

ROTAS:

COFFEE: Big Friends (Sunday 12th December)
COUNTERS: Clare McEntegart & Hilary Walters (w/c 12th December)
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Deborah Carey & Ann Haggin (Sun 12th December)

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS: Sundays after 10am Mass.
PRAYER MEETINGS: Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the parish centre.
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.

Our Lady's Monthly Message to Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti November 25th: "Dear children! I am with you in this time of mercy and I am calling all of you to be carriers of peace and love in this world where, through me, little children, God is calling you to be prayer and love, and an expression of Heaven here on earth. May your hearts be filled with joy and faith in God; that, little children, you may have complete trust in His holy will. That is why I am with you, because He, the Most High, is sending me among you to encourage you to the hope; and you will be peacemakers in this peaceless world. Thank you for having responded to my call."



OFFERTORY DONATIONS: Many thanks for your offertory donations which came to a total of **£4985.91** for October. 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.



HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH
Serving Kendal and Sedburgh
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
5TH DECEMBER 2021

TODAY'S READINGS:

St John invites us...

St John cries out to all who live in darkness, awaiting the Messiah: *Prepare the way of the Lord*. Today he calls to us, because we too experience the desperation and darkness of a world that rejects God, but we know the joy and light that can be found in Jesus. St John tells us to prepare; prepare ourselves, prepare our children, and prepare our world, to welcome the Saviour! We do so by rooting out the darkness from our lives. We can begin by going to confession during Advent and prepare ourselves to welcome in Christ's necessary and healing light. We want a clean house for an expected guest! We prepare the world for its Saviour by emphasising the reason for the Christmas celebration. Don't just say "Happy Christmas" without inviting family and friends to join you at Mass on Christmas Day. And when you come to Church and see faces you do not normally see at Mass, welcome them warmly. Let them know that we want them to be here. There are many people who come back to a regular practice of the faith after being welcomed at Christmas time. This is because someone – you! – has prepared the way for them to welcome anew the Christ into their lives.

...to prepare the Way of the Lord!



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 5TH DECEMBER 2021

Sun	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4 th	6.00 pm Vigil: Deceased members of the McCabe family
5 th	10.00 am: Pam Smith RIP
	12.00 noon: People of the parish at Sedbergh
	6.00 pm: John Paul O'Donnell LD
Mon 6 th	Monday of Advent week 2 NO MASS
Tues 7 th	St Ambrose 11.30 am: Ken Ward LD note earlier time
Wed 8 th	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12.00 noon: Ernie Noble RIP
Thurs 9 th	Thursday of Advent week 2 12.00 noon: Requiem Mass for Malcolm Nightingale
Fri 10 th	Friday of Advent week 2 12.00 noon: Michele De Palma LD
Sat 11 th	Saturday of Advent week 2
Sun	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
11 th	6.00 pm Vigil: Tony Wade RIP
12 th	10.00 am: Deceased family of J.C RIP
	12.00 noon: People of the parish at Sedbergh
	6.00 pm: Mary W Billington RIP

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:

LATELY DEAD: Malcolm Nightingale, Michele De Palma, Harold Corr.

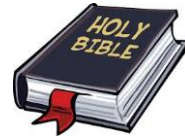
SICK: Holly Howe, Will Flitcroft, Philip Barry, Pat Newton, Trish Hoad, Varlien Vyner-Brooks, Archie Scott, Jamie Banks Wallhead, Mary Brady, Bob Dickie, Ian Muir, Sylvia Duckworth, Winnie Edgar, Adrian Jennings, Christine Stoker, Barbara Banks, Eileen Halstead, Thomas Smith, Jane Johnson, Patrick Dolan,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

ANNIVERSARIES: Gerard Simms, Francesca Manna, Tony Wade, George McAvoyn, Jerzy Pajaczkowski-Dydyński, Elizabeth Slee, Alice Dalton, Beatrice Lewandowski, Mary Ashmore, Anne Graham, Kevin Wilkinson, David Gardner, Mary Bland, Isaac Stewart, Wilfrid Maher, Jack Bowman, Patricia Holmes, John Gallagher, Raymond Cate.

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EXPLORING LUKE'S GOSPEL: Fr Hugh's talks will continue with **Luke 2** on Tuesday 7th at an earlier time of 7pm. This will be repeated on Saturday 11th at 10.30am. All welcome - **please come along to the presbytery.**

Luke 3: Tuesday 14th at 7pm repeated Saturday 18th at 10.30am.

TIM FARRON MEETING: MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 10AM, PARISH CENTRE: Before the Climate Change Conference we hoped to meet with Tim Farron, as a parish, about environmental matters. However, we have had to postpone this and we now have a new date of 6th December. It would be lovely to have a reasonable number there and if you can come please let me know.

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 Celtic prayer and reflective music. All welcome to come along to St George's Church, Castle Street. Wednesdays, December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd at 7pm.

LIVE NATIVITY at Lakeland Maze Farm Park, 11th & 12th December. This free event will be a walk-through the Nativity story (about 1 hour), mostly undercover. Donations welcome for Kings Food Bank & Manna House. To book visit <https://thelivenativity.eventbrite.co.uk/> or visit www.kingschurchkendal.net.

KENDAL PARISH CHURCH SILENT PRAYER: All welcome to join in silent prayer. Drop in anytime between 7.30 & 8.30pm, Tuesday 7th December, Bellingham Chapel.

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.