with concern for our common home, this world.

Season of Creation: in 2015, Pope Francis established 1st September as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home.



The Season of Creation 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. The key messages from Pope Francis include the following:

- **Protect Creation:** We are called to protect creation - and we are missing the mark. “*Something good in the eyes of God has become something exploitable in human hands.*”
- **Harmony with Creation:** The Season of Creation is a time for prayer in nature. “*This is the time to re-acquaint ourselves with praying immersed in nature, where our gratitude to the creator God arises spontaneously.*”
- **Grow in Sustainability:** The Season of Creation is a time to grow in sustainability. “*This is the time to reflect on our lifestyles . . . Let’s change and adopt simpler and more respectful lifestyles!*”

● **Policy Action:** The Season of Creation is a time to urge governments to enact better climate policies. “This is *the time to take prophetic actions*” and governments have the task of “demonstrating political will to drastically hasten their measures to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible . . . in line with the Paris Agreement goals.”

Prayer for Our World: Here is one I made up. **Would you like to produce a better prayer for publication?** *Fr. Philip*

“Lord we thank you for the gift of our world

In which we live and move and have our being

We praise you for the wonder of creation.

May we make this work of yours flourish

And care for it responsibly as your gift to the whole human race. Amen”

Keeping Faith

This Weeks Scripture: We are told to correct each other and encourage each other to follow the right paths. But we must remember that such correction can only be done in charity. Do we have enough love of our neighbour to correct them?

‘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 that 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 Contact

Website Editor Needed: A Website is important, as it is our window to the outside world. Catholic holidaymakers will search on the website. A new website editor is needed to take over from Patricia Sellars. The editor updates and presents the website to keep the site attractive, fresh and accurate. We thank Patricia for helping to get going the new Website for the Kent Estuary

Catholic Churches. The new editor will need a computer and broadband, together with a modest amount of knowledge of word processing. Training will be given. It should not take up too much time. Please enquire if you think you can help. *Fr. Philip*

Keeping Charity

Funeral: Of your charity please pray for the soul of David Lucas, father of Andrew Lucas of Milnthorpe. His funeral took place in Cheshire last Thursday

Housebound and Holy Communion: Notice to Eucharistic Ministers.

Our housebound often wish for a visit from the Eucharistic Minister they know well. Whilst regular housebound communions are not possible at present, if a minister wishes to visit, Fr. Philip will gladly give permission for the minister to bring Holy Communion. Please note:

- This is an entirely voluntary matter on the part of the minister, after considering his or her own safety.
- There are also some common-sense rules for carrying out a visit, for the safety of both parties.
- The minister should consult the housebound person first to find out if they want a visit at this stage.

Please discuss with Len Gee for Grange, Deirdre Trueman for Milnthorpe and Greg Tagney for Arnside, who have further details.

Season of Creation: Pope Francis wishes us to concentrate in charity on areas where our world is being damaged, like the Amazon. Many people will suffer if the bountiful land fails, and unjust land use continues.

Weekday Masses: We have to give information for the Diocesan Directory about now, for publication at the beginning of Advent. The Sunday Masses are now running at normal times, but with the distancing and other restrictions. In view of the uncertainty due to the coronavirus, I propose to state in the directory as to weekday Masses '*please see website or newsletters for details*'. Any further thoughts?

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, Angela Nottingham.

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

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY YEAR A

Sat	5 Sept	5.30pm	Arnside	Brian Hayhurst Anniversary
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)	
Mon	7 Sept	11.00am*	(In Private)	Private Intention
Tues	8 Sept	9.30am	Grange	Private Intention
Tues	8 Sept	11.00am	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Wed	9 Sept	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	All Covid RIP : SVP intention
Thurs	10 Sept	9.30am	Arnside	Private Intention
Thurs	10 Sept	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Fri	11 Sept	9.30am	Milnthorpe	Anne Savage RIP
Fri	11 Sept	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Sat	12 Sept	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Private Intention
Sat	12 Sept	5.30pm	Arnside	

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY YEAR A

Sun	13 Sept	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	13 Sept	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	13 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**
- **Rest Home & Nursing Home visits (except in an emergency)**

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