

COP 26 = Climate Change Conference

A pivotal moment in the fight against climate change.

In November, the UK, together with our partners Italy, will host an event many believe to be the world's best last chance to get runaway climate change under control.

COP26 is the 2021 United Nations climate change conference. For nearly three decades the UN has been bringing together almost every country on earth for global climate summits – called COPs – which stands for 'Conference of the Parties'. In that time climate change has gone from being a fringe issue to a global priority. This year will be the 26th annual summit – giving it the name COP26. With the UK as President, COP26 takes place in Glasgow.

In the run up to COP26 the UK is working with every nation to reach agreement on how to tackle climate change. More than 190 world leaders will arrive in Scotland. Joining them will be tens of thousands of negotiators, government representatives, businesses and citizens for twelve days of talks.

Not only is it a huge task but it is also not just yet another international summit. Most experts believe COP26 has a unique urgency. To understand why, it's necessary to look back to another COP.

The importance of the Paris Agreement - COP21 took place in Paris in 2015.

For the first time ever, something momentous happened: every country agreed to work together to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees and aim for 1.5 degrees, to adapt to the impacts of a changing climate and to make money available to deliver on these aims.

The Paris Agreement was born. The commitment to aim for 1.5 degrees is important because every fraction of a degree of warming will result in the loss of many more lives lost and livelihoods damaged.

Under the Paris Agreement, countries committed to bring forward national plans setting out how much they would reduce their emissions – known as Nationally Determined Contributions, or 'NDCs'. They agreed that every five years they would come back with an updated plan that would reflect their highest possible ambition at that time.

Glasgow is the moment for countries to update their plans. The run up to this year's summit in Glasgow is the moment (delayed by a year due to the pandemic) when countries update their plans for reducing emissions.

But that's not all. The commitments laid out in Paris did not come close to limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees, and the window for achieving this is closing. The decade out to 2030 will be crucial.

So as momentous as Paris was, countries must go much further than they did even at that historic summit in order to keep the hope of holding temperature rises to 1.5 alive. COP26 needs to be decisive.

HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH Serving Kendal and Sedbergh

CORPUS CHRISTI – 6TH JUNE 2021



TODAY'S READINGS:

The Body of Christ. Amen.

Here are two quotations that may help us to appreciate and enjoy today's feast. The first is from St Augustine (died 28th Aug 430) he said as we approach to receive Holy Communion, ***Behold what you are, become what you receive.*** When we come forward to receive Holy Communion for a brief moment we hold our Lord and Saviour in our hands and then receive Him into our bodies; we become the Body of Christ. The modern version of what he said is: "You are what you eat!" We are nourished at the altar to go into the world to be as Christ – to be a source of love, healing and peace. The second quotation comes from St Teresa of Calcutta (died 5th Sept 1997) and she, in her great humility, helps us translate this wonderful mystery into daily living: ***In each of our lives Jesus comes as the Bread of Life - to be eaten, to be consumed by us. This is how He loves us. Then Jesus comes in our human life as the hungry one, the other, hoping to be fed with the Bread of our life, by our hearts in loving, and our hands in serving. In loving and serving, we prove that we have been created in the likeness of God, for God is Love and when we love we are like God.***

The Blood of Christ. Amen.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2021

The first session will be in the parish centre on Wednesday 9th June at 6pm. The First Holy Communion Mass will be on Saturday 10th July and we have 19 children taking part. Please keep them all in your prayers.

BAPTISMS: We are now able to carry out baptisms where a maximum of 30 people can attend. At the moment, social distancing and masks still apply in the church. Please contact the parish office or speak to Fr Hugh if you wanting to organise a baptism. Thank you.

MASSES WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 6TH JUNE 2021

Office Proper, Sundays Yr B.



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 2021:
The Beauty of Marriage: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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| Sun 5 th 6 th | CORPUS CHRISTI 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 7 th | Monday of week 10 NO MASS but church is open as usual |
| Tues 8 th | Tuesday of week 10 12.00 noon: |
| Wed 9 th | St Columba 12.00 noon: |
| Thurs 10 th | Thursday of week 10 12.00 noon: |
| Fri 11 th | The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 12.00 noon: |
| Sat 12 th | The Immaculate Heart of Mary |
| Sun 12 th 13 th | Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 6.00 pm Vigil: Arthur Robinson RIP 10.00 am: People of the parish streamed from Church 12.00 noon: (at Sedbergh) 6.00 pm: William Clough RIP |

Church is still open for private prayer:

10am - 12 noon Monday to Saturday and 2 – 4pm Sundays.

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, Patrick Dolan, Mike Nicholson, Heidi Walmsley.

ANNIVERSARIES: Sarah Williams, Annie Yates, Lydia Blackledge, Pat & Michael Sagar, Honora Webb, Carlo Radice, Kath Boardley, Veronica Walsh, Hilda Whitehead, Peter Connolly, Doreen Megson, Bishop John Brewer, Richard Dixon, Ilda Noble, Pauline Lethbridge, Rev. Dr Peter Campbell, Marion Davis, Deacon Keith Armstrong, Margaret Harrison.

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SERVERS: We are allowed to have servers carrying the cross, candles and the thurible now. Jill will be in touch with our servers to see if they would like to carry on in any of these roles. Hopefully at a later date the servers will be able to serve as usual.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: At the moment we have not been given full permission to visit other people's homes with holy communion, although I think the time is nearly there. If you are a Eucharistic Minister please think about whether you would like to continue in this role and we will meet up at a later date to organise the ministry. If you think you would like to drop out it might be helpful to let Fr Hugh know. Thank you.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED: We have a Polish family looking for accommodation to rent. If anyone can help or knows of anyone that can help please let me know. Thank you. *Fr Hugh*

PARISH GROUPS INFORMATION: It seems a good time to think about the various groups that gather in the parish, some of which would benefit from a new influx of members, such as the Justice & Peace group, Live Simply / CAFOD group, the SVP. We would also like to encourage more people to be readers and we could do with more voices in the choir when we can start singing again. It would also be great if we could have more servers from those who make their First Holy Communion.

There are also opportunities to join in prayer with the House Groups, Oratory and the Wednesday Prayer Group which hopefully will be able to start up in the near future.

And so if you are interested in either helping in one of the groups or would like to expand your experience of prayer these are some of the options open.

Fr Hugh

Our Lady's Monthly Message to Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti on May 25th 2021:
“Dear children! Today I am looking at you and calling: return to God because He is love and out of love has sent me to you to lead you on the way of conversion. Leave sin and evil, decide for holiness and joy will begin to reign; and you will be my extended hands in this lost world. I desire that you be prayer and hope to those who have not come to know the God of love. Thank you for having responded to my call.”