

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB:



THE OX & THE ASS: The first crib was put together by St Francis in the thirteenth century. Perhaps the characters we notice least are the ox and the ass at the back behind everybody else. It was no mistake that Francis wanted to include creation in all its forms in praising the newborn Jesus God made incarnate. Francis did not just choose these two characters by chance. At the

beginning of the book of Isaiah, written possibly 600 years before Jesus' nativity, when God is challenging the Israelites for failing to see God in their world, Isaiah writes this: 'I reared sons, I brought them up, but they have rebelled against me. The ox knows its owner and the ass its master's crib, Israel knows nothing, my people understands nothing.' Isaiah's suggestion is that even when humanity challenges God, God's creatures remain faithful.



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*

Our Lady's Monthly Message to Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti November 25th 2020: "Dear children! This is a time of love, warmth, prayer and joy. Pray, little children, for little Jesus to be born in your hearts. Open your hearts to Jesus who gives Himself to each of you. God sent me to be joy and hope in this time, and I am saying to you: Without little Jesus you do not have the tenderness or the feeling of Heaven which is hidden in the Newborn. Therefore, little children, work on yourselves. By reading the Sacred Scripture you will discover Jesus' birth and joy, as in the first days which Medjugorje gave to humanity. History will be truth which, also today, is being repeated in you and around you. Work on and build peace through the Sacrament of Confession. Reconcile with God, little children, and you will see miracles around you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Serving Kendal and Sedbergh



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 6th DECEMBER 2020

TODAY'S READINGS:

Prepare we in our hearts a home...

We are all saddened this year that our family Christmas will not be what it usually is. So instead let us try to celebrate a more spiritual Christmas, a quieter Christmas, a reflective Christmas. Making it a spiritual preparation for a great family celebration once the restrictions are lifted and the virus weakened – a real treat to look forward to and to be prepared for! We might, this year, celebrate more thoughtfully this wonderful season of Advent that normally gets a little overshadowed with worldlier preparations. Let us ask ourselves what are we doing to prepare the world to welcome Jesus Christ? What are we doing to prepare ourselves for the great feast of the Incarnation? What are we doing to express the value and wonder of all human life? Saint John the Baptist encourages us to look within ourselves, to examine and change our own attitudes, and then trust God to allow this change to have a part in the transformation the world. Change will only take place if we are the ones who change. Radical change in our own lives is what it means to prepare for the Lord. Let us prepare to welcome Him, to accept His challenge to value life and to change the world as He invites us to.

... Where such a mighty Guest may come!

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 in to say whether you would like to come so that we have control over the numbers. Thank you. *Fr Hugh*

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.)

MASSES WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER 2020

Office Proper 2nd Sunday of Advent, Sundays Yr B.

Sun 5 th 6 th	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6.00 pm Vigil: Deceased members of McCabe family 10.00 am: Deacon Bernard Loveland LD streamed from Church 12.00 noon: People of the parish (at Sedbergh) 6.00 pm: Holy Souls
Mon 7 th	St Ambrose NO MASS
Tues 8 th	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12.00 noon: Philip Scrope (sick)
Wed 9 th	Wednesday of Advent week 2 12.00 noon: Special Intention
Thurs 10 th	Thursday of Advent week 2 12.00 noon: Holy Souls
Fri 11 th	Friday of of Advent week 2 12.00 noon: Bernard
Sat 12 th	Saturday of Advent week 2
Sun 12 th 13 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday) 6.00 pm Vigil: William Clough LD 10.00 am: Domenico De Palma LD streamed from Church 12.00 noon: Holy Souls (at Sedbergh) 6.00 pm: People of the parish

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: George McAvoy, Jerzy Pajczkowski-Dydzynski, Elizabeth Slee, Alice Dalton, Beatrice Lewandowski, Mary Ashmore, Anne Graham, Kevin Wilkinson, David Gardner, Mary Bland, Isaac Stewart, Wilfrid Maher, Jack Bowman, John Gallagher, Raymond Cate. Thomas Lambert, Daisy Marshall-Nichols, Andrew Wall.

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Tuesday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.



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>

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

CAFOD THANKS for the latest parish donation of £391. Thank you for all your support.



CHRISTMAS VIRTUAL DEMENTIA HUB: Tuesday 8th December at 2pm via Zoom, with **Sight Advice** to bring some festive cheer in the way of Christmas Carols, a poem and a quiz. Contact KendalDAA@gmail.com for Zoom information.

KENDAL FOOD WASTE CHARITY, Waste into Wellbeing is organising Food Shares where people can collect groceries on offer to help them with their weekly shop (and pick up a few festive treats too!). Free of charge for anyone in need. Stricklandgate House 1pm, Hallgarth Community Centre 4pm, Thursday 10th & 17th December.

The **ADVENT EXTRA MAGAZINES** are at the presbytery back door if you would like to take one. Ring the bell if there are none left and we will try and find one for you.

PLEASE PRAY for Maira Shahbaz and her family in Pakistan who are in hiding from extremists who accuse her of apostasy and want her dead. Details on the ACN website.

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.



CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020 – UPDATE: 6pm Christmas Eve and 10am Christmas Day are both full now. This leaves Midnight Mass and 11.30am Christmas Day. Please sign up by email or phone if you wish to attend either of these last two.

(For Sedbergh there will be an 8pm Vigil Mass Christmas Eve but that will be for those in Sedbergh and people staying in the area.) *Fr Hugh*