

A CLOUD OF WITNESSES This week we celebrate an inspiring array of holy men & women who light our path to holiness: Monday - Bl Dominic Barberi, who received John Henry Newman into the church. He died on the platform at Reading station!; Tuesday - St Monica whose deathbed request was "all I ask is that you remember me at the altar of God"; Wednesday, St Augustine (St Monica's son), a mighty doctor of the church who reminded us that our earthly restlessness prepares us for the restfulness of God's presence; St Margaret Clitherow, an outstanding mother-martyr whose home in York many of us have visited; and finally - Aidan and the Lindisfarne saints, who planted the faith in the north east centuries ago. Would we had a trace of their fidelity!

CONGRATULATIONS to parishioners Val'n'Eric Gebbett who celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary this past week. More than a trace of fidelity there: God Bless you both, and reward you for your faithful service!

FOLK NIGHT an evening of folk and acoustic music in St Charles school hall. Many of you will recognise our own Ruth Fuga, former pupil of St Charles and member of the parish. Saturday 28 September 2019 doors open 7.30. Tickets £8 adults, £5 children to include supper. Licensed bar, booking essential. Please contact Sue Hoolahan 07596 728633 or any member of the Parish council. *There is an urgent need for assistance with the planning and sustaining of this venture. Please offer your help in any area.*

AND ADVANCE NOTICE of the next BB/GAM social evening: Sat 5th October, an "Orient-Express"-themed occasion.

PARISH MEETINGS

- this Sunday after Mass - St Charles F&F;
- Next Sunday, after Mass : HAD parish council meeting;
- Sunday 8th Sept, 2pm : BB/GAM parish council meeting (to which all parishioners are welcome), followed by the AGM.

HOLIDAY-READING THOUGHTS Thanks to the two parishioners who have offered to help readers in St Charles school.

RE-READ THIS WEEK, from Charlotte Bronte's preface to 'Jane Eyre':

I would remind readers of certain simple truths.

Conventionality is not morality. Self-righteousness is not religion. To attack the first is not to assail the last. To pluck the mask from the face of the Pharisee, is not to lift an impious hand to the Crown of Thorns. These things and deeds are diametrically opposed: they are as distinct as is vice from virtue. Men too often confound them: they should not be confounded: appearance should not be mistaken for truth; narrow human doctrines, that only tend to elate and magnify a few, should not be substituted for the world-redeeming creed of Christ. There is — I repeat it — a difference; and it is a good, and not a bad action to mark broadly and clearly the line of separation between them. The world may not like to see these ideas dissevered, for it has been accustomed to blend them; finding it convenient to make external show pass for sterling worth — to let white-washed walls vouch for clean shrines. It may hate him who dares to scrutinise and expose — to raise the gilding, and show base metal under it — to penetrate the sepulchre, and reveal charnel relics: but hate as it will, it is indebted to him.



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
25th August 2019



5pm (GAM) Dead list

Sun 25th
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

9.15 (BB) for the parish

11am (HAD) Val and Eric's welfare (WG)
HAD 12.30 baptism (Demir)

Proclaim the Good News!

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| <p>Ch D Bowdren St Charles Rectory Woolley Bridge Rd Hadfield SK13 1PQ Tel 852351 <small>Assistant Fr Daniel Palmer Deacon Rev Dr Owen Le Blanc</small></p> | <p>St Charles Primary Hadfield SK13 7PQ Head : Mrs B Quirke Tel : 852692</p> | <p>St Philip Howard Secondary SK13 8DR Head : Mrs L Morris Tel : 853611/861022</p> | <p>St Margaret's & All Saints Federation Gamesley SK13 6HB Head : Mrs G Beaumont Tel : 855818</p> |
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| DATE | MASS | OTHER |
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| Mon 26th | Feria or Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God 9.30 (HAD) Una Carey RIP | |
| Tues 27th | St Monica 9.30 (HAD) Una Carey RIP | |
| Weds 28th | St Augustine 9.30 (HAD) Marjorie's welfare (MR) | |
| Thurs 29th | The Passion of St John the Baptist 9.30 (HAD) Marjorie's welfare (AM) | |
| Fri 30th | DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL (Feast) 9.30 (BB) Dead List | |
| Sat 31st | Feria or St Aidan & Saints of Lindisfarne 9.30 (HAD) S Medici RIP <i>10.30 confessions</i> | |
| | 5pm (GAM) for the parish | |
| Sun 1st | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 9.15 (BB) Ann Cahill RIP 11am (HAD) t'giving to St Francis | |

| TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY (C) | Psalter Week 1 |
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| Introduction: <i>The family of Christ is Catholic: open to all peoples and nations!</i> | |
| First Reading : Is 66 : The Lord gathers all the nations to his family. | |
| Resp. Ps. Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News. | |
| Second Reading : Hebr 12 : The Lord disciplines the ones he loves. | |
| Gospel : Lk 13 : People from east and west will come. | |

MONEY MATTERS - Last weekend's collections

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| Hadfield Envelopes - £159.85 Loose plate £67.84 SOs £259 Total £486.69 | BB/GAM Envelopes £174.71 Loose £73.41 SOs £126.93 Total £375.05 |
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RECENT TOTE WINNERS

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| HAD : 1st £40 D Shepley | 2nd: £25 M Davies |
| BB : 1st £40 Damian Norton | 2nd: £20 Philip Love |

| DUTY CALLS : Next weekend : 22nd Sun : 1st Sep 2019 | | | | | |
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| | READER | B PRAYERS | E MINS | TEA | MUSIC |
| GAM | B Hodson | B Hodson | CN | Set up BH | - |
| BB | R Wenner | S Bann | DW JW | Maree | Kate |
| HAD | H Sweeny | C James | AA NS | J Martin | |

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Please remember to support and pray for those listed as sick and housebound in our parish:

Philip Love, Mary Perry, Peter James, Adrian McHugh, Fr John Cairns, Fr John Sullivan, Sheila Doyle, Pauline Anderson, Annette Scullion, Marion Robinson, Eileen Berry, Phillippa Phillips, Monica Krommendijk, Nella Lewykyj, Neil Appleton, Alice Canning, Dorothy Yarwood.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time : Msgr Mark Swaby, Fr John Feeley, Fr Brian Welsh, Joan Haley, Francis Pollitt, Patrick Clarke, Alan Yardley:

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord : May they rest in peace : Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND a small miracle : a sunny and warm Bank Holiday. We will not forget to thank God for this reminder that ultimately he is the designer and sustainer of the universe, its people, its climate - and its weather. Deo Gratias!

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF FAITH Zayan Patrick Demir, baptised at St Charles this weekend. May St George, your patron saint, watch over and defend you.