

DECEMBER THE SEVENTEENTH marks the beginning of the pre-Christmas Octave. At Mass the acclamations before the gospel and the Magnificat antiphons are the Great 'O' Antiphons, which with growing enlightenment point us the way the Bethlehem. These ancient antiphons are sung in the full version of the hymn 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel'.

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS rehearsal this Monday, 16th at 7.30pm at Immaculate Conception church.

MANY THANKS to those who staffed or supported the Christmas Fair at St Charles school recently. £750 was added to the parish piggy bank as a result. Thank you for your support, and especial thanks to those who managed stalls.

CALLING ALL TICKETS Our joint Christmas-Raffle tickets have all gone from the back of our churches. Please may sure you return counterfoils+cash by next weekend. And bring back unsold books that eager ticketless others may have their chance of the great prize-list.

PARISH TOTES Our tote-organisers hope that you are up-to-date with payments ahead of the next weekend's massive Christmas draws, when a profligacy of prizes is on offer!

SICK & HOUSEBOUND VISITS We hope this Friday 20th to make our usual round of pre-Christmas visits. Let us know of anyone who would welcome a visit.

ADVENTUALITIES

- Mon 16th : school carols concert, St Charles church
- Fri 20th 1pm (HAD) : end-of-term school Mass in church
- Mon 23rd : 7.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols - BB
- Tues 24th (Christmas Eve) ChristMasses: 6pm St Charles, Midnight at BB
- Weds 25th : ChristMasses 9.15 BB; 11am HAD

MIDWINTER We are approaching the shortest day of the year - and the longest night. Political events this turbulent week will have evinced "Gaudete" from some, and "de profundis" from others. This lovely prayer, a collect of Thomas Cranmer, has always inspired me:

*Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

O Come! O come, Emmanuel!



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRD (Gaudete) ADVENT SUNDAY (a)
15th December 2019



5pm (GAM) for the parish

Sun 15th
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.15 (BB) Carmel McGrath RIP

11am (HAD) Sheila Goodwin RIP
(B&RD)

Be patient till the Lord's coming

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
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Mon 16th	Advent feria 9.30 (HAD) S Sheils RIP	<i>7.30 pm BB Carols rehearsal</i>
Tues 17th	Advent feria 9.30 (HAD) Conal McDonnell RIP	<i>2pm St Charles carol concert in church</i>
Weds 18th	Advent feria 9.30 (HAD) Mary O'Brien RIP	<i>Weds Group pre-Nativity meal</i>
Thurs 19th	Advent feria	<i>9.30 (HAD) time to pray (Chapter meeting, Nottm)</i>
Fri 20th	Advent feria 9.30 (BB) t'giving (AC) 1pm (HAD) (school Mass in church) M O'Donnell RIP	
Sat 21st	Advent feria 9.30 (HAD) Teresa O'Connor RIP	<i>10.30 (HAD) Confessions</i>
Sun 22nd	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) E Heffron & G McSherry RIP (JM)	

THIRD ADVENT (Gaudete) (A) Psalter Week 3

Introduction: With the Messiah's coming, the desert blooms: Hope still blossoms.

First Reading : Is 35 : The prophet's joy : exile is over; the promised Land is in sight.

Resp.Ps. COME, LORD, AND SAVE US.

Second Reading : Jas 5 : Be patient in suffering, bright in hope!

Gospel : Mt 11 : John the Baptist, a prisoner, is assured that Christ is the expected Messiah.

Rejoice in the Lord always: again I say rejoice!

MONEY MATTERS - Last weekend's collections

Hadfield
Envelopes - £172.65
Loose plate £100.89
SOs £259
Total £532.54

BB/GAM
Envelopes £180.08
Loose £65.40
SOs £208
Total £453.48

RECENT TOTE WINNERS

HAD : 1st £40 T Berry 2nd: £25 N Garlick

	Upcoming duties:		22nd Dec : Advent 4		
	<i>READER</i>	<i>B PRAYERS</i>	<i>E MINS</i>	<i>TEA</i>	<i>MUSIC</i>
GAM	B Pickford	B Pickford	AC	Set up AC	
BB	S Bann	R Wenner	DW JW	Sheila / Sue	Kate
HAD	O Russell	A Wilkie	AA NS	LP	var

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 : Fr Martin Finneran, Canon Patrick Balfe, Sheila Goodwin, Frederick Jones, Frank McMahon, Joan Delaney, John Burkinshaw, James Burns, Bernard Farnsworth:

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

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND we reach the middle of our Advent season of preparation for the Lord's birthing. The introit bids us *Rejoice!* that the Lord is nearing. Hence the denomination *Gaudete* Sunday. I hope for you it is a day of joyful surprise in the Lord's blessing.

Today there is a second collection at all Masses for the **poor parishes** of the diocese.