

ROTAS:

CLEANERS: Catherine Lomax, Faith & Anne Buchanan (w/c 5th Jan)
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Deborah Carey (Sun 11th Jan)
COFFEE: SVP (Sun 11th Jan)
COUNTERS: Keith & Jan Graham (w/c 11th Jan)

DIARY EVENTS:

SUN 4 th	10.00 am:	NO Children's Liturgy Prayer Ministry and Coffee after 10am Mass
WED 7 th	1.15 pm:	Prayer Meeting resumes
THUR 8 th	6.00 pm:	Cenacolo Prayers in Oratory
	7.00 pm:	Parish Council Meeting
FRI 9 th	3.00 pm:	Divine Mercy Chaplet recited in church
SUN 11 th	10.00 am:	Children's Liturgy resumes Prayer Ministry and Coffee after 10am Mass



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2026 **For prayer with the Word of God**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF Richard & Kathleen Bell, Kelly & Cashell family & friends, Noblett & Lomax families, Mr Leslie Cook, Jack & Marie Brookes, Ciaran Holmes, Mary Ng Leng Choo, Watton family, John Hallac, Graham & Stephenson families, Thomas & Mary Alice Flanagan, Ann McDermott, Michael Diver, Ellen Faughnan, Alan Sadler, John Peters & Carlisle family,

Stanley & Hannah Herbert, Herbert & Dover families, Hubert & Rachel Croasdell, Croasdell & D'Souza families, Roger Bidwell, Stanley Thomas Herbert, Joan Baines, Philip Andrew & Colin Baines, Sue Dollimore, Arthur & May O'Flaherty, Faith's family & friends, Tricia Chapman.

PARISH PRIESTS: Canon Hugh Pollock VG and Fr Simon Marley.

DEACON: Reverend George Bissett

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SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 4th JANUARY 2026

TODAY'S READINGS:

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...

At Christmas, the Church dares to say something extraordinary: that the eternal Word of God chose not simply to speak to us, but to be born among us. Sirach tells of divine Wisdom pitching her tent in the midst of God's people. At Christmas, that image becomes flesh and blood. God doesn't remain distant. He chooses a place, a family, a human beginning. St John lifts our eyes beyond the manger, but he never takes us away from it. The One laid in straw is the Word through whom all things were made. The Child held in Mary's arms is full of grace and truth. In the quiet vulnerability of Bethlehem, God draws close enough to be touched, trusted, and received. That is the heart of Christmas: not God explained, but God given; not glory displayed, but glory shared — a light shining gently in the darkness, inviting every heart to make room.

...To all who received Him, He gave power to become children of God."

Tuesday 6th January is the Epiphany of the Lord and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses will be at 12 noon and 7pm at Kendal. Kirkby Lonsdale will be a **5.30pm** Vigil mass on Monday 5th.

**Happy
New Year!**

Thank you very much for your cards, gifts and good wishes during this Christmas season and for your help and contributions to the parish over the past year. Huge thanks to all who prepared the church and centre for Christmas and to those involved with the preparation and delivery of our liturgy during this holy season. God bless.

Fr Hugh, Fr Simon & Fr Stephen.

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.

MASSES WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 4th JANUARY 2026

Sun 4 th	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY 10.00 am: Thomas Hackett RIP 12.00 noon: People of the parish <u>at Sedbergh</u> 6.00 pm: Ian Muir RIP
Mon 5 th	Monday of Christmas Season 10.00 am: Mr Marion Warzecha RIP
Tues 6 th	The Epiphany of the Lord 12.00 noon: Ken Jamieson RIP 7.00 pm:
Wed 7 th	Wednesday after Epiphany 12.00 noon: Diana Hughes RIP
Thurs 8 th	Thursday after Epiphany 12.00 noon:
Fri 9 th	Friday after Epiphany 12.00 noon: 6.30 pm: Syro-Malabar Mass
Sat 10 th	Saturday after Epiphany 9.30 am:
Sun 11 th	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 10.00 am: John & Elsa Whenray RIP 12.00 noon: People of the parish <u>at Sedbergh</u> 6.00 pm: Confessions 10 – 11am and Adoration

KIRKBY LONSDALE: Mass on Saturday 3rd January at 5.30pm will be offered for Fr Rex Howarth RIP. Mass for The Epiphany of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation, will be a Vigil Mass on Monday 5th January at 5.30pm. Confessions available on request.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

THE SICK: Jamie Banks Wallhead, 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: Henry Mellor, Peter Noble, Thomas Callen, Isabella Callan, Mary Neesham, Margaret Burns, Ann Braithwaite, Kath Devlin, Kathleen Graham, James O'Callaghan, Frank Hanratty, Ken Jamieson, Judith Keep, Thomas Hackett, Betty Kehoe, Gerald Kent, Alice Hudson, Margaret Hutchinson, Gabrielle Stocker, Eira Jackson, Peter Cosgrave, Keith Durrant, Ernest Waddington, Nellie Hanratty, Thomas Mulligan, Betty Exley, Andrew Buchanan, Suzie Wilkinson, John McNamee, Dorothy Aindow, Geoffrey Dawes.

WRAP AROUND CARE PLAY ASSISTANT wanted to supervise and engage with children in the **Dean Gibson School After-School Club**, for ages 3 to 11 years. 19 hours per week. Closing date 9th January 2026. Please see notice board for details or contact the school on 01539 723363.

GARAGE WANTED TO RENT: A parishioner is looking for a garage in Kendal to rent for their car. Please let Fr Hugh know if you can help with this. Thank you.

PEACE SUNDAY is on 18th January. Pope Leo has announced the theme - 'Peace be with you all: Towards an 'unarmed and disarming peace'. Pope Leo has continued the exhortation of Pope Francis that the call to live nonviolent 'disarmed' lives is core to Catholic Social Teaching and the key to peace in a world scarred by violent conflict. Pax Christi aims at working together to promote peace through parishes, schools and social media. Visit paxchristi.org.uk for more information.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026:

These sacraments reveal to us, very powerfully, God's love for each of us, and so they mark a very significant stage in your child's development. If you have a child in Year 3 and you consider him or her ready to be prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion there are registration forms in church.

SOUTH LAKES DEMENTIA COMMUNITY will be continuing their 'Information Hubs' on the second Tuesday of each month from 10am - 12noon, but they have moved to KENDAL TOWN HALL. The first meeting will be Tuesday 13th January. The Hubs are combined with a coffee morning and is a good opportunity to meet people and have a chat.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS PARISH MAGAZINES OUT NOW! Plenty of paper copies in church – please take one and thank you for all your contributions.

ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT: 24th January, 10am – 1pm on Zoom. "GOD IS LOVE" – Jesus taught that God is a loving and merciful Father. Mini retreat morning including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from guest speaker Fr. Chris Thomas, founder of the Irenaeus Community in Liverpool. Register in advance at bit.ly/ADOREJAN2026. More information at www.altonrenewal.com