



KENT ESTUARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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

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4th SUNDAY of ADVENT : 19th December 2021

This Sunday's Scripture

The readings remind us that 'God-is-with-us', rooted in our world through Jesus. This is Good News. We are connected with Jesus Christ in the human family, and we are called to be part of His family, the family of God in Heaven.

Keeping Faith

Advent Preparations: We are going to set the scene for Christmas. We build the crib throughout Advent. The crib is our heart, and we are going to put Jesus at the centre of it. All is prepared. But two important people now arrive at Bethlehem. They find no room at the inn. They are forced to find room in a stable, where all awaits the birth of the saviour. We wait with joyful expectancy with Mary. In this busy time, let us find time to pause and wait. Is our crib the centre of our decorations at home? (without the baby Jesus as yet!)

This week's parish intercession is: We pray that our world be filled with the grace of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us experience the fullness of His peace and joy.

Christmas & New Year Masses: Christmas falls on Saturday this year. Christmas Masses will be: Joint Parish Vigil Mass, Milnthorpe, 7.00pm Friday 24th, the Christmas Day Masses are at Grange 9.30am and at Arnside at 11.00am.

Feast of the Holy Family No vigil Mass at Arnside on Christmas Day. Mass Times Sunday 26 December are: 9.00am Grange, 10.30am Milnthorpe and 11.00am at Arnside.

New Years Day Masses will be at 10.00am Grange and 10.00am Arnside. Thanks to Mgr. Slattery for celebrating the Arnside Christmas Day Mass, and the Holy Family Mass as well as the New Years Day Mass.

KEEP SAFE – REMEMBER: HANDS – FACE – SPACE

At Christmas Jesus, the Wonder Counsellor, Almighty God and Prince of Peace is made man for us. God is truly with us and for us. We welcome Him into our hearts and our lives afresh.

Keeping Contact

Website www.kentesturarycatholicchurches.co.uk

Streaming: Please visit our website and follow the instructions on the homepage for 'live streaming'.

Also available on the Bishops Conference guide to streaming:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/online-mass-directory/>

Masses are broadcasted at 10am Monday to Saturday (see Mass list showing where); and Sunday 9.00am Grange; 10.30am Milnthorpe. The Christmas Masses 7.00pm Christmas Eve at Milnthorpe and Christmas Day 9.30 am at Grange will also be broadcasted.

Keeping Charity

Crib Offerings: Christmas time brings to mind the needs of the most deprived Christian families, especially those living around Bethlehem, in Gaza, Israel and Jordan. Friends of the Holy Land help with day to day living. Your parish crib offerings this year can help benefit our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Further information on www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

Please pray for the sick of our parishes:

Geoff Critchley, Michael Carter, Pam Gee, Stella Naylor, Josie Buckley, Margaret Vincent, Brian Mills, Eileen Parker, Christine McIvor, Chris Browne, Libby Stretton, Jenny Hodkinson, Kathleen Lavin, David James, Angela Taylor, Philip Barry, Kath Barnes, Cathy Mayes, Ron Muskett, Martin Hunt.

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

S.V.P. Give Life this Christmas

We are appealing for funds for the starving babies of Sudan. It costs approximately £60 to feed a child for one year, but any amount is welcome. You will get a certificate which you can either keep, or give as a Christmas card/present. For more information, please ring Liz Lewis on 34017.

World Gifts: Have a CAFOD World Gift under the tree. CAFOD's virtual charity gifts help transform the lives of families living in poverty. Buy online at cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or pick up a catalogue.

Parish World Gift:

Please help “Christ the King” raise money to buy a “Community Water Supply” from CAFOD World Gifts. This fantastic gift can help a remote, vulnerable community establish their own supply of clean, safe water. Let us use the season of Advent to show support for those in some of the World’s poorest communities.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN ST CHARLES' CHURCH (Poinsettias)

Anyone wishing to donate a poinsettia plant in memory of a loved one as part of the floral decorations in St. Charles' church, please bring to church on Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd or Friday 24th December and leave in St. Joseph's chapel. There will be a remembrance list at the back of church for names of loved ones to be written.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES, ARNSIDE CHRISTMAS MASSES – for a donation, votive candles available in the name of family or friends, living or dead. All donations will be given to the Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service.

Arnside Advent Adoration – Tuesdays 2.30pm – 3.00pm.

CAROLS AND READINGS : 7pm on Tues 21st December at CTK, followed by seasonal refreshments. (Suggestion with ref to covid: consider doing a flow test beforehand? Tests are quick, simple, and free from any pharmacy). If you NEED or CAN OFFER a lift please contact:

Greg (LOL) - 07776 252937 tagneygreg@gmail.com

Isabel (StCs) - 07773 927240 isabelshelly1@gmail.com

Deirdre (CTK) - 07468 535830 djtrueman56@btinternet.com

Grange, Christmas Tree Festival at St Paul's Church: Remains open from Friday 3rd December to Thursday 30th December. Well worth a visit!

The Season of Christmas



“...And they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means God-is-with-us”.

I wish you and your family a peaceful and happy Christmas.

Philip Smith

MASSES AND INTENTIONS:

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT (Year C)

Sat Vigil	18 Dec	5.30pm	Arnside	Private Intention
Sun	19 Dec	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	19 Dec	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Mon	20 Dec	10.00am	Grange	Private Intention
Tues	21 Dec	10.00am	Grange	Parish Intention
Wed	22 Dec	10.00am	Grange	Private Intention
Thurs	23 Dec	10.00am	Arnside	Private Intention
Thurs	23 Dec	10.00am	Milnthorpe	Private Intention
Fri	24 Dec	10.00am	Milnthorpe	Catherine and Donna RIP

CHRISTMAS EVE AND DAY

Fri Vigil	24 Dec	7.00pm	Milnthorpe	Private Intention
Sat	25 Dec	9.30am	Grange	Charlie Barnes and Karen RIP
Sat	25 Dec	11.00am	Arnside	Private Intention

HOLY FAMILY

Sat Vigil	25 Dec		Arnside	NO MASS
Sun	26 Dec	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	26 Dec	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	26 Dec	11.00am	Arnside	Private Intention

Masses and other services streamed at times advertised.

- **Masses as advertised. Sunday Masses as usual. No booking needed. Masses streamed from Grange Monday Tuesday Wednesday and Saturday at 10am and Sunday 9am; from Milnthorpe Thursday and Friday 10am and Sunday 10.30am.**
- **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.**

NOTE: Because of rules applying in individual Homes, pastoral visits to Rest Homes and Nursing Homes may be restricted (except in an emergency).

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