



## 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 ADVENT (Year B) : 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023

#### This Sunday's Scripture

God chooses people without power to do His will, like David the shepherd boy and Mary the peasant girl, and makes them key people in the work of salvation. All that is needed is their co-operation and God's grace. God has chosen us to do a unique work in the history of salvation and the building up of His kingdom, however small.

**Advent Preparations:** We are going to set the scene for Christmas. All is prepared. But two important people now arrive at Bethlehem. 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!)

## 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*

**At Christmas** Jesus, the Wonderful 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. Please remember that we rejoice during this season. The octave, a time of special rejoicing, lasts until the feast of the Holy Family on the 31<sup>st</sup> December. It is a sign of our faith that we know how to feast and rejoice for God's sake in the Christmas period. *Fr. Philip*



**Grange and Milnthorpe Refreshments after Christmas Mass:** you are all cordially invited to stay for refreshments after the Christmas Masses at Grange and Milnthorpe. Visitors and children are especially welcome.

### **KECC News**

**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:** Please note, there will be no contemplative prayer group meetings 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> December and 4<sup>th</sup> January. The next meeting will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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>

**To all Red Box Holders and contributors to Wall Boxes** (Candles, Flowers, SVP etc) – wishing you a peaceful and contented Christmas. *Eric.*

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

**Social Committee:** donations from the refreshments held after the very successful "Christmas is Coming" event on 15<sup>th</sup> December amounted to £30. This will be sent to the CAFOD Israel-Gaza appeal. Many thanks. *Len.*

## **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.

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

**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.

**Votive lights at Arnside** - Donations from the windowsill votive lights raised £268.60. Many thanks to all. This will be given to Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service. *Sheila Jackson.*

## **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 LRCDTR 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.

**Fr Slattery thanks you** for your gifts, greetings and good wishes this Christmas, much appreciated. May God bless you all. I will say Mass for you. Merry Christmas.

**Thank you from Fr Philip** for all the cards and other kind thoughts you have given me over Christmas. Most of all, I value the support you give for our parishes. We are keeping faith by supporting each other in our family of faith.

**Thanks also** to Mgr Slattery for celebrating the advertised Masses at Arnside on Thursday and Milnthorpe on Friday of the Christmas Octave.

**The Road Ahead:** The group meets again 1.00pm Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

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

## MASS SERVICES AND INTENTIONS

### FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT: Year B

Sat Vigil	23 Dec	5.30pm	Arnside	
Sun	24 Dec	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	24 Dec	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish

### FEAST OF CHRISTMAS

Sun	24 Dec	6.30pm	Milnthorpe	Carols
Sun	24 Dec	7.00pm	Milnthorpe	Vigil Mass of Christmas (Private Intention)
Mon	25 Dec	9.30am	Grange	Charles & Kath Barnes & Karen McClure RIP
Mon	25 Dec	11.00am	Arnside	Private Intention
Tues	26 Dec	10.00am	Grange	Intentions Sr Winifred
Wed	27 Dec	10.00am	Grange	Eucharistic Service
Thur	28 Dec	10.00am	Arnside	Private Intention
Fri	29 Dec	10.00am	Milnthorpe	Private Intention
Sat	30 Dec	10.00am	Grange	Kathleen and Ernest Mann RIP

### 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

**All Masses and other services normally streamed from Grange and Milnthorpe.**  
**Confessions:** Tues: 9.30am – 9.50am Grange. Also by arrangement with Fr. Philip.

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