



## **KENT ESTUARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES**

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

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## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY) 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

### **This Sunday's Scripture**

Laetare Sunday means rejoicing Sunday: flowers are allowed and some restrictions on music are lifted. We hear that God is always faithful to His covenant in our favour, even if we are unfaithful. The readings remind us that God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. He does this in spite of Israel's (and our own) repeated breaches of the covenant; He will always think of a way forward to save us even if we wreak havoc in our lives: Just as He eventually released Israel from their imprisonment in Babylon, an imprisonment which was caused by their rebellion against God's law.

### **KECC News**

#### **Lent Reconciliation Services:**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30pm Grange and 7.00pm Milnthorpe.

**"The vocation of the Laity"**. Teaching day led by Sr Margaret Atkins at Boarbank. **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April**. See timetable on noticeboard and sign-up sheet.

**Safeguarding:** ALL volunteers within the Church will be required to complete some level of safeguarding training. The level of training has been developed specifically for the role which is being carried out. At the lowest level (covering all volunteers in the church) it will require merely understanding about safeguarding in a simple way, and the duties of all to report suspicious activity.

**All Volunteers:** Please take a leaflet on safeguarding and read it. If you have any questions, please ask our safeguarding officers (below). Please then complete the simple record, on sheets at the back of the church:

**Safeguarding Officers:** Grange: Ralph Gerrard - Tel 015395 33189.  
Milnthorpe & Arnside: Greg Tagney - Tel 01524 761557.

**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.**

**GRANGE News:**

**Contemplative Prayer Group:** Thursday in 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.

**Deaths:** Please pray for the souls of Martine James and also John MacDonald (husband of Eileen RIP), both of Grange-over-Sands, who died recently. At the time of publication, we have no information as to where or when their funerals will take place.

**Confirmations:** Please pray for our 5 young people preparing for Confirmation at Pentecost in the Cathedral. They are Nina, Sophie, Alicja, Bartek and Raphael.

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

**MISSIO ... A wonderful journey of Faith**

With your generous support, Missio helps train over 25,000 future priests and 11,000 religious sisters every year. Fr Vincent, Missio's National Director in Malawi, shared how precious and important his Missio Sponsorship became, and the immense difference Missio made to him and so many others. Last year, 20 missionaries met violent deaths worldwide: one Bishop, eight Priests, two Religious Brothers, one Seminarian, one Novice, and seven Lay people were killed.

**Ladies' Lunch: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March,** at The Strickland Arms, Sizergh.

**Lent Lunch: St. Charles 12.00 – 13.15 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March:**

**Will all helpers for the Lent Lunch on Friday** please arrive at the Fr Magner room between 11.00 am and 11.30 am. Those making soup, please bring it with you. Thanks to you all. Liz Lewis

**February Offertory Collection:** Offertory £2409.50; Specials £119.00.

**MILNTHORPE News:**

**House Group in Yealand.** Meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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).

**MILNTHORPE AREA FOOD BANK** - Request for:- 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.

**Streaming:** the streaming at Christ the King is off at the moment, but will be restored as soon as possible. The camera needs some technical adjustments.

**First Communions:** we pray for Evelyn & Aaron, who will make their first communions today at the 10.30am Mass. We remember that they become more fully members of the family of the parish, when they make their first communions. Please support them.

### **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.

**Death:** Please pray for the soul of Lilian Collins of Hollybank Nursing Home Arnside. She died last week. At the time of publication, we have no information as to where or when her funeral will take place.

**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.

### **ECUMENICAL News:**

**Arnside Lent Lunches:** Including scripture readings for discussion, in Our Lady of Lourdes, Arnside, 12:30 -1:30. **28<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Grange Lent Lunches: 23<sup>rd</sup> February** St. Paul's, Grange; **1<sup>st</sup> March** St. Mary's, Allithwaite; **8<sup>th</sup> March** URC, Grange; **15<sup>th</sup> March** St. Charles, Grange; **22<sup>nd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> March. See list in porch, or contact Liz Lewis – tel: 34017.

**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. Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 1.20pm. starting at Our Lady’s, Arnside. 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. £5 donation to CAFOD to take part or else get sponsorship!!!

**“A Year in the Life of Three Country Churches”** I ask parishioners to take and contribute their parish photos to this scrap book (always ask permission). We wish to document our people doing their ministries eg flowers, church cleaners, councils meetings, readers etc., and also to document events. Please forward photos by the parish e-mail, or contact Jean Birch with any questions (tel. 015395 61451). Fr. Philip

**Parish Pastoral Councils / Parish Leadership Teams** meet this week: Milnthorpe Monday 11 March 7.00pm and Grange Wednesday 13 March 6.00pm. (under a larger church grouping they will become leadership teams).

## Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 7th April 2024.

£899.00 pps. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

## COLLECTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS - ST. CHARLES

There will be a collection on SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> and SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH for Easter flowers to beautifully decorate our church for the great feast of Easter.

## MASS SERVICES AND INTENTIONS

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday)

Sat Vigil	9 Mar	5.30pm	Arnside	Bill Davies Anniversary
Sun	10 Mar	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	10 Mar	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish (& First Communions)
Sun	10 Mar	3.00pm	Arnside	Stations of the Cross
Mon	11 Mar	10.00am	Grange	Sheila Worden RIP
Tues	12 Mar	<b>9.30am</b>	Grange	John MacDonald RIP
Wed	13 Mar	10.00am	Grange	Eucharistic Service
Thur	14 Mar	10.00am	Arnside	Intentions of Mgr Slattery
Fri	15 Mar	10.00am	Milnthorpe	Stephane & Caroline Moriou – MacPhie & family
Fri	15 Mar	3.00pm	Grange	Stations of the Cross
Sat	16 Mar	10.00am	Grange	

### FIFTH SUNDAY of LENT

Sat Vigil	16 Mar	5.30pm	Arnside	In thanksgiving: Wilson Family
Sun	17 Mar	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish (Baptism Elspeth Young)
Sun	17 Mar	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	17 Mar	3.00pm	Milnthorpe	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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\* No confessions at Grange Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March