



KENT ESTUARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) : 29th NOVEMBER 2020

We celebrate: Advent begins. Advent means ‘the coming’ (of Jesus). Advent is a time when we prepare to welcome the coming of Jesus afresh into our hearts and our minds. Where Jesus is made the priority in our lives, then fresh vigour and hope comes into our lives.

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

New Lockdown Rules: Public Masses restart from the 3rd December (Thursday). Masses on Sundays are at the usual times, and on weekdays at 9.30am as before the present lockdown. Christmas Masses will be celebrated with the public. Additionally Grange will be open for private prayer on both Thursday and Friday 10.00am – 12.00 noon.

Keeping Faith

Scripture: Advent scripture refers to the three comings of Our Lord: in the future in power, in the past in weakness as the baby of Bethlehem and in the present gently and quietly in a spiritual way. The first Sunday of Advent speaks of a yearning for that second coming in power “... Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down”. If we stay awake and prepare for that Second Coming then we can live with God in the present at peace and without fear.

Masses with the Public Resume: from Thursday 3rd October, Mass with the public starts again. We begin with weekday Mass at Arnside on Thursday 9.30am, Friday at Milnthorpe 9.30am and then The Sunday Masses: Saturday vigil 5.30pm Arnside, Sunday 9.00am Grange and 10.30am Milnthorpe.

Please book.

Christmas Masses will be: Vigil Mass 7.00pm Christ the King Milnthorpe; 9.00am St Charles Grange; 11.00am Our Lady of Lourdes Arnside. BOOKINGS will begin on 6th December. Please book as below stating whether it is a Christmas Mass or the next Sunday’s Mass. We are planning to get in the maximum numbers that are permitted by the regulations for the Christmas Masses.

Advent Preparations: Prepare a Place for Jesus: We are going to help prepare a place for Jesus this Christmas, by building the crib in Advent. But we remember that as we prepare the crib for Jesus, we also prepare another crib inside us, in our hearts, to welcome Jesus afresh.

We will also be following the three Kings. They follow the guidance of a star. Let us follow the guidance of scripture as we journey with the three Kings towards Bethlehem.

We will also bless and light the advent wreath which will mark our progress towards Christmas.

Music at Mass: A very kind parishioner of Grange has bought a Bluetooth speaker for the parish. When Fr. Philip has worked out how to control it from his iPhone, we will begin to have music with the Mass.

We thank Alison Rhind, Deirdre Trueman and Jane Davis for their beautiful recorded hymn singing, and Paul Barton for recorded organ playing. We also thank Wilf Gill at Arnside for organ music when we are allowed to have public Sunday Mass, which is broadcasted. *Fr. Philip*

Messages of Hope: At the suggestion of a parishioner we invite you to submit to the News Letter a short message (ideally 2-4 lines), which gives hope in dark times. Please address them to the parish office or e-mail address.

Keeping Contact: Do you know of any parishioner who has been overlooked? Please contact the parish office or Sheelagh Brown of the SVP 015395 83750

Website All matters for the website should go through the new website email address: kentestuarywebsite@gmail.com Please search for our website under 'Kent Estuary Catholic Churches'. Lots of new photos on the site.

Keeping Charity:

Give Life This Christmas. SVP are again appealing for funds for the Sudan Babies Feeding Stations. It costs approximately £50 to feed a baby for a year. Any donation will be gratefully received and a certificate given in return, which can be sent as an alternative Christmas present, or kept if you wish. Anyone wishing to donate, please contact Liz Lewis on 34017 to arrange how to donate, and how to get the certificate to you.. Donations to be Gift Aided must be by cheque, payable to SVP Twinnage.

Booking a place at Mass: Please observe the rules and book to avoid overcrowding:

Bookings for both GRANGE & MILNTHORPE phone Len Gee tel. 015395 33881 or e-mail leonard.afgee@yahoo.co.uk

Bookings for ARNSIDE phone Wilf & Margaret Gill tel. 01524 762124 or e-mail wilfredandmargaret.gill1966@hotmail.co.uk

Christmas Mass bookings to be taken by the above persons. Please specify that it is the Christmas Mass you are booking. Please note that room may be limited for the Christmas Mass.

Grange, CATEW Levy (Catholic Trust for England and Wales). Only £20 was raised in the offertory collection this year, thus £861.44 will have to be paid from parish funds.

‘50 years since the building of Christ the King Milnthorpe’ As advertised previously a celebration booklet has been published.

- A copy has been put on the website, with other photos. Do look.
- Hard copies are available in our churches (when they are open for private prayer, and after the lockdown).

My thanks to Deirdre Trueman & Paul Barton for the music at the Mass of Christ the King last Sunday.

GRANGE: ST CHARLES 100 CLUB

October: £20 Christine Fisher; £15 Agnes Matthews; £10 Mary-Ann Swart.

November: £20 Mary Drake; £15 Kath Barnes; £10 Frances Brown.

December: £20 Ann Holden; £15 Pauline Cummings; £10 Kath Jordan.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS:

St Charles & St Cuthbert: September £2433; October £1798

Christ the King Milnthorpe and Our Lady of Lourdes Arnside:

September £1668; October £2803

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN ST CHARLES' CHURCH (Poinsettias)

Anyone who would like to donate a poinsettia plant for the windowsills in memory of a loved one this Christmas, please bring and leave in the porch on THURSDAY 17th or FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER between 10am and 12noon when the church will be open for private prayer. There will be a remembrance list in the porch for names of loved ones to be written.

Living *Laudato Si'*: Your Parish and Your Planet Zoom Retreat, 22nd-25th January 2021 (led from Boarbank Hall, Cumbria) What will happen? A long weekend of talks and discussions on zoom, and practical activities, on living the message of *Laudato Si'* in and through your parish. **Who is it for?** Any interested parishioner is most welcome to join us. The weekend is aimed especially at people with parish responsibilities or who are part of or want to start a relevant parish group. Times Sessions will be on Friday night, Saturday morning and night, Sunday afternoon and night and Monday night (leaving people free during the day on Monday). Cost - **voluntary donations gratefully accepted**, but there will be no fee for the weekend. To apply, simply email Sr Margaret Atkins on margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk.

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 Hodkinson, Kathleen Lavin, Sue and Mike Coyle, Jean McQueen, Angela Nottingham, Alan Wild.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

Sat	28 Nov	5.30pm	Arnside	NO MASS
Sun	29 Nov	9.00am	Grange	Ashley Mayes Sick
Sun	29 Nov	10.30am	Milnthorpe	NO MASS
Sun	29 Nov	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Mon	30 Nov	11.00am*	(In Private)	People of the Parish
Tues	1 Dec	9.30am	Grange	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tues	1 Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Michael Vincent RIP
Wed	2 Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Maureen & Joseph Peter Higgins RIP

Masses with public re-start

Thurs	3 Dec	9.30am	Arnside	Private Intention
Thurs	3 Dec	11.00am	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Fri	4 Dec	9.30am	Milnthorpe	Private Intention
Fri	4 Dec	11.00am	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Sat	5 Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Private Intention

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

Sat	6 Dec	5.30pm	Arnside	Private Intention
Sun	6 Dec	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	6 Dec	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	6 Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	

CORONAVIRUS

***The above Masses will be celebrated privately by Fr. Philip and broadcasted at 11.00am.**

Weekday Masses at 9.30am with public re-start as from Thursday 3 December. Sunday Masses at usual times (see above). Please book.

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)**

Clergy: Parish Priest Fr Philip Smith Tel 015395 32731

Deacons: Rev G Bissett Tel 015395 34142, Rev J Pryzlucki Tel 015395 58161

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