



KENT ESTUARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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

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Kent Estuary Catholic Churches.*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) : 6th DECEMBER 2020

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

We celebrate: Next Sunday, three young people from Milnthorpe make their First Holy Communion. Keep Hannah, Josie and Dominik in your prayers. We, as a parish, are so pleased that this very special occasion can finally take place for them. Please pray for them and their families.

Advent Liturgy: Please take part in our Advent liturgy: Go to the broadcast or use the booklets.

Keeping Faith

Advent Meditation: Various members of our three churches have contributed to a beautiful mix of music, readings, meditation and pictures to celebrate Advent. Please take part in our Advent Meditation, which is broadcasted for 3.00pm today. It is designed to help us stop, and find or re-find the presence of the Lord more deeply. Finding the 'God with us' (Emmanuel) is the main gift of Christmas and goal of Christmas. I thank several members of our parishes, including Deirdre, Isabel, John & Jane, Kath & Greg who have put so much work into it. We thank also Stephen for doing the (complex) video editing.

The broadcast will be on Youtube/Kent Estuary Catholic Churches at 3pm on Sunday 6th December. For those who have difficulty accessing the necessary technology, a printed booklet with the main spoken/written parts of the broadcast will be sent out with the newsletter mailing. Some copies will also be available at the back of all three churches.

Sunday Scripture: God wishes to console His people 'Console my people, Console them ...' We await with hope a new heaven and a new earth. Even though our world may melt away around us (St. Peter says). God has promised to console us. But we need to straighten out anything in our lives that prevents us opening our hearts to Jesus and His consolation.

Advent Preparations: Prepare a Place for Jesus: We are helping prepare a place for Jesus this Christmas, by building the crib in Advent. But we remember that as we prepare the crib for Jesus, we also prepare another crib inside us, in our hearts, to welcome Jesus afresh. We bring forward the ox and the ass and the empty manger as a sign that we prepare to welcome him into our lives, and make Him comfortable there. Only when we truly ask Him to be 'at home' within will we know true peace. Our Advent Meditation helps us prepare our hearts for His coming.

Tuesday, Immaculate Conception of Our Lady Mary was prepared to be the mother of the saviour from the time of her conception. She was freed from original sin by God's grace. Truly we can say 'Hail Mary full of grace...'. She had a head start in holiness. Yet we can do a little, with God's grace, to catch up in holiness. We too are chosen to be adopted sons and daughters of God. We too are chosen to live the good life.

Christmas Masses will be: Vigil Mass 7.00pm Christ the King Milnthorpe; 9.00am St Charles Grange; 11.00am Our Lady of Lourdes Arnside. BOOKINGS will begin today 6th December. Please book as below stating whether it is a Christmas Mass or the next Sunday's Mass. We are planning to get in the maximum numbers for the Christmas Masses that are permitted by the regulations

Masses with the Public Masses with the public have re-started. Masses on Sundays are at the usual times, and on weekdays at 9.30am as before the present lockdown. Christmas Masses will be celebrated with the public. Additionally Grange will be open for private prayer on both Thursday and Friday 10.00 – 12.00 noon.

Messages of Hope: At the suggestion of a parishioner we invite you to submit to the newsletter a short message (ideally 2-4 lines), which gives hope in dark times. Please address them to the parish office or e-mail address. Here is one:

'Christmas can never be Cancelled for Christians'

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 email address for the website: kentestuarywebsite@gmail.com Please search for our website under 'Kent Estuary Catholic Churches'. Lots of new photos on the site.

Keeping Charity

Give Life This Christmas. SVP are again appealing for funds for the Sudan Babies Feeding Stations. It costs approximately £50 to feed a baby for a year. Any donation will be gratefully received and a certificate given in return, which can be sent as an alternative Christmas present, or kept if you wish. Anyone wishing to donate, please contact Liz Lewis on 34017 to arrange how to donate, and how to get the certificate to you. Donations to be Gift Aided must be by cheque, payable to SVP Twinnage.

On 5th December, John Gill will run a double hill marathon of 55 miles with 8,700ft of ascent, starting at Flookburgh, running the hills around Morecambe Bay, finishing at Arnside, to raise money for the St John's Hospice, Lancaster. Please consider sponsoring him at www.justgiving.com and search *John's Bay Limestone Round*. Find route at <https://bay-limestone-round.org.uk/>

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN ST CHARLES' CHURCH (Poinsettias) If you would like to donate a poinsettia plant for the windowsills in memory of a loved one this Christmas, please bring and leave in the porch on THURSDAY 17th or FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER between 10am and 12noon. There will be a remembrance list in the porch for names of loved ones to be written.

CAFOD World Gifts CAFOD's range of virtual gifts make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves. Let's spread joy and hope around the world this Christmas. Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

Catholic Miracle Rally Online Zoom Conference 11-12 December 2020.

Booking: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/catholic-miracle-rally-registration-96872266557>

Booking a place at Mass: Please observe the 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

Christmas Mass bookings to be taken by the above persons. Please specify that it is the Christmas Mass you are booking. Please note that room may be limited for the Christmas Mass.

'50 years since the building of Christ the King Milnthorpe' More history booklets have been printed, and are at the back of church. Please take one.

ST. CHARLES 100 CLUB

Subscriptions (£12) for 2021 are now due by cheque made out to 'St. Charles Social Committee' to me please at: Hilltop, Cardrona Court, G-o-S, LA11 7AW
Thank you. *Ken Taylor*

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, Jean McQueen, Angela Nottingham, Alan Wild.

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

Sat	5 th Dec	5.30pm	Arnside	Private Intention
Sun	6 th Dec	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	6 th Dec	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	6 th Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Mon	7 th Dec	11.00am*	(In Private)	Fr Alex Makulski RIP
Tues	8 th Dec	9.30am	Grange	Midge Goddard (sick)
Tues	8 th Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Wed	9 th Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Private Intention
Thurs	10 th Dec	9.30am	Arnside	Placzek Family, Barry & Ken Ayre RIP
Thurs	10 th Dec	11.00am	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Fri	11 th Dec	9.30am	Milnthorpe	Dorothea & John Cunningham RIP
Fri	11 th Dec	11.00am	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Sat	12 th Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Private Intention

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

Sat	12 th Dec	5.30pm	Arnside	People of the Parish (M & A)
Sun	13 th Dec	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish (G)
Sun	13 th Dec	10.30am	Milnthorpe	Jane Tagney (Anniversary)
Sun	13 th Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	

CORONAVIRUS

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

Weekday Masses at 9.30am with public re-start as from Thursday 3 December. Sunday Masses at usual times (see above). Please book.

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

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

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