

ROTAS:

CLEANERS: Etain Gibson, Pilar Valera, Barbara Shaw (w/c 15th)
COFFEE: Ministers (Sun 21st Dec)
COUNTERS: Richard Hannant & Cliff Goldby (w/c 21st Dec)

DIARY EVENTS:

SUN 14 th	10.00 am:	Children's Liturgy Prayer Ministry
	4.00 pm:	Carol Service & Refreshments
WED 17 th	1.15 pm:	NO Prayer Meeting (back on 7 th January)
THUR 18 th	6.00 pm:	Cenacolo Prayers in Oratory
FRI 19 th	3.00 pm:	Divine Mercy Chaplet recited in church
SUN 21 st	10.00 am:	NO Children's Liturgy (back on 11 th January) Prayer Ministry
	4.00 pm:	Advent Devotions



Thank you for your generous offertory donations for October: £4773.19, World Missions: £329.90, Sick & Retired Priests: £388.30; and for November: £5220.43, Youth Services: £632.12, Poor Missions: £305.60.



HCPT LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: 15th – 22nd August 2026: Flying from Leeds Bradford airport, staying at Hosanna House with a beautiful chapel and fabulous views to the Pyrenees. Be part of a special week in Lourdes and have a truly life-changing experience. For more details contact Christine Jamieson (07790 503148) or Richard McDowell (northwest@hcpt.org.uk / 07721 925595).

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

At Sunday 10am Mass there is a Children's Liturgy (term-time) to which visitors are very welcome. Refreshments are available in the Parish Centre after the 10am Mass.

If you wish to Gift-Aid your offertory donation please take one of the GREEN ENVELOPES from the back of church to complete. Thank you.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 14th DECEMBER 2025 GAUDETE SUNDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Rejoice in the Lord always! ...

When Mary visited Elizabeth, John the Baptist leapt for joy in his mother's womb. Even before his birth, the Forerunner recognised the nearness of the Messiah — the one he would later point to and call the Lamb of God. Yet the same John who leapt for joy was also a demanding prophet. Living on the margins, clothed in animal skins and feeding on the bare essentials, he called people to a radical change of life. He insisted that hearts be turned and the way prepared for the Lord. This is often the part we struggle with. Especially at this time of year, it is easy to let the sentimentality of Christmas dull John's prophetic voice. We want the joy without the challenge, the celebration without the conversion. And yet, Advent reminds us that repentance is not the enemy of joy, but its doorway. True rejoicing comes when we make room for the Lord. This season invites us to step out of the noise, to give time each day to listen to God's word and speak to Him in prayer. In that quiet space, like John, we too begin to leap for joy — not from sentiment, but from grace — and rejoice in all the Lord has done and continues to do for us.

...and again I say rejoice!

HUGE THANKS to those who organised the Christmas Raffle and Coffee Morning. It was a great success with marvellous raffle prizes — congratulations to the winners and many thanks also for your generous prize donations. **£1120.00** was raised. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Christmas Eve (Vigil) - Kendal 6pm, Sedbergh 6.30pm, Milnthorpe 6.30pm.
Christmas Day - Grange 9am, Kirkby Lonsdale 9am, Kendal 10am, Arnsdale 11am. There will be **NO** Midnight Mass (Christmas Eve) at Kendal.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & GREENERY: If you would like to donate towards this year's display in memory of a loved one, please take an envelope and return in the collection plate by **THURSDAY 18th DECEMBER**. We will display a list of names in church, remembering those, especially at Christmas.

MASSES WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 14th DECEMBER 2025

Sun 14 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday) 10.00 am: Mary McGuiness (Christmas blessings) 12.00 noon: People of the parish <u>at Sedbergh</u> 4.00 pm: Carol Service 6.00 pm:
Mon 15 th	Monday of Advent week 3 10.00 am: Marik & young people who took their lives
Tues 16 th	Tuesday of Advent week 3 12.00 noon: Cunningham family RIP
Wed 17 th	Wednesday of Advent week 3 12.00 noon: Grandmother Anna & family RIP
Thurs 18 th	Thursday of Advent week 3 12.00 noon:
Fri 19 th	Friday of Advent week 3 12.00 noon: Adrian Watton RIP
Sat 20 th	Saturday of Advent week 3 9.30 am: Confessions: 10 – 11am and Adoration
Sun 21 st	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10.00 am: John & Elsa Whenray RIP 12.00 noon: People of the parish <u>at Sedbergh</u> 6.00 pm: Sammy Schmidt RIP (wedding anniversary memories)

TO WATCH THE 10AM SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM GOOGLE **KENDAL CATHOLIC CHURCH LIVESTREAM YOU TUBE AND FOLLOW IT FROM THERE**

KIRKBY LONSDALE: Weekend Mass will be the Saturday Vigil at 5.30pm. Confessions available on request.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SICK: Jamie Banks Wallhead, Ian Muir, Christine Stoker, Thomas Smith, Jane Johnson, Mike Nicholson, Heidi Walmsley, Edward Sykes, Sylvia Chambers, Christopher Brown, Sandra Jones, Teresa Harbatch, Olimpia McAvoy, Christine Ellwood, Maria Parrott, Moira Ferguson, Diane Dixon, Elizabeth Cartmell, Maureen Dundon, Ann Beckett, Janet Merrett.

ANNIVERSARIES: 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, Bridget Carlisle, Monica Wise, Margaret Moser, Vinceza Peruzza, Terrence Chambers, Michael Gallagher, Elizabeth McEntegart.

Advent Devotions 2025 – The Rosary of the Doors
Next Sunday – 21st December at 4:00pm
Rosary, Reflection, and Benediction
“Behold, I stand at the door and knock.” (Rev 3:20)

The Door of Joy

With Mary, Simeon, and Anna, waiting blossoms into praise.
Joy becomes the light that shines before the dawn.
“Come, Lord Jesus — make our waiting joyful.”

Congratulations to Eden Ivy Laye-Gould who was baptised at St Andrew's, Sedbergh recently.



YOUTH PRESENCE POP UP MONDAY 22ND & TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER

Youth Presence is holding a Christmas Family Fun Pop Up at Elephant Yard, Kendal. Come along for games, crafts and activities. Children under 18 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Donations welcome towards Youth Presence.

Next weekend there will be a **DOUBLE BULLETIN** covering Sunday 21st & 28th December, so if you would like anything in the bulletin **BEFORE 4th January**, please let the parish office know by **Thursday 18th December latest**. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL for charities at Kendal Parish Church. Come and see the **Youth Presence** decorated tree and up to 30 others! Entry £1.50, children free, refreshments and handmade items on sale, including jam, chutneys, crafts. See poster for opening times.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH GRANGE Christmas Tree Festival open daily until Sunday 28th December, 10am - 4pm.

B&B STAYS AT CASTLERIGG in January and February. Open to individuals, families and other small groups. Visit <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/>

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