

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB:



THE WISE MEN: According to the Bible they were wise men and not kings, and we have no idea how many there were except from the fact that there were three gifts, in which the gold represents royalty, the frankincense, priesthood, and finally the myrrh to foretell Jesus' death. What we can assume is that these were not Jews but the first gentiles to worship the Son of God. They only appear in Matthew's Gospel and at the end of his Gospel Jesus will tell his disciples to go out and baptise all nations. The arrival of the wise men from different races and nationalities tells us that the desire to discover God revealed through his Son lies in all of us, whoever we may be and from wherever we may come.

TIER 4 OPENING OF CHURCH: Even though we are now in tier 4, places of worship can remain open and so the mass times will remain the same. However, we are strictly encouraged not to gather as we enter and leave church outside of our family groups and what is already allowed by the rules. This means that even inside church we should try to remain with our social bubbles as far as we can.

SHOULD I COME TO MASS? The Bishop's dispensation not to attend Mass still holds good and so if you are concerned in any way, and especially if you vulnerable, I would advise you not to come to church if you feel uncomfortable doing so.

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.

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**HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Serving Kendal and Sedbergh

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
3rd JANUARY 2021

TODAY'S READINGS:

The Word was made flesh...!

"In the beginning was the Word..." this, for St John, is the Christmas story and it is set in the context of creation, "In the beginning..." Creation is not an event of the past but the ongoing life of God with His people. St John echoes and continues the Genesis story of creation, "In the beginning God said, 'Let there be...' and there was...." Land, sky, vegetation, living creatures from the water, birds of the air, living creatures from the earth, and people made in the image and likeness of God. Christmas is God continuing to give life to His people. "And the Word became flesh and lived among us..." Christmas, says St Gregory of Nyssa, is the "feast of re-creation." It is God giving His own life to His people. This feast of re-creation is God's celebration of humanity. It is God entrusting Himself to us.

"...and the Word became flesh and lived among us." The Word became flesh and has never ceased living among us. The Word became flesh and will never cease living among us. So make way, wherever you go, whatever you are doing, whoever you are with. Make way for the image of God. Why not 'Christmas' your way through life!

...and dwells among us!



The Epiphany of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation and there will be two Masses on Wednesday 6th January at 12 noon and 6pm.

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/T2dISXAQz04> (In the New Year there will be further talks)

MASSES WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY 2021

Office Proper, Sundays Yr B.

Sun 2 nd 3 rd	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 6.00 pm Vigil: Joan Baines RIP 10.00 am: streamed from Church 12.00 noon: People of the parish (at Sedbergh) 6.00 pm:
Mon 4 th	Monday of Christmas Season NO MASS
Tues 5 th	Tuesday of Christmas Season 12.00 noon:
Wed 6 th	The Epiphany of the Lord 12.00 noon: 6.00 pm: Holy Day of Obligation Mass
Thurs 7 th	Thursday after Epiphany 12.00 noon:
Fri 8 th	Friday after Epiphany 12.00 noon:
Sat 9 th	Saturday after Epiphany
Sun 9 th 10 th	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 6.00 pm Vigil: June Clough LD 10.00 am: People of the parish streamed from Church 12.00 noon: (at Sedbergh) 6.00 pm:

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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: Jim Winder, Agnes Wilson, Luciano Micheli, Henry Mellor, Peter Noble, Thomas Callen, Isabella Callan, Mary Neesham, Margaret Burns, Kathleen Graham, James O'Callaghan, Frank Hanratty, Gerald Kent, Alice Hudson, Margaret Hutchinson, Gabrielle Stocker, Eira Jackson, Peter Cosgrave, Keith Durrant, Ernest Waddington, Nellie Hanratty, Thomas Mulligan, Betty Exley, Andrew Buchanan, Suzie Wilkinson, John McNamee.

THE DRAMA DISPLAYED: A JOURNEY OF SALVATION is a free series of online talks offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst College. A range of excellent speakers will examine the key moments of salvation history, with the aid of great works of art. 7:30pm every second Thursday, 14th January to 25th March. Visit: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-drama-displayed/>

RIGHT TO LIFE UK: PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK: "As we begin this New Year, we pray for all who may be considering an abortion. We pray that 2021 would see a decrease in cases of abortion, and instead a year of increased support, both practical and emotional, from all of us in society, bettering the care for all expectant mothers."

FREE FAMILY LEARNING COURSES with South Lakes Community Learning: Online courses to encourage & support children in learning (French, English, Maths, Science, Healthy Living etc). Visit <https://adultlearning.cumbria.gov.uk/subjects/family.asp>

ADVERT FOR A FAITH AND JUSTICE WORKER: Lancaster Diocese is looking for a part-time Faith & Justice worker and co-ordinator to work throughout the Diocese to engage with parishes, schools and other institutions in order to advance the understanding of, and active engagement in, Catholic Social Teaching and issues arising from it. An informed, enthusiastic person is needed with good communication skills able to form positive relationships with groups at all levels and facilitate their growth. You will need to be able to manage your own time & have some administrative ability. Computer skills and the ability to drive are essential. Salary approx. £8300 pa.

VIRTUAL DEMENTIA HUB will be meeting via Zoom on Tuesday 12th January at 2pm. Contact KendalDAA@gmail.com for Zoom information.

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

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

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



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2021:

Human Fraternity: May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.