



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.*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) : 13th DECEMBER 2020

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

We celebrate: This Sunday three young people from Milnthorpe make their First Holy communion. Keep Hannah, Josie and Dominik in your prayers. I pray that they will always know that Jesus is always with them.

Christmas Masses: Please note that the places for the Christmas Masses are filling rapidly.

Keeping Faith

Sunday Scripture: He is near! St. John the Baptist reminds us that Jesus stands amongst us, even though He is often not recognised. We are happy, for happiness is our birthright as Christians who know the presence of the Lord in their lives.

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 we welcome Jesus afresh.

The local shepherds come to the crib for shelter. They represent the ordinary people, like us, who are all invited by a generous God to come close to Him and to greet Him. Let us come to the manger and try to make the Mass of Christmas the centre of our festivities, however inconvenient it may be.

Advent Meditation: Our beautiful Advent Preparation Liturgy can be accessed on YouTube /‘Kent Estuary Catholic Churches’. Please use it as a source of prayer and reflection. I am deeply grateful to all those who put so much effort into preparing it. It is above what could be expected from our small churches, and is evidence not only of the talent in our parishes, but of the devotion and commitment of so many to Our Lord.

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:

*The Shepherd has silenced the World
So we can hear His voice
And find Him*

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

Deaths: In your charity please pray for the souls of Dorothy Farnworth of Kent's Bank who died on 5th December. She died after a long illness. Kindly remember her husband David. Her funeral mass will take place at St Charles Grange on Friday 18th December at 12 noon.

Please also remember Rev. Noel Stancliffe of Grange, retired minister, who died recently, and his wife Kathy.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful rest in peace.

Day for Life: This Sunday. We have to be always vigilant against the constant pressure to devalue and take human life under some excuse. Retiring collection.

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.

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.

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 wilfmag.gill@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.

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*

Grange Parking: Measures have been taken to reduce the parking by outsiders. Normally the overflow car park will be locked, but will be opened for specific church purposes, or exceptionally if I am told of the need. The main car park should have enough space available for occasional parochial use by parishioners.

Grange Fire Alarms: Under new regulations the presbytery needs a wired in fire alarm system, linked in with an updated system in the hall, and other fire safety measures. This will cost several thousand pounds. We have enough money in the contingency fund, which has carefully been built up over the last few years for such needs. I thank the Finance Group and especially Mike Malone for their foresight. Thankfully, Christ the King church and its hall attached to the church, already has an updated fire alarm system.

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.

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	Paul Gregory RIP (Anniversary)
Sun	13 th Dec	10.30am	Milnthorpe	Jane Tagney RIP (Anniversary)
Sun	13 th Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Mon	14 th Dec	11.00am*	(In Private)	People of the Parish (G)
Tues	15 th Dec	9.30am	Grange	Dorothy Farnworth RIP (SVP)
Tues	15 th Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Wed	16 th Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Private Intention
Thurs	17 th Dec	9.30am	Arnside	Private Intention
Thurs	17 th Dec	11.00am	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Fri	18 th Dec	9.30am	Milnthorpe	Tom & Clare Smith
Fri	18 th Dec	11.00am	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Fri	18 th Dec	12.00 noon	Grange	Funeral Mass Dorothy Farnworth
Sat	19 th Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Private Intention

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

Sat	19 th Dec	5.30pm	Arnside	Private Intention
Sun	20 th Dec	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish (G)
Sun	20 th Dec	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish (M&A)
Sun	20 th Dec	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	

CORONAVIRUS

***The above Masses will be broadcasted at 11.00am.**

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)**

DAY FOR LIFE Retiring Collection

CHURCH OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Please note that Thursday 17th December and Friday 18th December will be the last days on which St Charles' Church will be open for private prayer this year. Future opening times for private prayer to be decided in the New Year. Deacon Joe.

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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