

ROTAS:

COFFEE: Prayer Group (Sunday 19th December)
COUNTERS: Faith Billington & Decorah Carey (w/c 19th December)

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY over the school holidays: Resume Sunday 9th January
NO PRAYER MEETING: Resume Wednesday 5th January (to be confirmed)
COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS: Sundays after 10am Mass.
CENACOLO PRAYERS: Thursdays from 6pm in church.
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET is recited at 3pm each Friday, in church.
PIETY SHOP open Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings.



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2021:

Catechists: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



NOVEMBER'S OFFERTORY DONATIONS: Many thanks for your offertory donations which came to a total of **£5064.55**. Thanks also for your second collections and other donations which we are processing in the usual way. If you wish to Gift Aid your donations or pay by standing order please call in at the presbytery for the forms. Thank you.

LIVE SIMPLY RECIPE BOOK: As one small part of the Live Simply programme we would like to continue putting together our recipe book with vegetarian and vegan recipes as well as recipes that use up leftovers. Anyone who has some good ideas can email in to the parish office or hand them in at mass. Many thanks.



DOUBLE THE LOVE THIS CHRISTMAS: From 1st November to 31st January every gift given to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of supporters, up to £1.6m. This means a gift of £15.90 will feed, not one, but **two** children, a life-changing daily meal for a **whole** school year! Your kindness helps more than two million children in 19 countries including those affected by natural disasters, conflict and the ongoing Covid pandemic. For more information, please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk.

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HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Serving Kendal and Sedbergh
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
12TH DECEMBER 2021

TODAY'S READINGS:

Rejoice in the Lord always...

Rejoice! That is what the Church tells us to do on this, *Gaudete* Sunday. St John called, and continues to call, all people to make radical changes in their lives. It is too easy to let the sentimentality of Christmas get in the way both of our hearing his radical call to change, and in making real spiritual preparation for Christ's coming among us. Christmas is not a sentimental feast. It is about a radical change in the world and a radical change in us. The Lord is in our midst. He is among us. He is within us. The Kingdom of God is at hand and we have been chosen to be members of that Kingdom. Therefore we can rejoice! In order to enjoy that Kingdom's gifts and to be free to rejoice we must find the Messiah. Is this difficult? Not really! Jesus is not hiding from us. He never hides from us. It is we who often hide from Him. What shall we do? Repent and accept His radical love, and so embrace new life with Christ. Let us love others with the love of Christ and so be truly happy and free to rejoice!

...and again I say rejoice!



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: This year in place of flower arrangements we will be having greenery displays and taking donations for CAFOD. If you would like to donate in memory of a loved one we will be displaying a list of names on the altars at the back of church as we normally do

remembering those, especially at Christmas. Please take an envelope and return in the collection plate or the presbytery by **WEDNESDAY 22ND DECEMBER**.

**Our Penitential Service will be on
Wednesday 15th December at 7pm
&
The Parish Christmas Carol Service will be at 3pm
on Sunday 19th December.**

MASSES WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2021

Sun 11 th 12 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6.00 pm Vigil: Tony Wade RIP 10.00 am: Deceased family of J.C RIP 12.00 noon: People of the parish 6.00 pm: Mary W Billington RIP	at Sedbergh
Mon 13 th	St Lucy NO MASS	
Tues 14 th	St John of the Cross 9.00 am: David Murray RIP 12.30 pm: Funeral Service for Harold Corr	note earlier time
Wed 15 th	Wednesday of Advent week 3 12.00 noon: Margot McGhee (sick) 7.00 pm: Penitential Service	
Thurs 16 th	Thursday of Advent week 3 12.00 noon: Hugh Wadsworth RIP	
Fri 17 th	Friday of Advent week 3 9.15 am: Peter (sick)	note earlier time
Sat 18 th	Saturday of Advent week 3	
Sun 18 th 19 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6.00 pm Vigil: Joan Baines RIP 10.00 am: Nan, Willie & family 12.00 noon: People of the parish 6.00 pm: Argo Ashton RIP	at Sedbergh

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS: In confessional 5.10 – 5.40pm

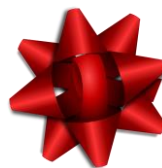
We will continue to Livestream the Sunday 10am Mass which you can watch by visiting the parish website www.kendalcatholicchurch.uk

Church is open every day from 7.30am – 6.00pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SICK: Holly Howe, Will Flitcroft, Philip Barry, Pat Newton, Trish Hoad, Varlien Vyner-Brooks, Archie Scott, Jamie Banks Wallhead, Mary Brady, Bob Dickie, Ian Muir, Sylvia Duckworth, Winnie Edgar, Adrian Jennings, Christine Stoker, Barbara Banks, Eileen Halstead, Thomas Smith, Jane Johnson, Patrick Dolan, Mike Nicholson, Heidi Walmsley, Ken Jamieson, Edward Sykes, Judith Keep.

ANNIVERSARIES: Thomas Lambert, Daisy Marshall-Nichols, Andrew Wall, Jean O'Shea, David Murray, Geoff Carradus, Teresa Bland, Sarah Jane Saunders, Arthur O'Flaherty, Denis Rainford, Doris Peruzza, Maria Benson, Isabella Gill, Arthur Titterington, Kieran & Jordan Dobson, Annie Smith, Stephen Keeley, Adriana Postlethwaite.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE THANKS to Ann Whelan and her team for organising a fabulous raffle which raised over £1100. Thank you to all for supporting it, buying tickets, for your monetary donations and prizes donated to make the raffle really worthwhile.

Congratulations to all those who won a prize!



EXPLORING LUKE'S GOSPEL: Fr Hugh's talks will continue with **Luke 3** just on the Saturday, 18th at 10.30am (No Tuesday meeting). All welcome - **please come along to the presbytery.**

There are still a few **ADVENT EXTRA BOOKLETS** at the back of church if you'd like to take one for yourself or for anyone who you think would like one.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2021 – HOW TO BOOK A PLACE! Christmas Masses at Kendal will be as follows: 6pm Vigil Christmas Eve, Midnight Mass, Christmas Day 10am. There will be **NO** 11.30am. We can have approximately 80 - 90 people in the church at each Mass and so if you wish to come to a service I'd like to ask you to sign-up by phone or by email. For Sedbergh there will be an 8pm Vigil Mass Christmas Eve but that will be for those in Sedbergh & people staying in the area.

HONOURING SUNDAY: The Bishops are now formally encouraging us to return to church on Sundays if we are able to do so. Copies of their statement are at the back of church or visit the Catholic Bishops' website: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/>

PIETY SHOP CHRISTMAS CARDS: Available to purchase from the presbytery from 10am - 1.30pm Tuesdays to Fridays, from Michelle or Kathryn.

CTIKD BLUE SERVICE: A quiet reflective service for those who find rejoicing difficult this year. Kendal Parish Church, December 21st at 10am.

CELTIC EVENING PRAYER FOR ADVENT: Services with prayer and reflective music. All welcome. St George's Church, Wednesdays 15th & 22nd December at 7pm.

CONTEMPLATIVE CHRISTIANITY EVENT: 13th December, 6.45pm at Stricklandgate Methodist Church. Limited places so to book please email annepater49@gmail.com, tel: 07816 766176. Google '*contemplative christianity event kendal*' for details.

ALTAR SERVERS' RETREAT: 14th – 15th January at Castlerigg Manor. Open to Year 5+ (maximum age 16), £35 includes accommodation. Visit the Castlerigg website for more details or speak to Fr Hugh.