

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB:



THE ANGELS: The word 'Angel' literally means messenger. And so in our Christmas story the news of the incarnation of God made man is brought to humanity by God's chosen divine messengers. The arrival of Jesus is heralded as a gift of peace to all people. God chooses

the first hearers of this message to be amongst the poorest of the City of Bethlehem, the shepherds who live outside the city's precincts. In this Christmas season we pray for peace among all people. We pray that those in a position of power will search for peace throughout the world, and that in their search for peace they will realise that no just peace can be found without a desire and necessary action to end the chasm between the poor and the wealthy.

MASS SERVICES AND PRIVATE PRAYER

Weekend Masses: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 10am and 6pm, and Sedbergh 12 noon.

- You need to be wearing a mask or face covering of some sort.
- Please bring a pen to complete the contact slips, one per family.
- Families please sit at the sides and others in the centre.
- Please sit in the middle of the central benches if you arrive early to let others fill in from the edges.
- Collection plate is as you go in or out, or you can ask to complete a standing order.

Weekday Masses will be Tuesday – Friday, 12 noon, side benches only are open.

Church is open for private prayer: 10am–12.30pm Monday to Saturday and 2–4pm Sundays. (Continued thanks to the volunteer stewards.)



We will continue to Livestream the Sunday 10am Mass which you can watch by visiting the parish website www.kendalcatholicchurch.uk

Also on the parish website, you can follow the link to view the first of a series of short talks by Fr Hugh on Mark's Gospel. <https://youtu.be/T2dlSXAQz04>

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 13th DECEMBER 2020

TODAY'S READINGS:

I once was lost...

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday, Rejoice Sunday, or according to our present translation, Be Happy Sunday! St Paul says in the second reading, "Be happy at all times: pray constantly and for all things give thanks to God." Rejoice, this Sunday tells us. This is a time of great expectations. We have every reason to be full of joy. Rejoice, Christmas is almost here. Rejoice, not so much that we have found Christ, but rejoice that He has found us. Because of the strange situation we find ourselves in we may feel a little lost this Christmas, even find ourselves alone. But we are not lost; He has found us. We are not alone; He is with us. With Jesus in our lives, the difficulties we face become challenges, but not devastating events. A loved one becomes sick, or even dies. We become sick and receive the diagnosis that our condition is terminal. A marriage falls apart. A job is lost. A friend is lost. Whatever the pain we feel, we know that the final result will be union with God. Jesus is with us always, particularly in the worst of times. So, Rejoice in the Lord! As John Newton's famous hymn puts it; *I once was lost, but now I am found.* We were all lost, but He found us. His Grace is truly Amazing.

...but now I am found. Therefore, Rejoice the Lord is at hand!

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: There will be a short Penitential Service on Wednesday 16th December at 7pm. It would be a great help if you could email or phone to say whether you would like to come so that we have control over the numbers. Thank you. *Fr Hugh*



FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: Please pray for Darcie, Maisie, Ruth & Georgia who will be making their First Holy Communion on Monday evening, 21st December. It is with great joy we welcome them to the reception of the Eucharist for the first time. Please keep them in your prayers that the nourishment of the Lord will continue to be a support for them throughout their lives.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020 – PLEASE READ.... If you have emailed the parish office or left a message on the answerphone and **HAVE NOT HAD A RESPONSE** please can you get in touch again to confirm we have you on a Christmas Mass list. If you have had a confirmation email or response from either Fr Hugh or Kathryn then all will be well. There are a few seats left for Midnight Mass and 11.30am Christmas Day. *Fr Hugh*

MASSES WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER 2020

Office Proper 3rd Sunday of Advent, Sundays Yr B.

Sun **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)**
12th 6.00 pm Vigil: William Clough LD
13th 10.00 am: Domenico De Palma LD **streamed from Church**
12.00 noon: Holy Souls (at Sedbergh)
6.00 pm: People of the parish

Mon 14th **St John of the Cross**
NO MASS

Tues 15th **Tuesday of Advent week 3**
NO MASS

Wed 16th **Wednesday of Advent week 3**
NO MASS

7.00 pm Penitential Service

Thurs 17th **Thursday of Advent week 3**
12.00 noon: Sister Julie (hip operation)

Fri 18th **Friday of of Advent week 3**
12.00 noon: Deceased members of Carlisle family
Annie Smith & Bridget Carlisle

Sat 19th **Saturday of Advent week 3**

Sun **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
19th 6.00 pm Vigil: Joan Baines RIP
20th 10.00 am: Nan, Willie & Family **streamed from Church**
12.00 noon: People of the parish (at Sedbergh)
6.00 pm: Pat Delaney & Norah Tobin RIP

SEA SUNDAY – Apostleship of the Sea Collection

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

LATELY DEAD: Philip Scrope.

SICK: Holly Howe, Will Flitcroft, Philip Barry, Pat Newton, Trish Hoad, Margaret West, Brian Chambers, Varlien Vyner-Brooks, Archie Scott, Jamie Banks Wallhead, Mary Brady, Bob Dickie, Ian Muir, Sylvia Duckworth, Winnie Edgar, Adrian Jennings, Christine Stoker, Barbara Banks, Netta Baxter. Eileen Halstead, Thomas Smith, Jane Johnson, Malcolm Nightingale, Flo Jamieson, Patrick Dolan, Mike Nicholson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jean O'Shea, David Murray, Geoff Carradus, Teresa Bland, Sarah Jane Saunders, Arthur O'Flaherty, Denis Rainford, Doris Peruzza, Maria Benson, Isabella Gill, Arthur Titterington, Kieran & Jordan Dobson, Annie Smith, Stephen Keeley, Adriana Postlethwaite, Bridget Carlisle, Monica Wise, Margaret Moser.

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Congratulations to Isabelle Amelie Irving who was baptised here recently.

LIVING LAUDATO SI': YOUR PARISH AND YOUR PLANET: Zoom Retreat from Boarbank Hall, 22nd - 25th January 2021. A weekend of talks, discussions & activities on living the message of *Laudato Si'* in and through your parish. All welcome. Contact Margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk

Used padded envelopes are in the working sacristy if anyone can re-use them.

KENDAL COMMUNITY THEATRE is putting on an Advent Calendar performance and can be found on Youtube & Facebook under Kendal Community Theatre. Take a look!

KENDAL FOOD WASTE CHARITY, Waste into Wellbeing, is organising Food Shares where people in need can collect groceries to help them with their weekly shop (and a few festive treats too!). Stricklandgate House 1pm, Hallgarth Community Centre 4pm, Thursday 17th December.

The **ADVENT EXTRA MAGAZINES** are at the presbytery back door if you would like to take one.

WINTER SHELTER UPDATE: A rota for the Saturday night food volunteers should be with you soon. **SUPPORT** Manna House and buy a special gift for someone this Christmas: £5 buys a Christmas dinner, £10 buys an Advice & Support session.

SALVATION ARMY TOY APPEAL: If you would like to donate **new** toys for struggling families this Christmas they can be dropped off in Asda, Morrisons, & Sedbergh School.

MARY'S MEALS 'Doubled the Love' appeal: Until 31st January 2021 public donations made to this appeal will be matched by the UK Government.

PASTORAL MINISTRY CERTIFICATE: Looking to the future of the Diocese parishes are clearly going to need more lay involvement and in the light of this the Bishop has asked if anybody would be interested in taking part in this course which is carried out online. If anyone is interested please get in touch.

ECUMENICAL MATTERS: Jonny Gios of the Gateway Church, together with Christians Against Poverty, are setting up a debt advice centre which will require volunteers. If anyone is interested in this please speak to me. *Fr Hugh*