



## **KENT ESTUARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES**

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

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## **SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT (Year B)**

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

Prepare a way for the Lord – that is, prepare a way for Jesus into our lives. Jesus fulfils the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah or saviour. John the Baptist is the vital bridge between the Old Testament and the New Testament. He is an Old Testament prophet but ushers in the New Testament by pointing to Jesus as the fulfilment of the Old Testament.

**Advent Preparations:** We are going to set the scene for Christmas. We build the crib throughout Advent. Last week we remembered that the Magi were guided by the star to find Jesus. We follow the guidance of scripture to re-find the presence of Jesus in our lives. Today we bring the animals to the stable to keep it warm, and a manger to make a place for Jesus to be laid. Let us prepare our hearts also to receive Jesus warmly this Christmas.

**Advent Reconciliation Service:** Grange 2.30pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Opportunity for confession in simple form, with anointing of the sick on request. Be reconciled!

### **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:** each Thursday. Meet in the presbytery sitting room, 2pm-3pm.

**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>

## **COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - ST. CHARLES**

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

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** and other seasonal items are now available in the porch.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHRISTMAS DRAW:** 1<sup>st</sup> prize £200; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £50; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £20; plus additional donated prizes. There will only be 100 numbers @ £5 each. Choose your number(s) after Mass on Sunday.

“**you have to be in it to win it**”. To be drawn on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING!** St Charles and St Cuthbert's Parish Social Committee invites parishioners from Grange, Milnthorpe and Arnside to an evening of Christmas carols, readings, humour and good will, provided by some of the children and parishioners, in St Charles' church on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Followed by mince pies, mulled wine, and the Christmas draw, in the Fr Magner Room.

## **CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN ST. CHARLES: (POINSETTIA**

**PLANTS):** Anyone wishing to donate a poinsettia plant in memory of a loved one, please bring to church on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> or Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **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.

**Advent Taize Service by candlelight.** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 4.30pm at Christ the King Catholic Church Milnthorpe. Please join us for a short service with Taize music, readings and prayers. Refreshments will be available.

**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.

**MILNTHORPE AREA FOOD BANK Christmas Appeal** - Collection boxes at CTK and OLOL. NB: last date for donations 9/10<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

**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).

**Christ The King:** A selection of Christmas Cards and other items are now available from the Piety Stall at the back of the church in Milnthorpe.

### **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** - From December 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be opportunities to attach names of deceased family members or friends to the votive lights after the Vigil Mass and during the week. These candles will be lit on Christmas morning and throughout the Masses of Christmas. All donations will be given to Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service.

### **ECUMENICAL News:**

**CARTMEL QUAKERS: Silent 'Time for Peace' meetings** at the Meeting House in Hags Lane. Join us for half an hour of quiet reflection followed by tea and coffee. Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

**ARNSIDE CHURCHES TOGETHER: (1) Advent lunches** - discussion groups December 13<sup>th</sup> at 12.30 at Arnside Methodist Church. Bring a packed lunch.

(2) **Carols in Arnside:** Carols at The Crib (opposite Londis). 2.00pm 10<sup>th</sup> December.

(3) **Village Carols** at Methodist Church at 4pm on 17<sup>th</sup> December.

(4) **To the church congregations of Arnside, Storth & Beetham...**

You're all invited to join us at Arnside Vicarage (45 Church Hill) on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Feel free to pop in sometime between 3-5pm for a cuppa & a mince pie. Hannah, Greg, Sam & Bethan x

(5) **Christmas Trail** – A Nativity trail has been put together for people to follow around Arnside from 9<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> December. Booklets showing the route and also containing a prayer, can be obtained at Londis.

**The Road Ahead:** A small group representing our three churches is meeting to plan the near future. The purpose is to work out how to administer our churches with a priest who visits occasionally to celebrate Mass and the sacraments. They have started on a twelve-month programme of planning. Last Monday we worked out a method of getting our volunteers to create their own job descriptions, and noting this up.

**Parish Pastoral Councils:** Questions or matters for discussion should be put in the box at the back of church. Date of next meetings:  
Milnthorpe/Arnside: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm; Grange: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. A record of meetings is now available at the back of all three churches.

**Paul Barton our organist at CTK** has released a new album with songs by Abba, Queen, Michael Jackson, Paul Simon and several film tracks. They are £10 with profits being donated to Lancaster Homeless and Milnthorpe Food Bank. Limited copies are available so be quick if you want one! See Paul after Mass at CTK or call him on 07974 349955.

## MASS SERVICES AND INTENTIONS

### SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT: Year B

Sat Vigil	9 Dec	5.30pm	Arnside	Eilis O'Sullivan RIP
Sun	10 Dec	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	10 Dec	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Mon	11 Dec	10.00am	Grange	Sr Assumpta Golden Jubilee
Tues	12 Dec	10.00am	Grange	Ralph Gerrard Snr & Christine Gerrard RIP
Wed	13 Dec	10.00am	Grange	Eucharistic Service
Thur	14 Dec	10.00am	Arnside	Mr & Mrs Chapman and Family
Fri	15 Dec	10.00am	Milnthorpe	Fr Johnson (sick)
Sat	16 Dec	10.00am	Grange	

### THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT: (GAUDETE SUNDAY) Year B

Sat Vigil	16 Dec	5.30pm	Arnside	Stephen Pyne RIP
Sun	17 Dec	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	17 Dec	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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