



**Parish of St Charles
Borromeo and
St Cuthbert**

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FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT : Year C
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Mass List: FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT : Year C				
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Sat	1 st Dec	A	5.30pm	Barton & Noble fam & friends
Sun	2 nd Dec	G	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sun	2 nd Dec	M	10.30am	People of the Parish
Mon	3 rd Dec	A	10.00am	Private Intention
Tue	4 th Dec	G	10.00am	Tony Fisher Anniversary
Wed	5 th Dec	G	6.00pm	Reconciliation Service
Wed	5 th Dec	G	7.00pm	The Walton Family RIP
Thu	6 th Dec	A	10.00am	Private Intention
Fri	7 th Dec	M	10.00am	Holy Souls
Sat	8 th Dec	M	10.00am	Private Intention
SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT : Year C				
Sat	8 th Dec	A	5.30pm	Peggy Borden RIP
Sun	9 th Dec	G	9.00am	People of the Parish
Sun	9 th Dec	M	10.30am	People of the Parish
A = Arnside; G = Grange; M = Milnthorpe				
Office of the Church: takes place at Grange on Monday, Thursday and Friday 10am.				
Exposition: Grange after the Office 10.30am Friday. Arnside after the 10am mass Thursday and Milnthorpe after the 10am mass Saturday.				
Confessions: Grange 9.30-9.55am Tuesday, Arnside 9.30-9.55am Thursday, and Milnthorpe 10.30-10.55am Saturday				

Fr. Slattery may celebrate mass at other times.

This Sunday: Retiring collection for Poor Missions Fund.

Please pray for the sick & housebound:

Fr Rogers, Barbara Crossland, Margaret Brandon, Dorothy Webster, Alice Firth, Michael Goodier, Angela Nottingham, Paul Holland, Jacky Grant, Nick Drake-Lee, Kate Drake-Lee, Caroline Gee.

Also those in hospital, residential & nursing homes who are being looked after by our Parish:

Terry Carter (RLI); Stella Naylor, Marion Gerrard, Josie Buckley, Kevin Carey, Kathleen Quick, Veronica Smith, Margaret Vincent, Brian and Carol Mills (Cartmel Grange); Christine McIvor (Hollow Oak).

Advent: Advent is a time for a renewal of the heart, so that we can welcome the Lord afresh with heartfelt longing and true rejoicing. It is a time to put Christ into Christmas and receive the peace and contentment that only He can give to our festivities. Advent is short: the Monday after the 4th Sunday of Advent is

Christmas Eve. It is all the more important to start preparing spiritually now (Please see the list of advent activities)

Advent and the Crib. Advent is the time when we prepare to welcome Jesus into our hearts and minds afresh. Preparing the crib for Jesus is an outward sign of our preparing ourselves inwardly to receive Him. St. Francis invented the crib. He wanted to show that Jesus comes intimately into our world and our time and our place. At that time people thought God was a far off and rather threatening Being. So he used an existing stable to set up the scene of the nativity to bring home the nearness of God. Our crib will be prepared during Advent. In doing this we prepare ourselves for the Coming of Jesus into our hearts.

Guide to younger people: This Sunday we are going to set the scene for Christmas. Members of our parish will help build the crib throughout Advent. We will also be following the three Kings. Where are they? And what are they following to guide them? *Fr. Philip*

Advent Reconciliation Service: We celebrate a reconciliation service at Grange 6.00pm Wednesday 5th December for our combined churches. It will include an opportunity for individual confession; there will be three confessors. The theme is 'Our God is rich in forgiving' (Isaiah 55).

A reconciliation service is for the entire parish including those who have made an Advent confession already. It is a celebration of the gentle, understanding and merciful God who comes down from heaven to be with us. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until just before 7.00pm when the evening mass will be celebrated.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Saturday 8th December: We celebrate this feast at Milnthorpe, followed by the usual opportunity for Adoration. Mary was conceived without original sin to prepare her for her great work. Original Sin is not sin in the normal sense of the word, but a certain tendency within the human race to go wrong, a certain cussedness which tends to spoil relationships. We were given the power to fight this tendency at Baptism.

Meetings December 2018:

Sun 2 Dec	1.00pm-3.00pm	Donations for Barrow Women's Centre
Mon 3 Dec	9.30-10.30am	Pilates
Mon 3 Dec	2.00pm	Prayer Group
Mon 3 Dec	6.00pm-7.00pm	Pilates
Tue 4 Dec	1.30pm-3.30pm	AA
Tue 4 Dec	7.00pm-9.30pm	Mothers and Others
Wed 5 Dec	10.00am-11.30am	Changing Melody
Thur 6 Dec	1.30pm-4.00pm	Thursday Club
Fri 7 Dec	1.30pm-4.00pm	Cancer Drop In Group
Fri 7 Dec	7.00pm-9.00pm	Art Society

PLEASE NOTE that there will be no Mother's Prayers at Malabar and no Silent Meditation at Boarbank during December.

Kent Estuary Catholic Churches - Sunday Mass

Arnside 5.30pm Saturday (Vigil) Grange-over-Sands 9.00am Milnthorpe 10.30am

Our Lady of Lourdes Silverdale Road Arnside LA5 ODX (served from Grange)	St. Charles and St. Cuthbert Kents Bank Road Grange-over-Sands LA11 7EY Tel:015395 32731	Christ the King 15 Haverflatts Lane Milnthorpe LA7 7PS Tel:015395 32731
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Barrow Women's Centre: Grange Soroptimists are opening the Fr Magner Room from 1pm to 3pm today, Sunday 2nd December, and would welcome any contributions of bedding materials, clothing for ladies and children, household items, towels and toiletries. Thank you.

Sheelagh Brown

Offertory Collection: £410.18

The special collection last week for Lancaster Diocesan Youth Services raised £58.74. Thank you to all who contributed.

Leighton Hall Friday 7th December

Please note that those who have requested transport will be contacted to arrange a lift. The cost of the tour etc is £16 and should be paid to Anne Clough on or before the 7th. Cheques as usual are made payable to St Charles' Social Committee. We meet at 5.45pm at the main door to Leighton Hall ready for the tour to start at 6pm. The address on their website is given as Storrs Ln, Carnforth LA5 9ST. Looking forward to seeing you all there. *Irene*

GIVE LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS

The SVP are once again appealing for donations towards **Baby Feeding Stations in South Sudan**. For your donation, you receive a certificate to give as a Christmas card/present and the satisfaction of knowing you have helped to give life. The cost of feeding a baby is approximately £60 per year, but all donations will be gratefully accepted. If you wish to donate by cheque, please make the cheque payable to S.V.P. Twinnage. If you pay tax and want to Gift Aid your donation, please see Liz Lewis for a form.

Contact Liz Lewis for more details. Tel: 34017. Thank you.

The CENACOLO box will be at the far side of the organ from Sunday 2nd December until Thursday 6th December. (this is the last one before Christmas)

BRASS CLEANING ... After Mass Tuesday 18th December. Volunteers wanted. Please contact Liz Lewis on 34017

CARTMEL CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT ... Saturday December 15th at 7.30pm. Gounod - St Cecilia Mass; Handel – excerpts from Messiah (part 1) and Carols for All. Admission £10.00 (children and students free)

Forward Dates				
Sun	2 nd Dec	All		ADVENT begins
Wed	5 th Dec	Grange	6.00pm	Reconciliation Service
Thur	6 th Dec	Grange	5.30pm	Brownie Carol Service
Fri	7 th Dec	Leighton Hall	6.00pm	SCG Parish Social
Fri	7 th Dec	Milnthorpe	7.00pm	CK & OLL Parish AGM
Sun	9 th Dec	Milnthorpe	6.00pm	CTiM Community Nativity
Sun	16 th Dec	Crooklands	12.30pm	CK & OLL Parish Lunch
Fri	21 st Dec	Milnthorpe	10.00am	Christmas on the Green
Fri	21 st Dec	Milnthorpe	6.30pm	Christmas Carols
Sat	22 nd Dec	Grange	2.30pm	CTiG Outdoor Nativity
Mon	24 th Dec	Milnthorpe	7.00pm	Christmas Carols & Vigil
Tues	25 Dec	Grange	9.30am	Christmas Day
Tues	25 Dec	Arnside	10.30am	Christmas Day
Sun	6 th Jan	All		Epiphany of the Lord
Wed	9 th Jan	Grange	7.30pm	SCG PPC
Fri	25 th Jan	Milnthorpe	7.00pm	Christian Unity Service

CHRISTMAS CARDS ... Christmas Cards are on sale in the porch at St Charles Church

Refreshments available after the Sunday Mass at Milnthorpe and Grange... All parishioners, friends and visitors are very welcome to join us.