



## **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.*

### **FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY : 27<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

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

**A Big thank you** to all those parishioners who made our Christmas a true celebration in all our difficulties and limitations at the moment. We are three small Eucharistic communities who are achieving much more than could be expected in maintaining the parish life. God does not forget all the work you put in and are still doing out of devotion to Him and to help our communities. Truly we have done our best to make our slogan ‘Keeping Faith, Keeping Together and Keeping Charity’ a reality.

As regards the **New Year**, let us pray that we will see a gradual controlling of the pandemic, and that we will have the patience to hold firm to the necessary regulations in the meantime, for our common good and safety.

#### **Keeping Faith**



#### **This Sunday:**

The Feast of the Holy Family: reminds us that God chose to be born into a family like our family. God blesses your family. The stability of the human race depends on strong families that stick together. The Holy Family experienced all the ups and downs we too experience, but they remained strong as they stuck together.

**Message of Hope: Pastoral Letter:** a copy of the pastoral letter from the Bishop on the Feast of the Holy Family is being sent through the e-mail, or in printed form. Bishop Paul gives us encouragement. He mentions:

*'.... At Christmas people want to be generous to others. Many families actually go into debt in order to 'make' Christmas for their loved ones. Sadly, the most important element is missed; they ignore the reality of the Word made flesh in favour of joys that will not last. For us, Christmas is about a debt, a debt of love we owe to the God who has paid our debt owed due to sin. Note the difference; one household is plunged into debt by their Christmas whilst the faithful household is lifted out of debt by the Saviour ...'.*

**A Fitting Christmas Liturgy in Difficult times:** With the help of so many parishioners we were able to welcome the birth of Our Lord with a dignified Liturgy. Thanks to all who made it happen, overcoming all the Covid restrictions. It is a sign of the devotion and faith of so many in our lively churches. We used new ways of celebrating our faith, especially the use of recording machinery.

My humble thanks for all who planned the liturgy over weeks, in order to get the music, the setting out and beautifying of our churches, the seating arrangements, the recording machinery and new CCTV all working in time.

**Mary Mother of God 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021:** we celebrate this feast on New Year's Day, at St. Charles Grange 10am and at Arnside 10am. When we say 'Mother of God', we emphasise that, by Mary's faithful consent, God becomes one with us. God is with us and for us, in all the difficulties we face in our lives. His help is especially important during the uncertainties of the pandemic, together with the maternal concern of our mother Mary. He will not abandon you or your families and all those you love. May Mary also be the kindest mother to us all. I wish you every blessing for this New Year. *Fr. Philip*



**Messages of Hope:**

*Don't worry. God is never blind to your tears, never deaf to your prayers and never silent to your pain. He sees. He hears and He will deliver you.*

**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 email address for the website: [kentestuarywebsite@gmail.com](mailto:kentestuarywebsite@gmail.com) Please search for our website under 'Kent Estuary Catholic Churches'.

## Keeping Charity

**Crib Collection** The Bishop asks that the crib collection is taken for the Friends of the Holy Land. There are a growing number of needy families in and around Bethlehem, supported by Friends of the Holy Land, <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/> who have been especially hit by the loss of all their income.

**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 015395 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.

**Thanks (Grange):** May I express my sincere thanks and gratitude to our Deacon Joe who has given his time and attention over the past several months to open our church and to ensure that it is Covid-19 safe for private worship and Eucharistic adoration. What a blessing it has been to be able to visit God's house at this difficult time. How lovely and so greatly appreciated.  
*A delighted parishioner.*

**Monsignor Slattery** would like to express his thanks and deep appreciation for all your cards, gifts, prayers and good wishes. God's blessings to you all.

**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](mailto:leonard.afgee@yahoo.co.uk)
- Bookings for ARNSIDE phone Wilf & Margaret Gill tel. 01524 762124 or e-mail [wilmag.gill@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wilmag.gill@hotmail.co.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, Jean McQueen, Angela Nottingham, Alan Wild.

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

**From Clergy:** Many thanks for all your cards and kind gifts, too many to mention individually. I deeply appreciate the messages of support shown in these cards for the work of so many in holding the parish together during the pandemic. With Mgr Slattery I ask God to grant you protection in uncertain times and every blessing for the future. *Fr. Philip.*

**FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY**

Sat	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	5.30pm	Arnside	Catherine & Donna RIP
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish (G)
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.30am	Milnthorpe	Denis Abraham Anniversary
Sun	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Mon	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am*	(In Private)	People of the Parish (M&A)
Tues	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	Grange	Lowe Family
Tues	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Wed	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Private Intention
Thurs	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9.30am	Arnside	
Thurs	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	

**MARY MOTHER OF GOD: NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Fri	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Grange</b>	Private Intention
Fri	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Fri	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Arnside</b>	Private Intention
Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Private Intention

**SECOND SUNDAY of CHRISTMAS**

Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	5.30pm	Arnside	Private Intention
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	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)

*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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