



KENT ESTUARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) : 20th DECEMBER 2020

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

We celebrate: The Feast of Christmas, (Thursday and Friday) and shortly after that the Feast of the Holy Family (Saturday/Sunday). We are reminded by these feasts that God came to be with us through a human family; He is one with us and our families. He is truly 'Emmanuel', which means 'God-with-us'

Christmas Masses: Please note that the places for the Christmas Masses are filling rapidly, but do enquire. There may be cancellations. Additionally, there is an overflow with CCTV in the Hall of Christ the King, Milnthorpe.

Keeping Faith

Advent

Sunday Scripture: God promised to send the saviour born of the House of David. He fulfilled it when He sent the Angel Gabriel to Mary in Nazareth. God keeps His promises.

Advent Preparations: We are setting the scene for Christmas. We build the crib throughout Advent. The crib is our heart, and we are going to put Jesus at the centre of it. All is prepared. But two important people now arrive at Bethlehem. They find no room at the inn. They are forced to find room in a stable, where all awaits the birth of the saviour. We wait with joyful expectancy with Mary. In this busy time, let us find time to pause and wait. Is our crib the centre of our decorations at home? (without the baby Jesus as yet!)

The Season of Christmas

At Christmas Jesus, the Wonderful Counsellor, Almighty God and Prince of Peace is made man for us. God is truly with us and for us. We welcome Him into our hearts and our lives afresh. **Please remember** that we rejoice during this season, especially in these difficult times. The octave, a time of special rejoicing, lasts until the feast of the Holy Family on the 27th December. But the whole season up to the Baptism of the Lord on the 10th January should be a time of rejoicing. It is a sign of our faith that we know how to feast and rejoice for God's sake in the Christmas period.



Fr. Philip

Messages of Hope: At the suggestion of a parishioner we invite you to submit to the newsletter a short message (ideally 2-4 lines), which gives hope in dark times. Please address them to the parish office or e-mail address. Here is one: *Love goes way beyond suffering, ponder a moment, Jesus on his holy cross.*

Keeping Charity

Crib collection for the support of the oppressed Christians in the Holy Land, especially those in Bethlehem where Jesus was born, who have been so badly affected by the stopping of pilgrimages.

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. 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.

MISSIO Red Boxes (Grange): Due to be collected in January 2021. Eric will be at church between 10 and 11am every Tuesday in January. If you want another arrangement for collection, please contact Eric on 34487. 10 boxes were not returned in the summer. Please support our missionaries who work to help those in some of the most deprived areas in the world. Thank you.

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. **Retiring collection is for Apostleship of the Sea**, which supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. please give generously. Thank you.

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 wilfmag.gill@hotmail.co.uk

Christmas at Milnthorpe: Many thanks to Andrew Lucas and Greg Tagney for putting up a CCTV link between the church and the church hall. This means we can accommodate up to 34 extra people at the Vigil Mass of Christmas. I also thank a relative of Greg who donated the TV camera for our use.

Grange Parking: Measures have been taken to reduce the parking by outsiders. Normally the overflow car park will be locked, but will be opened for specific church purposes, or exceptionally if I am told of the need. The main car park should have enough space available for occasional parochial use by parishioners.



"...And they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means God-is-with-us".

*I wish you and your family a peaceful and happy
Christmas.*

Philip Smith

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, Jean McQueen, Angela Nottingham, Alan Wild.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

Sat	19 th Dec	5.30pm	Arnside	Private Intention
Sun	20 th Dec	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	20 th Dec	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	20 th Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Mon	21 st Dec	11.00am*	(In Private)	People of the Parish
Tues	22 nd Dec	9.30am	Grange	Kathleen & Ernest Mann RIP
Tues	22 nd Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Wed	23 rd Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Private Intention
Thurs	24 th Dec	9.30am	Arnside	NO MASS

CHRISTMAS BEGINS: CHRISTMAS EVE

Thurs	24 th Dec	7.00pm	Milnthorpe	Vigil Mass: Private Intention
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CHRISTMAS DAY

Fri	25 th Dec	9.00am	Grange	Charles Barnes & Karen RIP
Fri	25 th Dec	11.00am	Vigil Broadcasted	
Fri	25 th Dec	11.00am	Arnside	Private Intention
Sat	26 th Dec	11.00am*		NO MASS

THE HOLY FAMILY

Sat	26 th Dec	5.30pm	Arnside	Private Intention
Sun	27 th Dec	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	27 th Dec	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	27 th Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	

CORONAVIRUS

***The above Masses will be broadcasted at 11.00am.**

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)**

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