



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 (Year B)

This Sunday's Scripture: The Gospel tells us to “stay awake”. We are to be alert to the signs of God acting in our world today, so that His coming at our death will not take us by surprise tomorrow.

Advent begins, a time when we prepare our hearts and minds to welcome the coming of Jesus at Christmas. We recognise three comings of God: the past, the present and in the future. Today we join those who yearned for his coming in past ages, and promise to stay awake to the signs of his coming into our lives today.

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. When we prepare the crib outside us, we also prepare another crib inside our hearts to welcome Jesus afresh. This Sunday we promise to follow the guidance of a star in Advent, which symbolises the guidance of scripture.

Advent Reconciliation Services: Milnthorpe 7.00 pm on Wednesday 6th December and **Grange** 2.30pm on Wednesday 13th December. Opportunity for confession in simple form, with anointing of the sick on request. Be reconciled!

KECC News

Death: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila Holt, formerly of Milnthorpe area, who died in York recently. Her funeral will take place in York on 1st December. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Please pray for those of our parishes who are sick: Geoff Critchley, Michael Carter, Pam Gee, Stella Naylor, Brian Mills, Eileen Parker, John Browne, Jenny Hodkinson, Kathleen Lavin, David James, Angela Taylor, Philip Barry, Cathy Mayes, Alan Wild, Doreen Wadland, Pat Duckett, Monica Farnworth, Frank Jordan, Geoff Guy, Ira Fishman, George Inchmore, Alex Davies, Mary Wainwright.

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

World Apostolate of Fatima First Saturday Devotion - Saturday 2nd December, St Charles, Grange at 9.30am for the Rosary for World Peace, followed by Mass and 15 minutes meditation

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal - Donate at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected.

GRANGE News:

Contemplative Prayer Group: each Thursday. Meet in the presbytery sitting room, 2pm-3pm.

Morning Prayer in church 10am Thursdays and Fridays followed by Rosary on Thursdays and by Adoration (Exposition) on Fridays.

Advent Carol Concert at Boarbank Hall, Grange on Sunday 3rd December at 3.30 pm, organised by Cartmel Peninsula Churches Together. All welcome.

Mothers' Prayers – the next meeting is on Monday 4th December at 2pm at Malabar. Please contact Lois Quinn tel 32773 if any queries.

Give Life this Christmas: The SVP are again appealing for funds for their baby feeding stations in South Sudan. Cash or cheque to Liz Lewis. Gift Aided donations MUST be by cheque, payable to "SVP Twinning - South Sudan" and accompanied by a G.A. certificate. For more details contact Liz Lewis on 34017. Online donations: <https://fundraising.svp.org.uk/SouthSudan>

COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - ST. CHARLES

There will be a collection on SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER for Christmas flowers to beautifully decorate our church for the great feast of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CARDS and other seasonal items are now available in the porch.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS DRAW: 1st prize £200; 2nd prize £50; 3rd prize £20; plus additional donated prizes. There will only be 100 numbers @ £5 each. Choose your number(s) after Mass on Sunday.

“you have to be in it to win it”. To be drawn on Friday 15th December.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING! St Charles and St Cuthbert's Parish Social Committee invites parishioners from Grange, Milnthorpe and Arnside to an evening of Christmas carols, readings, humour and good will, provided by some of the children and parishioners, in St Charles' church on Friday 15th December at 6pm. Followed by mince pies, mulled wine, and the Christmas draw, in the Fr Magner Room.

MILNTHORPE News:

Eucharistic Adoration before Sunday Mass 9.20 - 10.20am – first Sunday of every month. **"Watch an hour with me.."** (Mark 14:37) - or part of one ?

House Group in Yealand. Meets every 1st/3rd week of the month, Tuesday or Thursday. Also a purely social gathering every 3 months. Contact Sioban (07803 967617) or Deirdre (07468 535830) if interested.

Advent Taize Service by candlelight. Sunday 10th December 4.30pm at Christ the King Catholic Church Milnthorpe. Please join us for a short service with Taize music, readings and prayers. Refreshments will be available.

CAFOD World Gifts: The true spirit of Christmas Giving. See www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or pick up a catalogue at the back of church.

MILNTHORPE AREA FOOD BANK Christmas Appeal - Collection boxes at CTK and OLOL. NB: last date for donations 9/10th December. Thank you.

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

Christmas Afternoon Tea: Short Carol Service on 4th December in Christ the King Church at 2pm, followed by Afternoon Tea in the hall at 2.30pm. A warm welcome to all - come to either, come to both!

Christ The King: A selection of Christmas Cards and other items are now available from the Piety Stall at the back of the church in Milnthorpe.

ARNSIDE News:

Our Lady of Lourdes Arnside open for private prayer daily. 10am until 3pm.

Adoration: Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at 2pm, followed by the Rosary, every Tuesday at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Prayer Meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes at 10am on Monday mornings. Spend 45 minutes in prayers of Praise, Thanksgiving and Petition to God.

Votive lights at Arnside - From December 3rd there will be opportunities to attach names of deceased family members or friends to the votive lights after the Vigil Mass and during the week. These candles will be lit on Christmas morning and throughout the Masses of Christmas. All donations will be given to Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service.

ECUMENICAL News:

(GRANGE) A Quiet Morning for Advent - Saturday 2nd December 9.30am – 12noon at Grange Methodist Church, Kents Bank Road.

CARTMEL QUAKERS: Silent 'Time for Peace' meetings at the Meeting House in Hags Lane. Join us for half an hour of quiet reflection followed by tea and coffee. Thursday 14th December and Friday 12th January.

ARNSIDE CHURCHES TOGETHER: (1) Carols at New Barns Caravan Park Sunday Dec 3rd, 2pm. **(2) Advent lunches** - discussion groups December 6th and 13th at 12.30 at Arnside Methodist Church. Bring a packed lunch. **(3) ACT**

Christmas Fair December 9th at Arnside W.I/Village Hall, 10am-12noon. Admission £1.50 - includes tea/coffee & mince pie.

Tombola prizes needed - leave in Our Lady of Lourdes, Arnside Church.

(4) Carols in Arnside: Carols at The Crib (opposite Londis). 2.00pm 10th December.

(5) Village Carols at Methodist Church at 4pm on 17th December.

Catholic Parish Summit launch event - Thriving or Closing: Where is your parish going? Will my parish still be here in 10 years? If it were to close, would the community even notice? In the face of such sobering thought, the good news is that parishes can come to new life if they live their missionary identity and make new disciples. Join Bishop David Oakley and Fr. James Mallon on **Thursday, 7th December 7-8:15pm** in our free online event, open to all. Register today at <https://catholicparishsummit.com/webinars/>

The Road Ahead: The purpose of the group is to make sure that our churches administer themselves effectively without a resident priest. To this end, we need a “link list” of all the parishioners who have duties in our parishes and ask them to agree role descriptions. The group decided to do a “trial run” at Arnside (our smallest church).

MASS SERVICES AND INTENTIONS

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT: Year B

Sat Vigil	2 Dec	5.30pm	Arnside	
Sun	3 Dec	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	3 Dec	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Mon	4 Dec	10.00am	Grange	In Thanksgiving (MC)
Tues	5 Dec	10.00am	Grange	Imelda Hodkinson, Christopher Cuthbert RIP
Wed	6 Dec	10.00am	Grange	Eucharistic Service
Thur	7 Dec	10.00am	Arnside	Vanessa Queen RIP
Fri	8 Dec	10.00am	Milnthorpe	
Sat	9 Dec	10.00am	Grange	

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT: Year B

Sat Vigil	9 Dec	5.30pm	Arnside	Eilis O’Sullivan RIP
Sun	10 Dec	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	10 Dec	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish

All Masses and other services normally streamed from Grange and Milnthorpe.

Confessions: Tues: 9.30am – 9.50am Grange; Thurs: 9.30am – 9.50am Arnside; Fri: 9.30am – 9.50am Milnthorpe. Also by arrangement with Fr. Philip.

Retiring Collection for the Poor Missions Fund. It helps the parishes in our Diocese which are struggling financially.

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