



KENT ESTUARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 23rd August 2020

Coronavirus: Our principles We respond to Coronavirus by Keeping Faith, Keeping Contact, Keeping Charity

Editorial: Easing Lockdown (continued): following government directions, we have the first tentative easing of the lockdown, under strict conditions made for our safety. Following the new guidelines, we were able to get more people in the Sunday Mass. This was evident in the Sunday Mass recording, when the responses came over loud and clear. It is now time to look forward. Up until now we have had a ‘wait and see’ policy of ‘Keeping Faith, Keeping Contact, Keeping Charity’. In addition to these principles, from now on I urge our communities in the Kent Estuary to look forward to the future with new purpose, under the slogan of ‘Looking Forward in Faith’. I have circulated some questions to our Pastoral Councils, which I hope to share with the parishes shortly.

Keeping Faith



This Sunday’s Scripture: Jesus reminds us that he builds his church on ‘key’ people, like Simon Peter. Peter makes a leap of faith when he says out loud Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He continually re-builds his church on such people of faith, willing to speak out for God and his church. We too are to build up our church in our time in whatever way we can, by being open in our faith.

No Weekday Mass No public Masses on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and no broadcasted Mass on the weekdays this week from Monday to Saturday. Weekday public Masses and broadcasted Masses start again this coming Sunday, 30th August. The Sunday Masses are not affected, but there will be a holy hour at the time of the weekday Masses in each church (see below).

Churches open for prayer: Our churches are houses of God, where we go to meet God present sacramentally. Although there will be no weekday Masses this week (see separate notice), our churches will be opened for a **holy hour** on 9.30 Tuesday at Grange, 9.30 Thursday at Arnside and 9.30 Friday at Milnthorpe.

The Mass Part 12. The Mass is the source and summit of our worship and spiritual life. The Mass contains many parts, each with meaning. These parts should be understood if we are to get the full benefit of the Mass:

The Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass is the central and unchanging part of the Mass. The readings from scripture that form the first part of the Mass change constantly. But the words of the Eucharist Prayers can only change in a most limited way. They are based on very ancient traditions, and at their centre contain the words of Our Lord, which change the bread and wine into His body and blood.

Bible Alive & Magnificat. Would all those who want to take either of these publications tell Marian at the parish office whether they wish to continue their order. These publications provide a structure for prayer each day, when we can't get to Mass regularly.

Offertory Income for July: St Charles & St Cuthbert £2,265; Christ the King and Our Lady of Lourdes £2,480.

Lancaster Faith and Justice Newsletter: August F & J Bulletin ..
The newsletter can be downloaded at <https://tinyurl.com/y5boe86c>.
Reports and newsletters mentioned in this issue are available at <http://www.lancasterfaithandjustice.co.uk/newsletter/>

Please pray for the sick of our parishes:

Geoff Critchley, Barbara Crossland, Nick Drake-Lee, Michael Carter, Pam Gee, Stella Naylor, Josie Buckley, Margaret Vincent, Brian Mills, Eileen Parker, Christine McIvor, Ann Savage, Philip Barry, Chris Browne, Libby Stretton, Jenny Hodgkinson, Kathleen Lavin, Sue and Mike Coyle, Jean McQueen, Anne Dacey.

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



Rescheduled Special Collections:

Some special collections were missed during lockdown. The Bishops' Conference points out that the annual collection is the main way that the work of many of these organisations is funded. Some, such as the Apostleship of the Sea, which has looked after seafarers stranded away from home in recent months, has been particularly busy. If you have already put the relevant envelope from the boxed sets into a parish collection basket since returning to church, then you do not need to give a second time. These rescheduled collections are:

	Rescheduled Date
Holy Places (10th April 2020)	11 th October 2020
Ecclesiastical Education Fund (3rd May 2020)	1st November 2020
World Communications Day (24th May 2020)	15th November 2020
Day for Life (21st June 2020)	13th December 2020
Peter's Pence (28th June 2020)	8th November 2020
Apostleship of the Sea (12th July 2020)	6th December 2020

Special Collection next Sunday 30th August is for The Catholic Trust for England and Wales.

WEBSITE RENEWED! But work still in progress. Please look on our website at ***Kent Estuary Catholic Churches***. Your comments will be appreciated. Our website is important. It is the gateway to our parishes. Many visitors search there when looking for our churches.

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY YEAR A

Sat	22 Aug	5.30pm	Arnside	
Sun	23 Aug	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	23 Aug	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	23 Aug	11.00am	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Mon	24 Aug	11.00am*	(In Private)	NO MASS
Tues	25Aug	9.30am	Grange	NO MASS
Wed	26 Aug	11.00am*	(In Private)	NO MASS
Thurs	27 Aug	9.30am	Arnside	NO MASS
Fri	28 Aug	9.30am	Milnthorpe	NO MASS
Sat	29Aug	11.00am	(Mass Broadcasted)	NO MASS
Sat	29 Aug	5.30pm	Arnside	Special Int. (Ruby wedding)

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY YEAR A

Sun	30 Aug	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	30 Aug	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	30Aug	11.00am	(Mass Broadcasted)	

CORONAVIRUS

***The above Masses will be celebrated either publicly or privately by Fr. Philip and broadcasted at 11.00am.**

Confessions: by arrangement with Fr. Philip. The present regulations prevent opening the church for confession in the usual way.

THE FOLLOWING ARE DISCONTINUED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

- **Celebration of Office in the Church**
- **Formal Exposition** (except this week)
- **Rest Home & Nursing Home visits** (except in an emergency)

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