



THE CHRISTMAS CRIB:

THE SHEPHERDS: Unlike today, the shepherds were right at the bottom of society. They lived outside the town for most of the time and when they did appear in town they were mainly seen as dirty, smelly and uncouth. God deliberately chooses to announce the birth of his Son through the angels to these men who were outcasts.

Right from the start of the gospel story, both with Jesus being born in a manger and the choice of the shepherds, God is reminding us that it is through the poor that we will most clearly see and discover God in our world. It also reminds us that a real relationship with God is not dependant on wealth or possessions but simply being open to hearing God's message of peace to all people.

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 **only a few** seats left for Midnight Mass & 11.30am Christmas Day. *Fr Hugh*

Please remember the following the points - thank you:

- 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.



We will continue to Livestream the Sunday 10am Mass which you can watch by visiting the parish website www.kendalcatholicchurch.uk. The 6pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve will also be livestreamed in the same way.

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/T2dISXAQz04>

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 20th DECEMBER 2020

TODAY'S READINGS:

Let it be done to me...

Mary was given a choice and the world awaited her answer. She could have refused to allow God's plan to work through her or she could have agreed grudgingly to His plan. Mary, however, was open to the Word of God and so she allowed His Word to enter her and transform her from being a simple young woman into becoming the Mother of the God. She was open to God's Word, and His Word used her to transform the world. Today God's Word is being whispered into our ears, calling us to continue the transformation of the world. He calls us to make the Saviour real to those who do not know Him, to those who long for His presence in their lives. Will we reject the Word and force Him to look for another's ear? Or, will we stand erect and welcome the Lord, and offer ourselves totally to Him? The Word of God whispered into Mary's ear, she listened, and she responded, and she conceived. He is shouting into our ears and how we want to continue transforming the world with His living Presence, how we want to bring His Word to birth today in our world: and so we pray - Come, Lord Jesus - do not delay!

...according to Your Word!



TODAY IS SEA SUNDAY when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea - without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency which supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To donate, please take an envelope, text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5 or visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate. Thank you.

'Happy Christmas' from Fr. Hugh.

Thank you for all your help over the past year and it's a great pleasure to be celebrating Christmas with you all once more.

Huge thanks to all who have helped to keep the church open in these difficult times and also to make the services available to others through taking part in the livestreaming. Thanks too, to everyone who has been helping over Christmas and to Ann and all those who helped organise the very successful Christmas Raffle. God bless. Fr Hugh

MASSES WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER 2020

Office Proper 4th Sunday of Advent, Sundays Yr B.

Sun 19 th 20 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6.00 pm Vigil: Joan Baines RIP 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
Mon 21 st	Monday of Advent week 4 NO MASS
Tues 22 nd	Tuesday of Advent week 4 12.00 noon: Mass
Wed 23 rd	Wednesday of Advent week 4 12.00 noon: Andrew Noblett RIP
Thurs 24 th	Christmas Eve 6.00 pm: Christmas Vigil Mass streamed from Church 8.00 pm: Christmas Vigil Mass at Sedbergh 12.00 am: Midnight Mass
Fri 25 th	Christmas Day 10.00 am: Franco Petruso, Kathleen Winter, Rosa Salamone and Domenico Petruso. 11.30 am: Frank McAvoy RIP
Sat 26 th	St Stephen 12.00 noon: Mass
Sun 26 th 27 th	THE HOLY FAMILY 6.00 pm Vigil: 10.00 am: streamed from Church 12.00 noon: People of the parish (at Sedbergh) 6.00 pm:

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

LATELY DEAD: Patricia Holmes.

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: Vinceza Peruzza, Terrence Chambers, Michael Gallagher, Elizabeth McEntegart, Catherine Judd, Gary Fitzsimons, Patricia Butcher, Trevor Alderson, Christopher MacLaughlan, James Cullen, Anne Kitching, George Morris, Bridie Kitching, Desmond Scanlan, Ian Holloway, Gina Waddington, Ged Hillon, Maureen Robinson, Raymond Crawford, Ann Haslett, Frank McAvoy, Thomas O'Malley, Francis Rocks, Tom Carlton, Anne Gunby, Vincent Hall.



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 also pray for Thomas who is being received into the Church this Tuesday. Please keep them in your prayers that the nourishment of the Lord will continue to be a support for them throughout their lives.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Huge thanks to all involved in organising the Christmas Raffle which went very well. Thank you for all your kind donations which made such wonderful hamper prizes. A total of £976.00 was raised.

PARISH MAGAZINE FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS is available to view on the parish website. If you would like a paper copy there are a few at the presbytery back door.

GROWING IN THE PROPHETIC & OPEN MIRACLE HEALING SERVICE with Cor et Lumen. Online event, Friday 22nd – Saturday 23rd January. Contact scuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org, tel: 016973 45623 or 07588 159341.

RIGHT TO LIFE UK have set up a link where you can email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give in to demands from the assisted suicide lobby reconsidering the legalisation of assisted suicide. Visit <https://righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide>

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'*. Contact Margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk

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

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.

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