



## **KENT ESTUARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES**

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

*YouTube, Facebook and Website: Please search for  
Kent Estuary Catholic Churches.*

### **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD : 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**White Flower Appeal:** This weekend. Society for the protection of Unborn Children is there to defend the pre-born children that are threatened constantly by more and more anti life attacks. Retiring Collection.

**New Lockdown Rules:** As from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 we follow the new lockdown rules. **We are still allowed to attend Mass, but please depart immediately after Mass. Please follow our strict existing rules in church, which are for the safety of us all.**

Separately, we intend to do a series of testimonies on how the **Holy Spirit** has affected the lives of people in our parishes. The Holy Spirit is so important, yet many are unfamiliar with Him even though He is working already in their lives.

### **Keeping Faith**

#### **Prayer for Blessings in the Year Ahead**

Father, Thank you for your great love and blessing over our lives.

And that your favour has no end, but it lasts for our entire lifetime.

Forgive us for sometimes forgetting that you are intimately acquainted with all of our ways,

that you know what concerns us, and you cover us as with a shield.

We ask that we would walk in your blessing and goodness today.

That your face would shine on us.

That you would open the right doors for our lives and for our loved ones,

that you would close the wrong doors and protect us from those we need to walk away from.

Establish the work of our hands and bring to fulfilment all that you have given us to do in these days.

We pray that you would make our way purposeful and our footsteps firm out of your goodness and love.

Give us a heart of wisdom to hear your voice, and make us strong by your favour and grace.

**In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**This Sunday's Scripture:** Jesus begins his public ministry when He accepts a form of baptism from St John. The Holy Spirit came down upon Him to give power to carry out His ministry. It immediately sent Him off to the desert to train and discern His mission. We too have the Holy Spirit. The Spirit empowers us to live our Christian lives. It is the Holy Spirit that makes us confident and effective Christians. But we must invite the Spirit to work in us before he will be released fully into our lives.

**Epiphany Celebration:** Members of our parishes have produced a broadcast service for Epiphany. It is good to mark this great feast if we can, and to think about the meaning of the coming of Christ as a light in darkness for the coming year. If you have not seen it, it remains on the YouTube site or on our Facebook. Those who do not have access to the internet are asked to say the meditation prayer included with the last newsletter: 'Darkness and Light'.

**Ordinary People & Holy Spirit:** The Holy Spirit is often the overlooked person of the Trinity. Yet He is the power behind the church. Without the Spirit the church decays. All recent Popes have begged ordinary Catholics to be more open to the Spirit.

It is important to identify where the Holy Spirit is working in our lives already, and to be more familiar with Him. We hope to get ordinary people we know testifying to the Spirit in their lives.

**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**

### **The New Lockdown Rules:**

Clearly we must be careful for the next few weeks. It is an act of charity to help make sure others are safe, both in church and outside church. Bishop Paul comments 'In the light of the new variant of the virus, which is more transmissible, I cannot stress enough the need for us all to strictly adhere to the rules, and to ensure best hygiene practice in our churches at all times. .... In the spirit of the 'lockdown' rules, I would suggest that **only pastoral visits which are absolutely essential** are made at this time'.

**Many, many thanks** to all who have responded to the SVP appeal for feeding the Sudan babies. We have already reached over £1,000, when factoring in Gift Aid, and there are a couple more cheques promised. I will let you know the full total as soon as I have it. Our parishioners are amazing. You are so generous. On behalf of the babies, I give you all a great big Christmas hug. *Liz Lewis*

**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.

### **Government Regulations about attending Mass:**

“Communal worship and life events: You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship, a funeral ....”

“Places of worship: You can attend places of worship for a service. However, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble. You should maintain strict social distancing at all times...”

### **ST CHARLES 100 CLUB**

Many thanks to all those who paid before the end of December and will be entered in the prompt payment bonus draw. Plus a polite reminder to those of you who have yet to pay! By cheque for £12 please in favour of St Charles Social Committee. Ken Taylor, Hilltop, Cardrona Court, G-o-S, LA11 7AW.

### **Growing in the Prophetic & Open Miracle Healing Service**

- with Damian Stayne

Fri 22 - Sat 23 January 2021 – Online - For more information:

[www.coretlumenchristi.org](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org) [stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org](mailto:stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org)

### **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.**

**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](mailto:leonard.afgee@yahoo.co.uk)
- Bookings for ARNSIDE phone Wilf & Margaret Gill tel. 01524 762124 or e-mail [wilfmag.gill@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wilfmag.gill@hotmail.co.uk)

## 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)	
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00am*	(In Private)	Private Intention
Tues	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Grange	Vee Jones & Matthews Family
Tues	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Wed	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Canon Bob Horne RIP
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Arnside	Private Intention
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Milnthorpe	Lucas Family RIP
Fri	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00am*	(Mass Broadcasted)	Private Intention

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

Sat	16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	5.30pm	Arnside	Private Intention
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Sun	17 <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)**
- **Private house visits are discouraged (except in emergency)**



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