

KENT ESTUARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Our Lady of Lourdes, Arnside St Charles & St Cuthbert, Grange Christ the King, Milnthorpe served from Holy Trinity & St George Kendal

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2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT (Year C) 8th December 2024

This Sunday's Scripture

Coming to God afresh should bring joy. In Advent, we are to remove all things that prevent us from receiving Christ with joy. We need to prepare a way for the Lord into our hearts, as St John the Baptist says.

MASS INTENTIONS: Mass Intentions from Grange parishioners are, ideally, given to Marian or Joe, as these have to be recorded and monitored centrally. For parishioners at Arnside and Milnthorpe, Please give to Fr Simon/Fr Hugh for passing on, or they could be put in the courier bag.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available at the Cathedral on Saturdays 11am - 12 noon and at St Mary of Furness Ulverston after Saturday Mass, which is at 1800. Also Saturdays at Holy Trinity & St George, Kendal, 10am - 11am and Adoration.

Advent Penitential Service will be held at St Charles, Grange on Tuesday 17th December at 6pm. An opportunity to prepare our souls for the coming of our Saviour on Christmas Day. All welcome.

Pastoral Parish Council Meetings:

Milnthorpe and Arnside PPC Monday 9th December at 7pm; **Grange** PPC Wednesday 11th December at 7pm. If you have any issues you wish to be raised, please place them in the box at the back of the church.

GRANGE News:

Requiem Mass for Frank Jordan will be held at St. Charles Church, Grange on Wednesday **11th December at 11.00am.** Cremation at Beetham at 12.30pm. **St Charles' church open** 9.30am - 4.30pm Monday to Saturday.

Building Security: The lock on the ramp door to the Fr Magner Room is being replaced. A key to the new lock will be in the key box until numbered keys have been issued to all essential users. The key box will then be removed.

Give Life this Christmas: SVP appeal for funds for our baby feeding stations in South Sudan. Any amount will be gratefully accepted. Gift aided donations MUST be by cheque made out to "SVP Twinning", and accompanied by a form, which you can get from Liz Lewis. See me at Mass, or call me on 34017.

Contemplative Prayer Group: Thursdays 2pm in Presbytery sitting room. **Morning Prayer in church 10am Thursday** followed by Rosary. **10am Friday** followed by Exposition.

Wednesday 18th December 7.00pm - Advent Service of Light and Readings at St Charles' Church, Grange, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Sunday 22nd December 3.00pm - Service of Carols and Readings at St Charles' followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

MISSIO Red Boxes are due to be emptied. Eric will be at the back of church for the next few weeks and says "if your box is too heavy - I will collect it!". The Missio calendars are at the back of church in named envelopes.

Barrow Food Bank: The food bank, held at St Charles on 23^{rd} November. Raised £300. With thanks to all.

Christmas Decorations In St. Charles: (Poinsettia Plants)

Anyone wishing to donate a poinsettia plant in memory of loved ones, please bring to church on Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd or Monday 23rd December, and leave on the floor in St. Joseph's chapel. There will be a remembrance list at the back of church for names of loved ones to be written.

MILNTHORPE News:

House Group (CTK): meets twice a month, usually Tuesdays, 7-9pm at Sioban's home in Yealand. Every 5th or 6th meeting is a social one. If interested in joining us please contact Sioban (07803 967617) or Deirdre (07468 535830).

Christ The King church can be open for private prayer at any time. ask any member of the PPC for the door lock codes. (PPC members and contact details on noticeboard in entrance hall).

Christmas Afternoon Tea: Friday 13th December at 2.30pm at CTK hall - super raffle and quiz. There will be a carol service before it at 2pm.

CAFOD World Gifts for Christmas: Buying CAFOD's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference to those facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Beautifully illustrated cards, each representing a gift of hope, inspired by real people and real needs. Cards can be sent by post, as an eCard, or printed at home. Purchase World Gifts at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk or pick up a catalogue in church. **Parish World Gift for Advent -** Please help the Parish purchase a Medical Outreach Team from CAFOD World Gifts to support some of the World's most vulnerable people this Christmas. The target is £300 – Cash only donations please.

MILNTHORPE FOOD BANK - Christmas Appeal - We would like

donations of Christmas food items to include in deliveries. E.g. mince pies, Christmas cake, sweet/savoury biscuits or snacks, chocolates, sweets. Christmas items MUST be donated by 15th December. Thank you.

There is a supply of Christmas cards available for sale at the back of Christ the King Church.

ARNSIDE News:

Our Lady of Lourdes open for private prayer daily. 10am - 4pm.

Adoration: Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at 2pm, followed by the Rosary, every Tuesday.

Votive lights at Arnside: From 1st December there will be opportunities to attach names of deceased family members or friends to the votive lights after the Vigil Mass and during the week. These candles will be lit on Christmas morning and throughout the Masses of Christmas. All donations will be given to Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service.

Arnside Christians Together

Wednesday 11th & 18th December. Advent lunches. Weekly discussions. 12.30 – 13.45 MC. Sunday 15th December. Carols round the crib on the promenade. 2.30pm. Sunday 22nd December. Village Carol Service 4.00pm. MC. Tuesday 24th December. Village Christingle Service. 6.00pm. SJ. Tuesday 7th January. Rest & Restore. Prayer for healing and wholeness. 6.15 – 7.00pm. SJ.

Please pray for those of our parishes who are sick:

Geoff Critchley, Michael Carter, Pam Gee, Brian Mills, Eileen Parker, John Browne, David James, Angela Taylor, Philip Barry, Alan Wild, Pat Duckett, Monica Farnworth, Geoff Guy, Ira Fishman, Mary Wainwright, Bernard Walker, Alex Davies, Val Malone.

Please also pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2024:

These are the **PROPOSED** times for Christmas:

CHRISTMAS EVE: Kendal 6pm; Sedbergh 6.30pm; Milnthorpe 7pm CHRISTMAS DAY: Grange 9am; Kirkby Lonsdale 9am; Kendal 11am; Arnside 11am

MASS SERVICES AND INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT (Year C)

Sat Vigil	7 Nov	5.30pm	Arnside	People of the Parish
Sun	8 Dec	9.00am	Grange	Holy Souls (80/24)
Sun	8 Dec	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish
Mon	9 Dec	10.00am	Grange	Tony Leonard RIP (44/24)
Tue	10 Dec	10.00am	Grange	George Inchmore RIP (79/24)
Wed	11 Dec	11.00am	Grange	Requiem Mass Frank Jordan
Thurs	12 Dec	10.00am	Grange	Morning Prayer followed by Rosary
Thurs	12 Dec	10.00am	Arnside	Eucharistic Service
Fri	13 Dec	10.00am	Milnthorpe	Special Intention (24/45)
Fri	13 Dec	10.00am	Grange	Morning Prayer followed by Exposition
THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT (Year C)				
Sat Vigil	14 Dec	5.30pm	Arnside	Special Intention (25/46)
Sun	15 Dec	9.00am	Grange	People of the Parish
Sun	15 Dec	10.30am	Milnthorpe	People of the Parish

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