



KENT ESTUARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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

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FEAST of THE HOLY FAMILY 31st December 2023

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.

Feast of Mary Mother of God 1st January 2023:

When we say 'Mother of God', we emphasise that, by Mary's faithful consent, God becomes one with us. God is with us and for us, in all the difficulties we face in our lives. He will not abandon you or your families and all those you love. May Mary also be the kindest mother to us all. I wish you every blessing for this New Year.



Let us walk forward confidently to the New Year under the maternal care of Mary our mother. *Fr. Philip*

KECC News

Please pray for those of our parishes who are sick: Geoff Critchley, Michael Carter, Pam Gee, Stella Naylon, 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: Please note, there will be no contemplative prayer group meeting on 4th January. The next meeting will be on Thursday 11th January 2024 in the Presbytery sitting room.

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

Diocesan Directories 2024 on sale at back of church - £6.00. Money should be put in the "Magazines and Periodicals" box in church porch.

Thank you from Deacon Joe and Liz for the cards, gifts and kind wishes received at Christmas. Also for the support and encourage which the children of the parish have been shown. Many blessings and a happy and peaceful New Year.

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.

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).

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.

Notices and Adverts

Crib Collection this year to be donated to the work of the Holy Family Parish in Gaza. Donations by cheque can be made payable to LRC DTR with **Crib Collection** written on the back of cheques and sent to the Diocese. Donations will be forwarded to the parish in Gaza in the New Year.

Ukraine Fund: We decided to spend the rest of our Ukrainian fund on gift packages for children in Ukraine. A brave Polish man called Pawel is going to distribute 85 laptops, sweets, fruit and toys to children whose parents were killed in the war. In addition, 37 children from the orphanage are going to get new shoes and some gifts and sweets. We will also buy a wood burner for the orphanage because they have an electric boiler which does not work if there are power cuts.

The Road Ahead: The group meets again 1.00pm Monday 8th January 2024.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024. Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 23rd – 30th July 2024. The Youth Section will travel by coach with an evening and a day sightseeing in Paris 22nd July - 1st August 2024. website:- www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk or email operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk and for the youth, email youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR:

Lord,

Please help me learn from my mistakes this past year, but not dwell on them.

Please help me not rest on my accomplishments in this past year, but use them to further your work in and through me.

Please help me not quarrel with those who injured me this past year.

Instead, O Father, lead me in your path and help me see your mighty works this next year.

I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

—Isaiah 43:18-19

MASS SERVICES AND INTENTIONS

FEAST of THE HOLY FAMILY

Sat Vigil	30 Dec	5.30pm	Arnside	People of the Parish
Sun	31 Dec	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	31 Dec	10.30am	Milnthorpe	Denis Abraham Anniversary
Mon	1 Jan	10.00am	Grange	The Parish Community
Tues	2 Jan	10.00am	Grange	Alan Dereham RIP
Wed	3 Jan	10.00am	Grange	Eucharistic Service
Thur	4 Jan	10.00am	Arnside	In Thanksgiving (Wilson Family)
Fri	5 Jan	10.00am	Milnthorpe	
Sat	6 Jan	10.00am	Grange	

THE EPIPHANY of THE LORD

Sat Vigil	6 Jan	5.30pm	Arnside	Will Gallagher
Sun	7 Jan	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	7 Jan	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.

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