

CLIMATE CHANGE: Scale of Loss of Nature:

Gains from societal and policy responses, while important, have not stopped massive losses.

Since 1970, trends in agricultural production, fish harvest, bioenergy production and harvest of materials have increased, in response to population growth, rising demand and technological development, this has come at a steep price, which has been unequally distributed within and across countries. Many other key indicators of nature's contributions to people however, such as soil organic carbon and pollinator diversity, have declined, indicating that gains in material contributions are often not sustainable.

The pace of agricultural expansion into intact ecosystems has varied from country to country. Losses of intact ecosystems have occurred primarily in the tropics, home to the highest levels of biodiversity on the planet. For example, 100 million hectares of tropical forest were lost from 1980 to 2000, resulting mainly from cattle ranching in Latin America (about 42 million hectares) and plantations in South-East Asia (about 7.5 million hectares, of which 80% is for palm oil, used mostly in food, cosmetics, cleaning products and fuel) among others.

Since 1970 the global human population has more than doubled (from 3.7 to 7.6 billion), rising unevenly across countries and regions; and per capita gross domestic product is four times higher – with ever-more distant consumers shifting the environmental burden of consumption and production across regions.

The average abundance of native species in most major land-based habitats has fallen by at least 20%, mostly since 1900.

The numbers of invasive alien species per country have risen by about 70% since 1970, across the 21 countries with detailed records.

The distributions of almost half (47%) of land-based flightless mammals, for example, and almost a quarter of threatened birds, may already have been negatively affected by climate change.

(Taken from the IBPES website Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecological Services.)

THE POPE IN IRAQ: The Pope speaks in Iraq at the sight of three destroyed churches in Mosul. Before his prayer, the Pope shared three thoughts:

If God is the God of life – for so he is – then it is wrong for us to kill our brothers and sisters in his Name.

If God is the God of peace – for so he is – then it is wrong for us to wage war in his Name.

If God is the God of love – for so he is – then it is wrong for us to hate our brothers and sisters.

Then, the Holy Father invited those present, near or far, to “join in praying for all the victims of war”, and for ourselves, he added. “May all of us – whatever our religious tradition – live in harmony and peace, conscious that in the eyes of God, we are all brothers and sisters”, he said.



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – 14TH MARCH 2021

TODAY'S READINGS: *He died in pain on Calvary...*

Perhaps one of the most frequently quoted verse from the Gospels is: *God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not be lost, but may have everlasting life* (Jn 3:16). As our Lenten journey nears its goal it is becoming clearer to us - particularly from the readings and prayers at Mass - that we are getting ready to celebrate the gift of everlasting life won for us through the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. He came that we *may not be lost...but may have life*. Our journey takes us from darkness to light. When we sin we put ourselves in the darkness – our sinfulness is a choice for darkness over light. Our way back into the light is the need for God's forgiveness; seeking and finding it, is new life and light. In receiving forgiveness we leave the darkness behind and walk into light. Injustice always flourishes in darkness; life, in the light. Our self-denial during Lent and the promised light of Easter come together and encourage us to embrace life, not in fear, but with confident trust in a loving and merciful God. Our Easter-bound road leads to the ultimate triumph of grace over sin, of light over darkness - of having life over being lost.

...To save the lost like you and me!



MOTHER'S DAY: Today we celebrate Mothers everywhere and during this time of Coronavirus we celebrate especially all that Mothers have done for our families bearing in mind the extra tasks and pressures that the lockdown has brought. We give them thanks for their love and their care.

Today is also Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in the season of Lent. Traditionally, this Sunday has been a day of celebration, within the austere period of Lent. This Sunday gets its name from the first few words of the traditional Latin entrance for the Mass of the day. "Laetare Jerusalem" ("Rejoice, O Jerusalem") is Latin from [Isaiah 66:10](#).

Please see inside for details of Easter Services and important information on booking for the 3pm Good Friday service and the 10am Easter Sunday mass. Thank you.

MASSES WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 14th MARCH 2021

Office Proper 4th Sunday in Lent, Sundays Yr B.

Sun 13 th 14 th	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (Laetare Sunday) 6.00 pm Vigil: Joan Baines RIP 10.00 am: People of the parish streamed from Church 12.00 noon: (at Sedbergh) 6.00 pm:
Mon 15 th	Monday of 4th week in Lent NO MASS
Tues 16 th	Tuesday of 4th week in Lent 12.00 noon: Pat Delaney RIP
Wed 17 th	St Patrick 12.00 noon: Margaret Reddy RIP
Thurs 18 th	Thursday of 4th week in Lent 12.00 noon:
Fri 19 th	St Joseph 12.00 noon:
Sat 20 th	Saturday of 4th week in Lent
Sun 20 th 21 st	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 6.00 pm Vigil: People of the parish 10.00 am: Loretta Cameron LD streamed from Church 12.00 noon: (at Sedbergh) 6.00 pm:

The funeral service for Peter McMahon will be Tuesday 23rd March which will be for invited guests only but please keep them in your prayers.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

LATELY DEAD: Peter McMahon, Loretta Cameron.

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, Bill Anderson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Maria Shepherd, Sylvia Robinson, Alcide Michelini, Mary Anderson, Jeffery George, Dorothy Potter, Geoffrey Bryer, Salvatore Citino, Terence Regan, Thomas McGeever, Mary Stewart, Rita Breeze, Mabel Swarbrick, Mary Farrell, Bernard Lomax, Christine Wilson, Mary Toal.

EASTER SERVICES: Maundy Thursday, 1st April, 7.00pm, Good Friday (2nd) 3.00pm, the Vigil Saturday evening (3rd) 8.30pm, and then Easter Sunday at 10.00am.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION... In order for us to control numbers we are asking if you can please ring or email the parish office (details below) to be put on the list if you would like to attend **the Good Friday 3pm Service and / or Easter Sunday Mass at 10am.** We will confirm to you that we have received your request so if you do not get a reply please ask again! (We are not taking bookings for Maundy Thursday and Saturday Vigil). Please let others know. Thank you. *Fr. Hugh*



FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: We are hoping to go ahead with First Holy Communion this year so if you have a child in Year 3 or if they missed out last year and would like to join the programme please let me know. Thank you. Fr Hugh.

CHURCH OPEN FOR PUBLIC MASS:

Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sundays 10am & 6pm Kendal, 12 noon Sedbergh
Weekdays Tuesday to Friday at 12.00 noon
As you will expect the usual Covid rules will apply.
The 10am will still be livestreamed which you can watch via the parish website.
Church is still open for private prayer:
10am - 12 noon Monday to Saturday and 2 – 4pm Sundays.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS: To view this devotion, please visit the parish website and click on 'Stations of the Cross' in the menu bar. There are photos of all 14 stations in the church each with a voice recording by Fr Hugh.

ANOINTING: We are still required to follow the lockdown rules but please remember that I can still anoint anybody who may want if they are coming to the end of their life.

From the Universe Media Group: If you would like newspapers delivered direct weekly, go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com / 0161 820 5722. 3 mths £25, 12 mths £99.

COR ET LUMEN ENCOUNTER: Friday 19th – Saturday 20th March.
email: stcuthberts@coretlumenchristi.org or tel. 016973 45623 for booking details.

PARISH MAGAZINE: The Lent Magazine is available to view on the website - thank you for your contributions. There are a few copies at the presbytery back door.

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