



KENT ESTUARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME : 18th October 2020

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

Covid Update: We are subject to the new government 3-tier rules, and will adapt our strategy according to instructions. However, at the moment we continue as in the previous weeks at tier 1. But be prepared for changes at short notice, if the Covid restrictions tighten up. See the item ‘Safety when coming to Mass’ (see below).

Christ the King Golden Jubilee: The Church in Milnthorpe was built 50 years ago. We will mark the occasion as best we can, bearing in mind the present restrictions. Parishioners will organise a very sociable get together when Covid restrictions are lifted.

In response to enquiries, I am arranging more opportunities for **confessions** (see below).

Our **website** is now working. Please look at it if you have a computer with broadband. If you have anything for the website, or comments on it please forward to the dedicated e-mail address (see below).

Keeping Faith

This Sunday’s Scripture: Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s. We must get our priorities right. God first and the rest follows. Others can’t push our faith into a private corner.

Today is World Mission Sunday Missio states “World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope’s charity for world mission, we share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection, which will sustain the future of our Church. Please either call **020 7821 9755** (office hours) or visit Missio’s website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: **missio.org.uk**” or contribute to the **Retiring collection**.

Christ the King: On the 22nd November, the feast of Christ the King, we celebrate also 50 years since the construction of the Church of Christ the King in Milnthorpe. Please send in your **Memories** and **Photographs** to our parish office at info@cathchurchgos.plus.com.

The guide booklet to Christ the King Church is being revised and published, and will include a section on ‘memories’ and historical details relating to Catholics in Milnthorpe.



Confessions: Covid rules make it difficult to celebrate confessions in the usual way.

Please note:

- Fr. Philip is happy to arrange confessions (Reconciliation) on call. Please phone. You have no need to mention your name.
- Experimentally, Fr. Philip will be available for confessions immediately after Mass for a short period on Tuesday at **Grange** this week.
- In following weeks he will be available Milnthorpe (Friday) and Arnside (Saturday)

The problem is that normally I am under a tight schedule to do the processing and uploading of the video of the Mass, which takes some time. I will try to celebrate the sacrament in an anonymous way behind a screen, unless you are happy to have a 'face to face' confession. You may be asked to sanitise your seat and any other parts touched, with a mist spray before you leave.

Future Celebrations (More information to follow):

Tuesday 26th October, Grange: October Rosary after the 9.30am Mass (broadcast)

Saturday 31st October 5.30pm Arnside: Vigil of All Saints, with commemoration of our recent dead (broadcast);

Monday 1st November 2.00pm, Grange: Cemetery Visit, with special commemoration of our recent dead.

Sunday 8th November, Remembrance Sunday all Masses: short commemoration of our war dead

Advent: Advent celebration and meditation (broadcast).

Christmas Masses: Covid rules permitting, we will celebrate Masses at Christmas, with Christmas Vigil, 7pm 24th December at Milnthorpe, Christmas day 9am at Grange and 11am at Arnside. The later time set at Arnside is to enable Fr. Philip to celebrate a dignified Christmas Mass in the Grange parish, and to allow time to get to Arnside. We will try to celebrate, as befits the occasion, with music and, as appropriate, with some participation by children.

Keeping Contact:

Do you know of any parishioner who has been overlooked? Please contact the parish office or Sheelagh Brown of the SVP 015395 83750

Website All matters for the website should go through the new website address:

kentestuarywebsite@gmail.com. Please search for our website under 'Kent Estuary Catholic Churches'. Recognise it by the logo we use on the top of our newsletters. We are actively updating it, and welcome comments.

The Churches Together in Cumbria and the Diocesan Faith and Justice

Commission both circulate electronic newsletters by e-mail. Please tell our secretary Marian if you want a copy forwarded to you.

Keeping Charity:

Housebound and Holy Communion: If any person who is housebound is not receiving Holy Communion and wishes to do so, please tell me. I appreciate that many vulnerable people are uncertain about receiving visitors in their homes. For your reassurance, we have strict rules about visiting housebound people for the safety of both the visitor and the person visited. Please remember that those in nursing homes may be limited in the visitors they can receive according to the rules set by the nursing home.

Missio Collection. ‘Missio’ is the Churches official charity, which supports the newer missionary areas. Two thirds of the dioceses of the World need support. The funds are used for the running of the diocese, the training of priests, and the carrying out of many charitable works including schooling and healthcare. Please be generous. Retiring Collection this weekend

Booking a place at Mass: Please observe the following rules and 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

Safety when Coming to Mass: In addition to the basic rules, keep distance, wear a mask, sanitise and don't come if you have an infection. We ask you to assist the stewards in their task as follows:

- **You are advised not come until 10 minutes before Mass starts. The stewards have to sanitise the church for your safety before opening the church.**
- **Please sit in the places you are given, even though it is not your chosen place. The spacing in our churches is tight. Sometimes we can't fit two households on the one bench and this causes complications for the stewards.**

Retiring Collections: There is a series of retiring collections, many delayed from earlier in the year. This is a great but necessary call on your charity. Due in October and early November are: 18th October Missio (Red Boxes), 25th October Sick and Retired Priests, 1st November Ecclesiastical Education Fund, 8th November Peter's Pence.

Parish Income: I thank many of you for keeping up a regular giving. Money can be paid in several ways, including by direct payment into the parish bank account. Please enquire from the parish office at info@cathchurchgos.plus.com, or by phone during office hours (see below). **Grange:** Collection envelopes are available in the church porch.

Catholic News: Regrettably the Catholic News gets a very poor sale, even before Covid restrictions. It is losing the parish money. I propose to cancel orders unless I hear from parishioners. These newspapers can be obtained direct from the publishers.

New NHS 'Test & Trace' Phone App – The government invites us to download the new Test & Trace phone app, which is for use on smartphones (with Bluetooth enabled). **However the app it is not necessary for entry into church.** There is more information at <https://covid19.nhs.uk>

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 Hodkinson, Kathleen Lavin, Sue and Mike Coyle, Jean McQueen, Anne Dacey, Angela Nottingham, Alan Wild, Deacon Bernard Loveland.

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

SVP: The SVP would like to thank donors for the extra £55 received this week, this brings the total to £130.03p. **Liz Lewis** (treasurer).

We have a number of Bird or Bat Boxes for sale £10 each, made up by one of our residents (in his late 90s). £7.50 goes to CAFOD World Gifts and the rest covers costs. It is a good time of year to put them up, so the birds get used to them before the Spring. If you would like one, please email margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk. Thank you. Sr Margaret.

A selection of Christmas cards and other seasonal items is now available from the parish repository in the porch at St Charles' Grange. The repository is open 10.00am to midday on Thursday and Friday mornings during the time when the church is open for private prayer and also for a short while after the morning Mass on Sunday and Tuesday mornings.

REMINDER: British Summertime ends 2am Sunday 25th October. Clocks go BACK 1 hour

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY YEAR A

Sat	17 Oct	5.30pm	Arnside	Private Intention
Sun	18 Oct	9.00am	Grange	Caroline Gee RIP
Sun	18 Oct	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	18 Oct	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Mon	19 Oct	11.00am*	(In Private)	Private Intention
Tues	20 Oct	9.30am	Grange	Frank Cummings RIP
Tues	20 Oct	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Wed	21 Oct	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Private Intention
Thurs	22 Oct	9.30am	Arnside	Amy & Jack Codd
Thurs	22 Oct	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Fri	23 Oct	9.30am	Milnthorpe	Private Intention
Fri	23 Oct	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Sat	24 Oct	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Private Intention
Sat	24 Oct	5.30pm	Arnside	Private Intention

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Sun	25 Oct	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	25 Oct	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	25 Oct	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	

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*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)

CAFOD Collection of Family Fast envelopes

World Mission Sunday today: Retiring Collection for the 'Missio'

Next Sunday: Retiring collection for 'Sick and Retired Priests Fund'

Clergy: Parish Priest Fr Philip Smith Tel 015395 32731

Deacons: Rev G Bissett Tel 015395 34142, Rev J Pryzlucki Tel 015395 58161

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