

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY (a)  
July 19th 2020



V. You have redeemed us, O Lord, in your Blood.  
R. And made us, for our God, a kingdom.

Let us pray: Almighty and eternal God, you have appointed your only-begotten Son the Redeemer of the world, and willed to be appeased by his Blood. Grant we beg of you, that we may worthily adore this price of our salvation, and through its power be safeguarded from the evils of the present life, so that we may rejoice in its fruits forever in heaven.

Through the same Christ our Lord.  
R. Amen.

*There is no other god, other than You, who cares for everything.*

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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY (A)

### Psalter Week 4

**Introduction:** The Spirit of God comes to help us in our weakness.

**First Reading : Wis 12 :** God grants repentance after our sinfulness.

**RESP Ps : O LORD, YOU ARE GOOD AND FORGIVING**

**Second Reading : Rom 8 :** The Spirit expresses our plea in a way that we could never put into words.

**Gospel : Mt 13 :** Jesus allows us to be afflicted by weeds, and then comes to our salvation.

### MASS INTENTIONS

The following Mass intentions have recently been received. It is my intention to honour these requests in due course, respecting where possible any wish for a particular date:

Marie Ginnis' welfare (OB); Gertrude McSherry RIP,  
Elizabeth Heffron RIP (JM); Evelyn Matthewman (PG);  
for the spiritual welfare of Hadfield (EP);  
Philip Killeen's welfare (JK); Lilian Simpson RIP (fam)

*My thanks for your kindness in requesting  
Mass Intentions*

### SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

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

Mary Perry, Peter James, Adrian McHugh, Fr John Cairns, Cn Michael Moore, Fr John Daley, Pauline Anderson, Eileen Berry, Phillippa Phillips, Monica Krommendijk, Una Wilkinson, Nella Lewykyj, Evelyn Matthewman, Neil Appleton, Alice Canning, Dorothy Yarwood.

***Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time :*** Frs Peter McDonagh, Chris Turner, Tom Moloney; *Peter Fraser, Doreen Williamson, Katheen Laverty, Marie Lane, Derek Butt, Patrick Byrnes, Phyllis Dotters, Christine Cunningham :*  
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen*

## PARISH NOTES

**THIS WEEKEND** we journey further into July, the month of The Precious Blood. Particular devotion to Our Saviour's redeeming blood was incorporated into the Solemnity of Corpus (et Sanguis) Christi many years back. But we need to remember that saving stream of salvation, and give heartfelt thanks to our Lord whose heart was pierced with a lance to bring about our redemption.

This is Sunday is the eighteenth lock-out Sunday . . . When O Lord?

**THE SUNDAY READINGS** offer much enlightenment as ever:

The first reading (Wisdom) : reinforces the central belief in God's leniency towards and forgiveness for sinners;

The second reading (Rom 8) : a seminal reading telling of the Spirit's voice of prayer in our hearts, and reminding us to pray that God's, not my, will may be done.

The gospel (St Matthew) The mysterious parable of the darnel warns us that God will judge us, even with mercy and forgives at hand.

**IN OTHER YEARS** we would be returning from Lourdes in time to bless the well, the dressing and the water. Eheu!

**SAINTS ALIVE** amongst those honoured this coming week : **St Apollinaris** on Monday - patron saint for epileptics; **Lawrence of Brindisi** on Tuesday - a Capuchin saints who ought to be patron of linguists: he spoke and wrote fluently in eight languages; On Wednesday **St Mary Magdalen**, which reminds us of our non-Catholic friends in Broadbottom whose church was dedicated to her. Her statue appears on the sanctuary group at Immaculate Conception church; on Thursday One of the patronesses of Sweden, and even of Europe, **St Bridget**; and on Saturday, **St James** the apostle, to whose shrine in Compostela thousands of foot-sore devout pilgrims make their way along the Camino de Santiago.

**KINDLY PARISHIONERS** occasionally bring church-collection to the rectory letterbox. Thank You! From time to time such offering may contain cheques. The bank is quite precise these days about payee-names. "St Charles church" or St Margaret's church" is perfectly and simply acceptable. And if you are setting up a BACS standing order or transfer, in the message box put HAD or BB or GAM. If you want the parish bank-account details, just ask.

**RESPONDING TO PASTORAL EMERGENCIES** Fr Martin and Fr Daniel are taking turns at being the priest on call for 24 hours at a time. To ring the duty priest, at any hour of day or night, please phone the special number: 01457 620272. You will hear some information, then you can press a button on your phone to be connected automatically to whichever priest is on call.

### ODDMENTS

- ◇ Following on from Fr Daniel's appointment to be parish administrator for the St Marys at Marple Bridge and New Mills, another transition is announced to take place in early September. Fr Kevin Gradwell has been asked to become the parish priest of Our Lady Immaculate church 60 miles away in Grantham. One again as dean I must admire his dedication to the Lord's service in accepting this challenge. He is - in common with more than a few of the clergy - no longer in his salad days, and this move takes him further away from his children and grandchildren. Well done, good and faithful servant! May the Lord bless your ministry.
- ◇ Therefore, the soon-to-be-vacant parish of Ss John Fisher and Thomas More in Chapel en le Frith will come under the care of the priest and parish of St Anne Buxton. Fr Gerry Murphy has accepted this additional challenge in the Lord's extended vineyard. Many thanks and best wishes to him also.
- ◇ The funeral arrangements for the late Margaret George RIP are arranged for Dukinfield crematorium at 2pm Thursday next 23rd July. May she rest in peace.
- ◇ Good on Friday to have had the chance to pay a prayerful & devotional visit

*Immaculate Conception church and greet the Lord and his blessed mother, and more than a few parishioners at a social distance. That church is open for 1-hour devotional slots Fridays 10am and Sundays 3pm.*

- ◇ *Great progress towards opening our churches for private prayer. Thank you to those who have volunteered to be stewards during the two one-hour slots proposed for visitation & prayer. If you wish to join that stewarding list, let me know and I'll forward to interest in the proper direction. Equally, our churches will need thorough and regular cleaning. If you want to help, please let me know.*
- ◇ *Another casualty of the viral pandemic are the early-autumn training sessions for would-be Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. These and the subsequent November commissioning Mass have sadly been cancelled.*
- ◇ *I must once again acknowledge the great kindness of parishioners who come to the front door with envelopes, Mass Intentions and requests. And food! This is a great support to the parish priest and parish life.*
- ◇ *Lola and Margaret want to stock up on repository goods for the season of the Lord's nativity (can't bring myself to use the other word . .!) You can ring 868918 or 07561 559 830 to place orders for cards, diaries etc.*
- ◇ *St Charles Tote: Mike W suggests that Standing Orders should be the preferred means of joining and sustaining the tote. More info later.*
- ◇ *St Mary's and All Saints in Glossop have a timetable prepared for the people and the churches ready for private visits. You are welcome to go to [www.glossop Catholics.org.uk/visit/](http://www.glossop Catholics.org.uk/visit/) and discover when and for how long those churches are accessible. Furthermore, local Catholic whispers hint that soon public weekend Mass are to be celebrated in Glossop. I'm sure the Glossop Catholic website will have further information.*
- ◇ *Bishop Patrick writes: 'I'm delighted to announce that, following interviews of some great candidates, **Joe Hopkins** has been appointed as our **Diocesan Director of Adult Formation for Mission**. Joe is currently Lead Lay Chaplain to the St. Ralph Sherwin CMAT and he will take up his new post in August. He brings theological expertise, a variety of catechetical experience and great zeal for mission in our diocese. I look forward to working with Joe to make my three themes of 'Encounter, Discipleship and Missionary Discipleship' a living reality across the diocese. I'm sure that you will join me in both welcoming and supporting Joe as he begins this important role.'*
- ◇ ***THE GLOSSOP VOLUNTEER BUREAU** has an easily-accessible website where you can find its latest newsletter. This tells of the valiant work done by local volunteers to befriend the lonesome, to comfort the afflicted, to give food to the hungry, and solace to the needy. The demand for the Bureau's services has increased greatly during the last four months. The bureau messages: We have two exciting new vacancies at the moment! We would be really grateful if you could share these opportunities far and wide to come and join our ever expanding, supportive and dynamic staff team. **Volunteer Development Lead** - if you are an optimistic, creative and energetic individual, you might like to have a look at our new post, developing and leading our existing volunteers projects. **Car Scheme Coordinator** - are you results-driven, with a keen eye for detail and excellent organisational skills? Have a look at this role, coordinating our longest-running project supporting people to attend social groups and medical appointments using our team of dedicated and motivated volunteers. For more information, please see <https://the-bureau.org.uk/vacancies/> or email [lauren@the-bureau.org.uk](mailto:lauren@the-bureau.org.uk)*
- ◇ *Its must be the first day of the school hols : it's raining and it's cool. Why do the tares / darnel flourish so much more vigorously than the wheat/roses after our rains? "Dear God . . ."*
- ◇ *And finally: Craig is a frequent rectory passer-by. We often fall into a chat on matters of faith and religion. I mentioned to him a few days ago about this Sunday's 'wheat and darnel' reading. "Not a bad metaphor for COVID19" said he, and wondered "Did God create the virus?" Answers on a postcard please . .*