



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 LENT 18th February 2024

This Sunday's Scripture

We begin Lent by hearing of the covenant God made with Noah. God promises a new beginning for His people. Jesus was tested in the desert for 40 days, but the Spirit was with Him and the angels looked after Him. God also has promised to help us and defend us in our trials and temptations. God does not take back His covenant. He made it once and for all.

KECC NEWS:

Eucharistic Ministers Instruction: a refresher course as well as an introduction course for Eucharistic Ministers in all our churches, at Christ the King, Saturday 9th March 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Lent Reconciliation Services:

Wednesday 20th March, 3.30pm Grange and 7.00pm Milnthorpe.

Parish Renewal - Two sessions exploring into the Lenten period and how we should celebrate the great week have been arranged. Led by Maria Hall, these will be held on 2nd and 23rd March at Christ the King. Timetable at the back of church. Starts 10am; ends 3pm.

Lenten Almsgiving

The Rwanda Group Trust, now under the patronage of Bishop Paul Swarbrick, is seeking to raise funds for the poorest of the poor in Rwanda. Serious flooding in some areas has destroyed houses, roads and crops and famine continues. There are many families, widows, orphans, poor children and sick people in Rwanda who need our help. £30 pays for a goat or a pig; £1.10 buys a kg of rice. Our funds also help with medical costs, housing and school fees. We have no paid employees or overheads. For further information or to make a donation please contact Michael Donlan (Trustee) Tel: 07864 990941 or email rwandagrouptrust.org@gmail.com
www.rwandagrouptrust.org

Future dates:

“The vocation of the Laity”. An important teaching day led by Sr Margaret Atkins at Boarbank. What does the church really say about the dignity of the Laity and their part in the future of the church? **Saturday 20th April.** Details to follow.

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 Hodgkinson, 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.

GRANGE News:

Contemplative Prayer Group: meets every Thursday in the Presbytery sitting room at 2pm.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - LENT 2024: Stations of the Cross will take place on Fridays at 3pm during Lent at St. Charles'. If anyone wishes to lead a service, please sign the list in the sacristy. Thank you.

Please Note: BARROW FOOD BANK next collection date: Sunday 24th March at St Charles' Church, Grange.

World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 1st March at 2pm at Field Broughton. There is a planning meeting on Thursday 15th February at 2pm at the home of Pam Brook, the Churches Together Secretary, Bell Hill Farm, School Hill Lindale LA11 6LD Tel 34241. Please could a representative from our church attend that meeting and help with the day. Anyone willing to do so please contact Pam directly. Thank you.

MISSIO RED BOXES are overdue to be emptied. Eric will be at the back of church for the next few Sundays to collect boxes.

EASTER CARDS now available in the porch at St. Charles' church.

CAN YOU HELP? I would be most grateful if anyone could oversee the laundering of purificators and finger towels used at Masses, during my absence from the parish in March. Thank you. Liz Pryzlucki. T. 58161

Ladies' Lunch: The next Ladies' Lunch will be on Wednesday 6th March, 12 noon for 12.30 pm at The Strickland Arms, Sizergh. Would those wishing to attend please sign the list in the church porch.

Wedding: Katrin Blau and John Collens celebrate their wedding at St Charles this Saturday 24th February at 1.00pm. Please remember them in your prayers.

Deaths: Please pray for the souls of Angelina Rapando, mother of Rose, who died elsewhere recently and Dr. Valerie Hey who died on 14th February. Her funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 6th March at St Charles. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Grange PPC meets this Thursday at 6.00pm. Please put any questions in the box at the back of church.

ST CHARLES OFFERTORY COLLECTION FIGURES:

	Offertory	Specials
September	£2647.09	£246.72
October	£2481.43	£515.61
November	£2632.77	£103.00
December	£2439.59	£575.60
January	£2636.18	£379.20

MILNTHORPE News:

Eucharistic Adoration: Due to the poor response for Eucharistic Adoration on the first Sunday of the month, this is now cancelled indefinitely.

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.

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).

Celebrate Monsignor's 95th birthday with lunch at CTK church hall on Friday 23rd February at 12.30pm. Tickets £10 from Jean Birch.

Tel: 015395 61451. We offer him our congratulations. Please pray for him.

MILNTHORPE AREA FOOD BANK - Request for donations - We are currently short of:- Tinned meat (casseroles/stews), Long Life milk, Rice, Pasta Sauce, Custard, Rice pudding, Coffee and Cereal. Please support us and donate if you can. Thank you.

Congratulations to Deirdre Trueman and Christopher Loveday who celebrated their wedding at Milnthorpe last Saturday.

Funeral: The funeral of Eleanor Roach Linscott of Lunesdale Nursing Home takes place this coming Wednesday at 9.30am at Beetham Crematorium. *May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Thank You. Paul Barton would like to thank everyone who ordered a copy of his new album. £140 has been raised in total so far in donations for Lancaster Homeless & Milnthorpe Food Bank which is very much appreciated. CDs or digital download copies (by email) are still available from Paul on 07974 349955.

ARNSIDE News:

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

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

Tea & Coffee served after mid-week morning Masses at Arnside, 10.30 to 11am (usually Tues, Wed and Thur). All are welcome to join us.

This year's WORLD DAY OF PRAYER service in Arnside will be held at the Methodist Church on Friday 1st March at 2pm. It is prepared by the Women of PALESTINE and includes a slide presentation. Tea & Coffee afterwards.

ECUMENICAL News:

Arnside Lent Lunches: Including scripture readings for discussion, in Our Lady of Lourdes, Arnside, beginning on **Wednesday 21st February** 12:30 - 1:30. To run weekly for 5 weeks. **28th February, 6th March, 13th March and 20th March.**

Grange Lent Lunches this year will be as follows: **23rd February** St. Paul's, Grange; **1st March** St. Mary's, Allithwaite; **8th March** URC, Grange; **15th March** St. Charles, Grange; **22nd March** Methodist Church, Grange. All lunches 12 noon - 1.00pm with a short prayer time at 1.00pm Proceeds this year will go to The Leprosy Mission. Volunteers will be needed for the lunch at St. Charles' on 15th March. See list in porch, or contact Liz Lewis – tel: 34017.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 23rd February. Take an envelope this weekend.

Abortion: The Right to Life organisation (patrons include Cardinal Nicholls and the Archbishop of Canterbury) ask us to send a card to our MP to reduce the abortion time limit to 22 weeks. Many children born at this age can survive with the right care. Please take a card from the back of church.

Join us in our Parish “Big Lent Walk” for CAFOD. Walk between Our Lady’s at Arnside to Christ the King Milnthorpe, a beautiful family friendly level walk along the embankment by the estuary and through Dallam Deer Park. Date: Saturday 9th March at 1.20pm. starting at Our Lady’s, Arnside. Do one way, or both! Phone/Text Greg on 07776 252937 for info. or lifts. Distance: 3.5 miles each way. Bring a snack to eat at the church hall in Milnthorpe before lift or walk back. WC and drinks available. We hope parishioners from St Charles, Grange can come over by train to join us en route at 1.30pm on Arnside train station. **COME ON, LET’S CROSS THE WATER!** £5 donation to CAFOD to take part.....or else get sponsorship!!!

MASS SERVICES AND INTENTIONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat Vigil	17 Feb	5.30pm	Arnside	People of the Parish
Sun	18 Feb	9.00am	Grange	Angelina Rapando RIP
Sun	18 Feb	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	18 Feb	3.00pm	Milnthorpe	Stations of the Cross
Mon	19 Feb	10.00am	Grange	Maureen and Peter Higgins RIP
Tues	20Feb	10.00am	Grange	Hilda Metcalf RIP
Wed	21 Feb	10.00am	Grange	Eucharistic Service
Thur	22 Feb	10.00am	Arnside	
Fri	23 Feb	10.00am	Milnthorpe	Mgr Slattery Birthday
Fri	23 Feb	3.00pm	Grange	Stations of the Cross
Sat	24 Feb	10.00am	Grange	
Sat	24 Feb	1.00pm	Grange	Wedding: Katrin Blau & John Collens

SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

Sat Vigil	24 Feb	5.30pm	Arnside	
Sun	25 Feb	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	25 Feb	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	25 Feb	3.00pm	Arnside	Stations of the Cross

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.

Clergy: Parish Priest Fr Philip Smith Tel 015395 32731

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**Admin Office Hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30am – 12.30pm
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