

**ROTAS:**

**COUNTERS:** Keith & Jan Graham (w/c 26<sup>th</sup> December)

**NO COFFEE** on Boxing Day

**NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY over the school holidays:** Resume Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**NO PRAYER MEETING:** Resume Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SATURDAY CONFESSIONS:** In confessional 5.10 – 5.40pm  
(No confessions Christmas day)  
Church is open every day from 7.30am – 6.00pm

**CHRISTMAS MASSES 2021** – The 6pm Christmas Eve is now fully booked. There are just a few spaces left for 10am Christmas morning and plenty for Midnight Mass.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk).

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**HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Serving Kendal and Sedbergh

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**19TH DECEMBER 2021**

**TODAY'S READINGS:**

*John the Baptist, leapt for joy...*

St Elizabeth's family was part of the Temple tradition. The Jews knew God could not be limited to one place, but needed somewhere to honour Him, that place was the Temple. There, was the dwelling-place of the presence of the One *whom the universe could not contain*. St Elizabeth became like the Temple; containing the one who would point out the Lord to the world. Within her John - the last of the prophets - became the first Christian prophet pointing to the one he would call *The Lamb of God*. He brought to a conclusion the Temple Tradition; the tradition of reminding the people that God is among them. For now, everyone, not just the high priests like Zechariah, could experience the presence of God. The Temple is no longer needed to point to the Lord as He is among us. Our homes, our families, our parish, our lives have been transformed into the new Temples of the Lord. We must keep them sacred and holy, for they are the new dwelling places of the Lord. The Lord is not just among us, He is within us just as He was within Mary on that beautiful day when St Elizabeth met her cousin.

*...at the presence of Jesus within Mary.*

**'Happy Christmas' from Fr. Hugh.**

*A very Happy Christmas to all of you! This has been a difficult year in so many different ways and I would just like to thank you all for your help, and though it is not right for us to organise a party for helpers in the New Year as yet, your help is not forgotten. Hopefully at some point in the coming year we will be able to have our usual Helpers' Party.*

*God bless. Fr Hugh*



**The Parish Christmas Carol Service will be at 3pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December.**

## MASSES WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021

Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 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
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Monday of Advent week 4</b> NO MASS	
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Tuesday of Advent week 4</b> 12.00 noon: Malcolm Nightingale LD	
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Wednesday of Advent week 4</b> 12.00 noon: Joan Winfendale LD	
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Thursday of Advent week 4</b> 12.00 noon: Andrew Noblett RIP	
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Christmas Eve</b> 6.00 pm: Frank McAvoy RIP <i>The church will then be locked and will re-open at 11pm.</i> 8.00 pm: At Sedbergh 11.30 pm: Carols Midnight Mass: John Cunliffe	
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> 10.00 am: Franco Petruso, Kathleen Winter, Rosa Salamone and Domenico Petruso NO EVENING MASS	
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY</b> 10.00 am: Pat Delaney & Norah Tobin RIP 12.00 noon: People of the parish 6.00 pm: Viktoria Beaty LD	at Sedbergh



**CHRISTMAS GREENERY:** If you would like to donate to CAFOD in memory of a loved one we will be displaying a list of names on the altars at the back of church. Please return your envelope by **WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER.**



**CRIB OFFERINGS:** Christmas time brings to mind the needs of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Many parishes across the country already adopt Friends of the Holy Land as the beneficiary of their crib collections. FHL help the most deprived Christian families, especially those living around Bethlehem, in Gaza, Israel and Jordan. With no pilgrims and tourism since

March 2020 and no government support to individuals or businesses, many families, especially in and around Bethlehem have lost all their income and are increasingly calling on FHL for help with day to day living. FHL remains the only registered UK Charity with its own office, staff and volunteers in the City of Christ's birth. This will be our charity for the Crib collection. Further information on FHL is available on their website [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

**LORD'S PILGRIMAGE SUMMER 2022:** The Bishop has been reflecting on this and he is hoping that this can still go ahead although we do not know what the medical situation will be closer to the time. However, if you are interested in this please let Fr Hugh know nearer the time.

**ST BERNADETTE VISITATION OF RELICS:** The Bishop's Conference has arranged for relics of St Bernadette to be brought to England in 2022. It is hopeful as our Lady of Lourdes is a patroness of the diocese that one of the Cathedrals chosen for the visitation will be Lancaster. Further details will come later.

**PADDED ENVELOPES** in the working sacristy if anyone can recycle / make use of them please take!

**KENDAL OPEN DOOR** is a Community Sponsorship Group set up in Kendal looking to resettle a refugee family in the town. The Group is open to anyone who wants to join it. For more information contact Sheelagh O'Brien on [obriensheelagh@gmail.com](mailto:obriensheelagh@gmail.com) or visit <https://resetuk.org/about/what-is-community-sponsorship>

**WINDERMERE TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE** is a local group providing reconditioned tools for community projects overseas enabling families to support themselves. Donations of used chisels, planes, saws, spanners, power tools, drills etc are wanted – contact 01539 721196 or 015394 45456 to donate. Thank you for your support.



**We will be livestreaming the 10am Christmas Day Mass and the usual Sunday 10am Mass.**

Visit the parish website [www.kendalcatholicchurch.uk](http://www.kendalcatholicchurch.uk)

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**SICK:** Holly Howe, Will Flitcroft, Philip Barry, Pat Newton, Trish Hoad, Varlien Vyner-Brooks, Archie Scott, Jamie Banks Wallhead, 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:** Bridget Carlisle, Monica Wise, Margaret Moser, Vinceza Peruzza, Terrence Chambers, Michael Gallagher, Elizabeth McEntegart, Catherine Judd, Gary Fitzsimons, Patricia Butcher, Trevor Alderson, Christopher MacLaughlan, James Cullen, Anne Kitching, George Morris, Bridie Kitching, Desmond Scanlan, Ian Holloway, Gina Waddington, Ged Hillon, Maureen Robinson, Raymond Crawford, Ann Haslett, Frank McAvoy.