



KENT ESTUARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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

served from Holy Trinity & St George Kendal

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FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY : 29th December 2024

This Sunday's Scripture, The Feast of the Holy Family: reminds us that God chose to be born into a family like our family. In doing so, God blesses your family. The stability of the human race depends on strong families that stick together and support each other. The Holy Family experienced all the ups and downs we too experience, but they remained strong as they stuck together. We also remember that we are part of a family of faith, where we let the message of Christ in all its richness find a home in our hearts. We are strong by sticking together in faith.

Wednesday January 1st: We celebrate the feast of 'Mary, Mother of God' today. Holy Mass at Holy Trinity & St George, Kendal 12.00pm.

Jubilee (Holy) Year 2025

Pope Francis will open a Holy Year for the entire Catholic Church in 2025. These special years of grace take place every 25 years and are an opportunity for spiritual renewal. The theme of this Holy Year will be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. The focus of a Holy Year is the pilgrimage to the tombs of the apostles SS Peter and Paul in Rome which has special indulgences attached and is a chance to return to the sources of our faith in the early Church. However, the Holy Father wishes this to be celebrated across the Church as well, in each local diocese. He has asked that this Holy Year be opened solemnly in every Catholic cathedral in the world on 29th December this year. Bishop Paul will celebrate 10.30 Mass in the cathedral to inaugurate the Holy Year for our diocese. Mass will begin outside the West (main) Door of the Cathedral. The liturgy of the opening of the Holy Year will consist of 4 steps:

- Prayers outside the Cathedral with reading of the Papal Bull (decree) inaugurating the Holy Year.
- Solemn Opening of the main doors of the cathedral with the Bishop leading the people into the House of God behind the medieval processional cross from Cockersands Abbey.
- Blessing and Sprinkling of Holy Water.
- Solemn Celebration of Mass beginning with the Gloria.

GRANGE News:

World Apostolate of Fatima, England and Wales, First Saturday

Devotion 4th January 2025. We no longer have a Mass at St Charles on Saturdays, but we can meet at 10am to pray the Rosary for world peace. Maybe our prayers can achieve what politicians fail to achieve!

The First Saturday Devotion Explained

Each part of the devotion below should be made in a spirit of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months:

1. Go to confession: The Child Jesus told Lucia that you can go to confession within eight days or even later, provided that when you receive Him, you are in a state of grace and intend to make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

2. Receive Holy Communion: The Communion of reparation must be sacramental and must be made during the twenty-four hours of the first Saturday or, for justifiable reasons, on the Sunday following the first Saturday.

3. Recite five decades of the Rosary: In his Apostolic Letter on the Rosary, John Paul II says the mysteries “put us in living communion with Jesus through - we might say - the heart of His Mother”. The Rosary confers “abundant grace”, it offers a fruitful opportunity for the new evangelisation, and will counter the forces which threaten the family (Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 2, 3, 6).

4. Meditate on the mysteries for fifteen minutes: “Without contemplation, the Rosary is a body without a soul”, wrote Pope Paul VI. In the Rosary, “Mary constantly sets before the faithful the mysteries of her Son”, so that by contemplation “they will release all their saving power”. The Rosary is a compendium of the Gospel in which, in union with Mary, we “learn from her to ‘read’ Christ, to discover His secrets and to understand His message” (Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 1, 11, 14).

WHY ON FIVE SATURDAYS? Our Lord revealed to Sr Lucia that the devotion was in reparation for the five offences and blasphemies against Our Lady: blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception, against Mary’s virginity, against her Divine Maternity, and by those who seek to alienate children from her; and reparation for those who outrage Our Lady in her sacred images.

St Charles’ church open 9.30am - 4.30pm Monday to Saturday.

Building Security: Keys to the new lock have been issued (or arranged to be issued) to all known users. If you have been missed and need a key, please contact Ken (33057). The existing key box will shortly be taken out of use.

Contemplative Prayer Group: Thursdays 2pm in Presbytery sitting room.

Please note: no contemplative prayer on 26th December and 2nd January.

Morning Prayer in church 10am Thursday followed by Rosary. **10am Friday** followed by Exposition.

Diocesan Directories 2025 on sale in porch - £6.00. Money should be put in the “Magazines and Periodicals” box in church porch.

November's Offertory Collection figures:

Offertory	£2602.45
Specials	£63.50

The rota for transporting Fr Hugh on Sundays is on the notice board in the porch.

Funeral Masses on YouTube: The recent funeral Masses for Elisabeth Harrison and Frank Jordan, also the memorial service at St Charles for Fr Parker, are now available to watch on YouTube. Just go into YouTube and type *Kent Estuary Catholic Churches* into the search bar. Alternatively, they can be accessed directly from the website (Home Page, down at the bottom).

MILNTHORPE News:

House Group (CTK): meets twice a month, usually Tuesdays, 7-9pm at Sioban's home in Yealand. Every 5th or 6th meeting is a social one. If interested in joining us please contact Sioban (07803 967617) or Deirdre (07468 535830) .

Christ The King church can be open for private prayer at any time. ask any member of the PPC for the door lock codes. (PPC members and contact details on noticeboard in entrance hall).

ARNSIDE News:

Our Lady of Lourdes open for private prayer daily. 10am - 4pm.

Adoration - Please Note: There will be no Exposition at Arnside on Tuesday 24th December, nor on Tuesday 31st December.

Arnside Christians Together

Tuesday 7th January. Rest & Restore. Prayer for healing and wholeness. 6.15 – 7.00pm. SJ.

Please pray for those of our parishes who are sick:

Geoff Critchley, Michael Carter, Pam Gee, Brian Mills, Eileen Parker, John Browne, David James, Angela Taylor, Philip Barry, Alan Wild, Pat Duckett, Monica Farnworth, Geoff Guy, Ira Fishman, Mary Wainwright, Bernard Walker, Alex Davies, Margaret and Burt Wilson, Margaret Godfrey.

Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

MASS SERVICES AND INTENTIONS

FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY

Sat Vigil	28 Dec	5.30pm	Arnside	People of the Parish
Sun	29 Dec	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	29 Dec	10.30am	Milnthorpe	Holy Souls (24/50)
Mon	30 Dec	10.00am	Grange	Kathleen & Ernest Mann (91/24)
Tue	31 Dec	10.00am	Grange	Tony Leonard RIP (46/24)
Wed	1 Jan	10.00am	Grange	Eucharistic Service
Thurs	2 Jan	10.00am	Grange	Morning Prayer followed by Rosary
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Fri	3 Jan	10.00am	Milnthorpe	-
Fri	3 Jan	10.00am	Grange	Morning Prayer followed by Exposition

THE EPIPHANY of the LORD

Sat Vigil	4 Jan	5.30pm	Arnside	-
Sun	5 Jan	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	5 Jan	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish

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