



## **KENT ESTUARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES**

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

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### **Third Sunday in Lent – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

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

Today we hear the parable of the fruitless fig tree. We learn that God requires us to be fruitful spiritually if we are to keep our place in the kingdom, or vineyard of God. Salvation is not automatic. But we also remember that God is compassion & love. He is the one who is always present for us. "I am who am". He is close to us in the person of Jesus; We come back to God who is generous and welcoming and supportive.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION DURING LENT:** Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour, Word of the Father, calling us to life. Son of God, who leads us to freedom, Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### **Keeping Faith**

**Our Faith:** Some have felt a need to deepen their faith. A loan copy of 'Our Faith' has been put in each church for borrowing by parishioners. It is an up-to-date clear and comprehensive summing up of the Catholic Faith. Those coming in to our church are using it. There will be other faith development programmes available.

**Grange: Journey into the Church:** Please pray for Melissa and Elizabeth, as we accompany them on their journey into our church. We recited the Creed with them last Sunday as a sign of our solidarity with them in our faith.

**Stations of the Cross:** Milnthorpe: This Sunday 3.00pm. Grange: Friday 3.00pm. Please sign the sheet in the sacristy if you are able to lead one of the Stations at Grange.

**This week's parish intercession is:** "We continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and in Russia. May all leaders of the world be open to the Spirit of peace and reconciliation".

**Grange: Charismatic Prayer Group:** Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March in the Fr Magner Room, 2-3pm. All Welcome.

**Grange: Morning Prayer 10am Thursdays and Fridays:** Prayer is followed by Rosary on Thursdays and by Adoration (Exposition) on Fridays.

**Arnside - Silent adoration for Lent:** 2.30 - 3pm, followed by the Divine Mercy chaplet, every Tuesday in Lent.

**ARNSIDE CHRISTIANS TOGETHER: Ecumenical Lenten Service** of quiet reflection Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 4 p.m. in the Methodist Church, Arnside. All welcome.

**Milnthorpe: Lent course** based on excerpts from the musical 'The Greatest Showman'. - discussion of themes of our faith and times, with Biblical reflection and prayer. **CTK - Thursdays in Lent, starting 10 March, for 5 weeks. 7pm.**

**Taize for Lent - Sunday 3 April, 6.00pm at CTK.** Taize music, short readings and prayer on the theme of Lent, with refreshments after. Please invite a friend? Please ask if a lift is required - contact Deirdre (07468 535830)

**Alpha course 2022** - we hope to run this course **starting on Sunday 8 May at CTK from 6 - 8pm.** It will run for 12 weeks, including an 'all-day event'. Although the course develops over the weeks, it is assumed that most will not manage every meeting. A simple meal will be provided; please contact if a lift is required. For more information contact Father or Deirdre 07468 535830 /[djtrueman56@btinternet.com](mailto:djtrueman56@btinternet.com); or talk with someone who has already done the course. We welcome 'expressions of interest' at this stage. Please note - if you want to, do it again!

## **Keeping Contact**

**GRANGE: Lent Lunches:** 25<sup>th</sup> March St. Paul's Grange; 1<sup>st</sup> April Methodist Church Grange; 8<sup>th</sup> April U.R.C. Church Grange (tbc).

**Many thanks** to all who helped to make the first Lent Lunch such a success. We raised £201.50. This will be split, along with money from all the Lent Lunches, between Cafod, Christian Aid and Tearfund, all of whom, I am sure will be involved in helping Ukrainian refugees in their own ways.

**Website: Streaming:** Occasional halting of streaming is being actively followed up. It will be cured. Reports of any difficulties are reported promptly to the streaming providers. Please give date, place and time when interruption happened to Andrew Lucas tel 015395 64365 or Ken Taylor tel 015395 33057.

**Website** [www.kentestuarycatholicchurches.co.uk](http://www.kentestuarycatholicchurches.co.uk)

Masses are broadcasted at 10am Monday to Saturday (see Mass list showing where); and Sunday 9.00am Grange; 10.30am Milnthorpe.

**LADIES' LUNCH** Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> at The Pheasant Inn, Allithwaite. Please sign the list in the church porch if you wish to attend.

## **Keeping Charity**

**The Silent Minute for Peace at 3pm Every Day. Please say the following prayer (see supplementary sheet for more details)**

*"Dear Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we bring before you the crisis in Ukraine. We intercede for our brothers and sisters there. We beg you to comfort the bereaved, the wounded, the homeless, and the thousands of refugees now fleeing their homeland. We beg you to bring a rapid end to hostilities. Inspire us, and all governments with influence, to help in every way possible "*

**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.

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

## **CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger Lent challenge**

We wish Bernard Walker and Angela Nottingham (Grange) and John Birch (Levens) every success in achieving their 200km challenge this Lent.

**GRANGE - DONATIONS FOR UKRANIAN FUND:** may be made via the church account, but make sure you label any donation 'Ukrainian Fund'. Bank details are: Parish of St Charles Grange; Sort code: 40 27 02; Account number: 71334956  
Label the donation, 'Ukrainian Fund'

**Grange and Arnside:** No notices should be put on the parish noticeboard(s) without permission of parish priest. Thank you.

## **GREETERS FOR SUNDAY MASSES needed at our three churches ...**

**Grange:** please contact Len Gee tel 33881 or e-mail [leonard.afgee@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:leonard.afgee@yahoo.co.uk)

**Arnside:** please speak to Wilfred Gill, usually found at the keyboard.

**Milnthorpe:** Please contact Deirdre Trueman.

**Request for help with tea and coffee at Christ the King:** Helpers to set out tables before Mass in the church hall (the small tables preferably) with chairs

- Helpers to put all tables and chairs away each week
- The hall to be swept each week after refreshments so it is tidy for the next church users

**Parish Pastoral Councils:** The Milnthorpe/Arnside council met last Friday. Action points to be published in next week's newsletter. Please note the request for more members on our councils. Our councils are going to be essential in the future.

**WE NEED CO-ORDINATORS ON OUR PASTORAL PARISH COUNCILS** to prepare for the time when in all probability, there will be no resident priest in our parish. Co-ordinators encourage and provide a link with their areas of parish involvement. (We have so many gifted people in the parish). Please pray and reflect on what you can do. The information on the five areas of involvement is at the back of the church.

**Milnthorpe and Arnside: Sincere thanks** offered by Sr Eleanor in Dagoretti in Kenya for the £700 recently raised at CTK and in the process of being remitted to her in Nairobi this week. Sr E is planning to expand the catering course in her technical school and will use the money to pay for furniture for the expanding unit. There is no doubt the money will be well used and warmly welcomed by the students.

## SERVICES AND MASS INTENTIONS

### Third Sunday in Lent

Sat Vigil	19 Mar	5.30pm	Arnside	Private Intention
Sun	20 Mar	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	20 Mar	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	20 Mar	3.00pm	Milnthorpe	Stations
Mon	21 Mar	10.00am	Grange	Veronica and Aidan Smith RIP
Tues	22 Mar	9.00am	Grange	Josephine Carter RIP
Wed	23 Mar	10.00am	Grange	Private Intention
Thurs	24 Mar	10.00am	Arnside	Brenda Levy (sick)
Thurs	24 Mar	10.00am	Milnthorpe	(streamed mass of day)
Fri	25 Mar	10.00am	Milnthorpe	Parish Intention
Fri	25 Mar	3.00pm	Grange	Stations
Sat	26 Mar	10.00am	Grange	Private Intention

### Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sat Vigil	26 Mar	5.30pm	Arnside	Private Intention
Sun	27 Mar	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	27 Mar	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	27 Mar	3.00pm	Arnside	Stations

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