



KENT ESTUARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 20th September 2020

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

Editorial:

Covid: the new 'Rule of Six' at a meeting prevents any tentative opening up of our hall for all but the smallest meetings for the present. There are some exceptions to the rule where meetings are for education of young people and health purposes.

In the '**Season of Creation**' Pope Francis reminds us that we are stewards of creation. We look out beyond our immediate concerns, and take in the big picture with concern for our common home, this world. Please pray Novena (see overleaf).

Christ the King Golden Jubilee: The Church in Milnthorpe was built 50 years ago. We hope to do something to mark the occasion as shown below.

Keeping Faith

Home Mission Sunday: We realise ever more clearly that our own country is mission territory. We are all on the front line of mission and must represent Our Lord wherever we are. The Home Mission Office exists to help the local Church make the joy of the Gospel a reality in England and Wales. It's part of the Department of Evangelisation and Catechesis of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Retiring Collection for the work of our Home Mission.



Season of Creation: The Season of Creation runs until 4 October, the feast of St Francis of Assisi. The key messages from Pope Francis include the following:

- **Protect Creation:**
- **Harmony with Creation:**
- **Grow in Sustainability:**
- **Policy Action:** to urge governments to enact better climate policies.

The Season of Creation – Prayers

So often I turn my mind in search of prayer, but nothing comes, and then the curlew warbles through the dusk and my soul is lifted, my heart is opened and in a rush I feel the unbelievable beauty of creation and I understand that beyond that is the infinite beauty of the creator, God as we call you. And you came to Earth God? And allowed us to nail you to a cross? Again my mind is lost and I return to the beauty of your creation for fresh inspiration. Jesus, walk with me show me the way, let me feel your guiding spirit as surely as I feel the beauty of your universe, so that I may spend my time as a guardian of your creation and not an exploiter. Amen. [Anon]

Almighty God, Creator of Heaven and Earth, help us to live so that we do no harm to your creation, but serve to bring it closer to You. Amen. [Liz Lewis]

Novena starts this coming Saturday 26th September .. please see printed copy or version on the internet:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Prayer-resources/Novena-to-St-Francis>

Christ the King: We celebrate on the 22nd November the feast of Christ the King. It is a double celebration:

- It is a shout of triumph at the finish of the church's year. In the end Jesus is the King of the Universe and Lord of Lords.
- We celebrate also 50 years since the construction of the Church of Christ the King in Milnthorpe.

We will have the best celebration we can manage at Christ the King on that day. Our plans however must be limited due to the Covid restrictions.

In order to mark the day:

Memories: We ask you to write or e-mail your memories. These will be collected and published.

The guide booklet to Christ the King Church prepared by Mary Salter will be published, at least on the e-mail system and on the website.

Photographs: Would you loan to us any parish photographs relating to gatherings at Christ the King church, with details of when taken, who is present and the occasion.

Booking a place at Mass: Please book to avoid overcrowding

- Bookings for both GRANGE & MILNTHORPE phone Len Gee tel. 015395 33881 or e-mail leonard.afgee@yahoo.co.uk
- Bookings for ARNSIDE phone Wilf & Margaret Gill tel 01524 762124 or e-mail wilfredandmargaret.gill1966@hotmail.co.uk

Parish Income: We must sustain our income to ensure the viability of our parishes. Our income is understandably a little down on previous years. I thank many of you for keeping up a regular giving.

I repeat the instructions about alternative methods of giving if you have not seen them:

Please pay in any of the following ways:

- Post envelope with collection monies through the doors of either the Presbytery Grange, or the office at 15 Haverflatts Lane Milnthorpe.
- Send a cheque through the post, to the business office at Grange (below). If you have a gift envelope, state the number of the envelope. For Arnside/ Milnthorpe make the cheque payable to 'The Parish of Christ the King', for Grange to 'The Parish of St. Charles'.
- Pay electronically to the above accounts, for Arnside/ Milnthorpe: 40-27-02 61335146; For Grange: 40-27-02 71334956. If you have a gift envelope, state the number of the envelope.

Gift Aid: Your gift aid mandate is still valid if you have gone over to paying by standing order direct, rather than by envelopes. The only requirement is that the parish Gift Aid officer should be able to recognise your payment in the bank statement. This is usually made obvious by your name. Alternatively if the envelope number appears in the bank statement, that is acceptable.

This Sunday: Retiring Collection for the Home Mission.

Mass Count: Stewards are asked to take a Mass count in all our churches on 20th & 27th September and 4th & 11th October.

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, Philip Barry, Chris Browne, Libby Stretton, Jenny Hodgkinson, Kathleen Lavin, Sue and Mike Coyle, Jean McQueen, Anne Dacey, Angela Nottingham, Alan Wild.

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

SVP Awareness Month. Will you rise to the challenge? Many SVP Conferences have been delivering grocery supplies to those shielding and unable to get to local shops, also providing food to those struggling to afford to feed their families. The parish SVP group has been doing vital work during the Covid-19 pandemic but now they need your help. They have been checking that vulnerable parishioners have sufficient help with shopping etc, ensuring that all have access to the parish newsletters either by email, post or collection from outside the churches and phoning or emailing those isolated to provide friendship and someone to talk to for those who can't visit family and friends. But now we need your help. Will you support us? How? **By joining us** – we are a very small group, just starting meeting again every fortnight. Please contact Sheelagh Brown 01539583750 if you are interested in finding out more about us.

Donate – either by cheque made out to SVP at St Charles Church, Kents Bank Road, Grange-Over-Sands, LA11 7EY or cash put through the door of the presbytery, marked for attention of SVP, or if you prefer, make a donation online at www.svp.org.uk

Raise money by fundraising for them – there are lots of fun ways to fundraise on the SVP website.

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY YEAR A

Sat	19 Sept	5.30pm	Arnside	Bernard Barton RIP
Sun	20 Sept	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	20 Sept	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	20 Sept	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Mon	21 Sept	11.00am*	(In Private)	Margaret Lucas RIP
Tues	22 Sept	9.30am	Grange	Angela Nottingham, speedy recovery
Tues	22 Sept	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Wed	23 Sept	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Private Intention
Thurs	24 Sept	9.30am	Arnside	Joan Appleton RIP
Thurs	24 Sept	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Fri	25 Sept	9.30am	Miln'thorpe	Bernard Wassall OSB RIP
Fri	25 Sept	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Sat	26 Sept	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Private Intention
Sat	26 Sept	5.30pm	Arnside	Special Intention Ann Walker

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY YEAR A

Sun	27 Sept	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	27 Sept	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	27 Sept	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**
- **Rest Home & Nursing Home visits (except in an emergency)**

Clergy: Parish Priest Fr Philip Smith Tel 015395 32731

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