



## **KENT ESTUARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES**

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

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### **SECOND SUNDAY of CHRISTMAS : 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021**

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

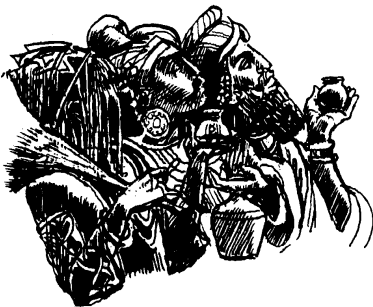
**Lockdown Again!** As from last Thursday 31 December, the whole of Cumbria is in lockdown, at Tier 4, for an unspecified period. The rules are slightly different than in the previous lockdown. Please note:

**Churches are open for public Mass.** We can open also for private prayer. Funerals can take place in church with restrictions. We are allowed to use our halls for charitable works such as food share and for certain vulnerable groups.

**Our Bishops state** that these days are not easy, but during the time the regulations are in force, it is vital that the best and most effective use of our churches is made, for the good of the faithful and wider society.

### **Keeping Faith**

**This Sunday's Scripture:** The readings ram home the glorious truth that God is among us and for us. He 'pitched his tent' in Jerusalem and made the Jewish people his 'chosen' people. Then he widened out his choice to all the world, to us. We truly have been '...blessed with all the spiritual blessings in Christ ...'. We have in Jesus his final eternal Word. The 'Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us'. Rejoice, we are truly blessed, as the chosen ones of God, the ones given the light of life



**Feast of the Epiphany, Wednesday  
... They saw the child with  
His Mother Mary and falling  
to their knees they did Him  
Homage**

The word 'Epiphany' means the unveiling or revealing. The three Kings or wise men visit Jesus and acknowledge Him as both King and God. They represent all the known parts of the earth. Wise people still seek Jesus, and follow his star today.

**Holy Day of Obligation: Masses at 5.30pm Tuesday (vigil) Arnside; 10.00am Wednesday Grange; 7.00pm Wednesday Milnthorpe.**

**Epiphany Celebration:** Members of our parishes are producing a broadcast service for Epiphany. It is good to mark this great feast if we can. Those who do not have access to the internet are asked to say the prayer included with the newsletter.

## **Darkness and Light**

*(A meditation and prayer for Epiphany (from our 'Epiphany Celebration').*

*Please say it thoughtfully on the day of the Epiphany):*

**Lord Jesus, you are a light that shines in the dark of our world,  
A light that darkness could not overpower.**

**Your birth is surrounded by darkness and light.**

**Darkness:** An enforced journey at a dictator's command, a young mother giving birth in a stable, flight as refugees to a foreign country, the slaughter of all Bethlehem's infant children.

**Light:** but your birth also saw all of creation rejoice. Animals watched alongside the poor shepherds, the wise and the wealthy kings visited you, and above them a sky was filled with angels - even a star in the infinity of space halted, to honour the Lord of all that is.

**The three Kings brought gifts to honour You the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace, the Lord of Light.**

**We can give nothing but ourselves - it is all we have.**

**Loving Lord, accept us as we are, we can come no other way. Help us live every hour, every day, in Your dawning brightness; and bring that brightness to all we meet. Amen**

## **Messages of Hope:**

*Don't worry about anything: Instead, pray about everything.  
(Philippians 4:6)*

**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](mailto:kentestuarywebsite@gmail.com) Please search for our website under 'Kent Estuary Catholic Churches'.

## Keeping Charity

**Those vulnerable and housebound:** We look on the vulnerable with concern, together with their carers. We are also deeply grateful for their loving prayers.

**The obligation to attend Sunday Mass** and Masses on holydays is lifted during the Covid pandemic. Those who have good reason to stay away because they are housebound, shielding themselves or another member of the family are not obliged to attend Mass publicly. But as always you are encouraged to 'keep faith' by listening to a broadcast Mass, or making some other form of devotion. Your prayers from home are valuable.

**Crib Collection** The Bishop asks that the crib collection is taken for the Friends of the Holy Land.

**Give Life This Christmas.** 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. Anyone wishing to donate, please contact Liz Lewis on 015395 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.

**MISSIO Red Boxes (Grange):** Due to be collected in January 2021. Eric will be at church between 10 and 11am every Tuesday in January. If you want another arrangement for collection, please contact Eric on 34487. 10 boxes were not returned in the summer. Please support our missionaries who work to help those in some of the most deprived areas in the world. Thank you.

### **Please pray for the sick of our parishes:**

Geoff Critchley, Barbara Crossland, Nick Drake-Lee, Michael Carter, Pam Gee, Stella Naylon, 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.**

**Please keep the rules when visiting our churches:** Sign in; keep space, keep mask on and keep distance.

**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

## SECOND SUNDAY of CHRISTMAS

Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	5.30pm	Arnside	Private Intention
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish (G)
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish (M&A)
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Mon	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00am*	(In Private)	Private Intention
Tues	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Grange	Colin Buckleton (sick)
Tues	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	

## THE EPIPHANY

Tues	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	5.30pm	Arnside	Private Intention
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00am	Grange	Maureen & Joseph Peter Higgins RIP
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7.00pm	Milnthorpe	Private Intention
Thurs	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Arnside	Private Intention
Thurs	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Private Intention
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Milnthorpe	Peter Jackson RIP
Fri	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	

## THE BAPTISM of the LORD

Sat	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	5.30pm	Arnside	Private Intention
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	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)

Next Sunday: Retiring collection for 'Life' and the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

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