

CLIMATE CHANGE UN Report

The report provides a comprehensive assessment of sea level rise, and its causes, over the past few decades. It also estimates cumulative CO₂ emissions since pre-industrial times and provides a CO₂ budget for future emissions to limit warming to less than 2°C. About half of this maximum amount was already emitted by 2011. The report found that:

- From 1880 to 2012, the average global temperature increased by 0.85°C.
- Oceans have warmed, the amounts of snow and ice have diminished and the sea level has risen. From 1901 to 2010, the global average sea level rose by 19 cm as oceans expanded due to warming and ice melted. The sea ice extent in the Arctic has shrunk in every successive decade since 1979, with 1.07 × 106 km² of ice loss per decade.
- Given current concentrations and ongoing emissions of greenhouse gases, it is likely that by the end of this century global mean temperature will continue to rise above the pre-industrial level. The world's oceans will warm and ice melt will continue. Average sea level rise is predicted to be 24–30 cm by 2065 and 40–63 cm by 2100 relative to the reference period of 1986–2005. Most aspects of climate change will persist for many centuries, even if emissions are stopped.

There is alarming evidence that important tipping points, leading to irreversible changes in major ecosystems and the planetary climate system, may already have been reached or passed. Ecosystems as diverse as the Amazon rainforest and the Arctic tundra, may be approaching thresholds of dramatic change through warming and drying. Mountain glaciers are in alarming retreat and the downstream effects of reduced water supply in the driest months will have repercussions that transcend generations.

2021 DIARIES: There are some of the small parish diaries at the presbytery back door and a few in church if you would like to take one. Please ring the bell if there are none outside. *Fr Hugh*

PEOPLE AT HOME: "As we are being asked not to leave our houses unnecessarily there will be those who cannot get out or are unwilling to go out. If you know of anyone, or are someone, with no support, who needs help shopping or with other things, for example, hospital visits would you let me know? *Fr. Hugh*

CHURCH SPEAKERS: We have bought new speakers for the church and so if anyone would like the old ones please let me know. *Fr Hugh*

PARISH MAGAZINE: Please send contributions of articles, prayers, reflections, parish updates, lighter fare, recipes, etc for the next issue to Celeste yorkistatheart@gmail.com or jraymonddaley@gmail.com Thank you.

THE FEBRUARY CATHOLIC VOICE is available to view on our website www.kendalcatholicchurch.uk. There are no paper versions at the moment.

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Serving Kendal and Sedbergh

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
31ST JANUARY 2021

TODAY'S READINGS:

Jesus said: All authority in heaven and on earth...

The crowd was astonished because Jesus spoke with authority, not like the scribes and Pharisees. Human nature doesn't change, people are no different today than they were in Jesus' day. People still need to hear the Word of God and feel the presence of God in the words of the speaker. We can all do this. We have the authority to do this. We can all give witness to the Word of God present in our lives, and we can choose to make the Word of God present for others too. We can make Jesus' presence real to and for others. We have the authority to do this. We all need to learn how to live in such a way that when our earthly lives come to an end we can stand before the Lord saying that Lord, I tried hard to make Your presence known in the world. We have the authority, the power, to form others, along with ourselves, into a truly Christian people. We have the authority, the power of Jesus Christ if only we stay united to Him. Today we pray that we may remain united to the Lord. He is the source of the power and the authority we have received in Baptism, let His inspiration move us to become better and more authentic witnesses for Him.

...have been given to me by my Father.

DURING LOCKDOWN there are no public Masses in the parish. The Bishop has left it to us to determine whether we should be open or closed. I have taken the decision not to open for Mass at present though this is a difficult decision and I know some churches are staying open.

However, it would now be very helpful if you were to let me know when you would feel comfortable reopening the church for public Masses.

Fr Hugh

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

CLICK HERE FOR LIVESTREAM ON YOUTUBE at the top of the website. The parish YouTube channel will appear then click on the **LIVE NOW** video.

Church is still open for private prayer with slightly amended times
10am - 12 noon Monday to Saturday and **2-4pm** Sundays.

ST BLAISE: Unfortunately this year we will not be able to have a service of the Blessing of the Throats on Wednesday 3rd during Mass for St Blaise. I will say the prayer for the blessing asking the Lord to watch over us all at this difficult time. *Fr Hugh*

Every day of the week Father Hugh will be saying Mass privately and will continue to say Mass for the intentions requested:

Sun 31 st	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Brian Chambers LD	livestreamed from Church at 10am
Mon 1 st February	Monday of Week 4	
Tues 2 nd	The Presentation of the Lord Family & friends health (C.F)	
Wed 3 rd	St Blaise Margaret Curtis LD	
Thurs 4 th	Thursday of Week 4 The success of the vaccination programme	
Fri 5 th	St Agatha	
Sat 6 th	SS Paul Miki & Companions	
Sun 7 th	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Catterina Gradwell LD	livestreamed from Church at 10am

For those joining us online here is the prayer we say at Communion:

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SICK: Holly Howe, Will Flitcroft, Philip Barry, Pat Newton, Trish Hoad, Margaret West, 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 Chambers, Joe Walsh, Geoffrey Ledger, Norman Walber, Jim Graham, William Tannahill, Bernard Keeley, Kath Armstrong, Thomas Wilkinson, Florence Wallder, Harold Hodgson, Cyril Ellicott, Paula Potter, Irene Milburn, Roger Tollerson, Baby Rosie Duckett, Mary Kathleen Sheffield, Cathy Morrissey, Maria Carlesso Pilla, George Natrass, Margaret Farrell, Stephen Edgar, Antonio Tognarelli, Rose Crowe, Josephina Capani, Sarah Bell, Mary Ewart.

ZOOM MEETING ON CLIMATE CHANGE with Tim Farron: 26th March, 7 - 9pm. Would anyone like to be involved in this? It is about Climate Change and the challenges we face especially as we come closer to the Climate Change Conference in November. Could you let me know by Tuesday 5th Feb? Short notice I'm afraid. *Fr Hugh*

Sunday 31st January is Racial Justice Sunday which this year is more important than ever. The effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, the killing of George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti* speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. Here is a prayer from the Bishop's office:

Lord Jesus Christ,
in your ministry
you were approached by people
of many different nations and cultures.
You listened to their cry for help,
treated them with love and compassion,
and brought them healing and wholeness.
In our own time may we provide
to all those who are suffer
the help that they need
and the care that they require.
May we respond to the invitation of the Holy Spirit
to dream of a world made new
where the poor are not forgotten
but are given the opportunity
to live and flourish
with good health and equal prospects.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Prayers to St. Joseph: At the end of his recent letter about St. Joseph, Patris Corde, the Pope says this:
"Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds I have recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a 19th century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary. It expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph:
'Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.'

RIGHT TO LIFE PRAYER WEEK: "For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends, and local communities. Lord hear us"

There is a new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) which is about protection of unborn children. Right to Life have set up a site where you can sign up to ask your MP to support this motion. More details can be found on www.righttolife.org.uk