***ROTAS:***

**CLEANERS:** Margaret Delaney & Eileen Angus (w/c 7th Dec)
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Deborah Carey (6th December)
**COFFEE:** Prayer Group (6th December)
**COUNTERS:** Stephen & Barbara Shaw (w/c 6th December)

**Childrens Liturgy** Sundays at 10am in term-time.
**Prayer Ministry & Coffee** after Sunday 10am Mass.
**Prayer Meetings** Wednesdays at 1.15pm.
**Cenacolo Prayers** in Oratory 6pm Thursdays.
**Divine Mercy Chaplet** recited in church 3pm Fridays.

**RIGHT TO LIFE PRAYER:** *"As we ponder the hope found in the second coming of our saviour, we pray for all those in need of hope. We pray especially for those contemplating having an abortion, that they would be reminded of the hope God brings and His fundamental desire for our good. Lord hear us".*

CAFOD's WORLD GIFTS

A great way to donate and buy a special Christmas gift or Stocking filler! World Gifts are a range of virtual charity gifts that will delight the people you give them to and help transform the lives of families and communities experiencing poverty and injustice. Please take a catalogue – there are plenty in church and google 'CAFOD World Gifts' for lots of information on how they work and how they helped with Health, Water, Education, Farming and Emergencies.

**CASTLERIGG MANOR:** Affordable family retreats - an opportunity for families to enjoy the Lakes and spend time reflecting, praying and doing creative activities. December 11th – 14th and March 12th – 14th. Prices start at £175 ensuite for family of 4. Email director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or visit the website.

**PIETY SHOP CHRISTMAS CARDS** and other items now on sale – please take a look! Also for sale "The Seven Martyrs of Kendal" by W Longmire, £2.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** at St Paul's Church Grange, opening reception on Thursday 3rd December at 7pm, with musical entertainment,and refreshments. **Festival open** from Friday 4th December to Wednesday 30th December, 10am - 4pm.

Please send any articles for the **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PARISH MAGAZINE** to Celeste at yorkistatheart@gmail.com or Raymond at jraymonddaley@gmail.com.

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 29th NOVEMBER 2026**

## *Today's Readings:*

***For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours…***

Advent begins with a wonderful message of hope! In the first reading, Isaiah cries out to God, "O, that you would rend the heavens and come down!" It's the prayer of a people longing for God to come among them, to heal what is broken and bring them back to Himself. And isn't that something we long for in our own troubled world? But Advent reminds us that God has already answered that prayer in the most wonderful way. He has come among us in Jesus Christ, and He continues to be present in our lives today. In the Gospel, Jesus tells us to stay awake and be watchful. Not because we should be frightened, but because we have something wonderful to look forward to! And St Paul reassures us that God is faithful. We can trust His promises, even when life is difficult. So, as we begin another Advent, let's make room for Christ in our hearts. Let's recognise His presence in the ordinary moments of each day and share something of His love with those around us. We wait, we watch, and above all, we hope. For the God who came to us at Bethlehem will surely come again.

***…now and for ever!***



Our **Advent Penitential Service** will be on Thursday 3rd December, 7pm

**ADVENT WITH OUR LADY:** *During Advent, we invite you to join us for three special Sunday afternoon devotions in honour of Our Lady, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Each afternoon will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, a short reflection and Benediction.*

**Next Sunday - 6th December at 4:00pm**
**Our Lady of Guadalupe - Mary, Mother of Hope**
The beautiful story of St Juan Diego and Our Lady's appearance in Mexico reminds us of Mary's motherly tenderness, and the hope and encouragement her Son brings to everyone. **All are very welcome**

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Please give your name to any of the priests and we will begin the course as soon as we can.** ***Fr Hugh***

**CHILDREN'S ROSARY: Sunday 6th December at 9:15am in the parish centre.**



**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS: Please return any ticket stubs with monies to Ann Whelan or a priest URGENTLY!** Thank you for all your donations – more still wanted - bottles (wines, spirits & non-alcoholic), chocs, biscuits, toiletries – *please don't leave anywhere in the parish centre.* Thank you for your support.
**EMPTY HAMPER BASKETS ALSO NEEDED.**

**Christmas Coffee Morning** and Raffle Drawer after 10am Mass on Sunday 6th December.

**Carol Service** Sunday 13th December at 4pm.



**THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2026: For single-parent families.** Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.

**Our Lady's Messages given to Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti on 25th November 2026:** "Dear children! In this time of grace, I am calling you to unite with me in prayer for peace. Do not lose hope, little children, and be love for all those who have lost the meaning of living. Open your hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit to prepare and guide you in the expectation of the birth of Jesus. And may your response, little children, be joy and prayer for all who have not come to know the God of love. Thank you for having responded to my call."

**SEDBERGH NEWS: Sunday Mass at 12 noon on 29th November will be for Fr Darragon and members of the Darragon family.**
Sedbergh's voluntary car scheme is closing unless they can get someone to take it on and some drivers willing to volunteer. Please contact Miles Ripley on 07880 161648 if you can assist.
Western Dale Bus Drivers also wanted – contact Rebecca Atkinson 07541 644524.

**KIRKBY LONSDALE:** Weekend Mass will be the Saturday Vigil at 5.30pm. Confessions available on request. There will be **NO** Thursday mass until Spring.

**Rosary** prayed every Tuesday at 4.30pm.

**GUIDED HOLY HOUR for World Peace** - every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10am with tea and cakes at 11am. All welcome.

## MASSES WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2026

**Sun 29th** — **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
10.00 am: People of the parish
12.00 noon: Fr Darragon RIP & the Darragon family at Sedbergh
6.00 pm: Tony Wade RIP

Mon 30th — **St Andrew**
10.00 am:
**3.30 pm: Vera Kelly (committal only - at Beetham)**

Tues 1st December — **Tuesday of Advent week 1**
12.00 noon:

Wed 2nd — **Wednesday of Advent week 1**
12.00 noon:

Thurs 3rd — **St Francis Xavier**
12.00 noon:
**7.00 pm: Penitential Service**

Fri 4th — **Friday of Advent week 1**
12.00 noon:

Sat 5th — **Saturday of Advent week 1**
9.30 am: Mass
10 – 11am: Confessions and Adoration

**Sun 6th** — **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
10.00 am: John & Elsa Whenray RIP
12.00 noon: People of the parish at Sedbergh
6.00 pm:

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

***PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:***

**LATELY DEAD:** Vera Kelly.

**THE SICK:** Jamie Banks Wallhead, Thomas Smith, Jane Johnson, Mike Nicholson, Heidi Walmsley, Edward Sykes, Christopher Brown, Sandra Jones, Teresa Harbatch, Olimpia McAvoy, Christine Ellwood, Maria Parrott, Moira Ferguson, Diane Dixon, Elizabeth Cartmell, Maureen Dundon, Janet Merrett, Sylvia Pope, Dorothy Watts.

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