

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (a)

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PRAYER OF ST IGNATIUS

Lord, teach me to be generous.  
Teach me to serve you  
as you deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labour and not to ask for reward,  
save that of knowing  
that I do your will.

Amen.

*Seek after wisdom, the greatest treasure*

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## Psalter Week 1

**Introduction :** We seek the treasures of the Kingdom made apparent in God's holy Word.

**FIRST READING :** 1 Kings 3 : The wisdom comes to Solomon as God's gift.

**RESP PS :** LORD HOW I LOVE YOUR LAW!

**SECOND READING :** Rom 8 : God intended us to become true images of his Son.

**GOSPEL :** Mt 13 : He sells everything to buy the field

### 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:

Colin Baines RIP (MB); Tony Perry RIP,  
Nora & Roy Hibbert RIP &  
Joan and Cyril Haley RIP (KMH)

*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, Peter Mitcheson, 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: John Denton, Joe Revell, Margaret Mary Keogh, Christine Entwistle, Jack Shockledge ;***  
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen*

## PARISH NOTES

**THIS WEEKEND** we are already in the last weekend in July, the month of The Precious Blood. August beckons from next Saturday—not that we'd know it from the weather forecast day by day. Talking of day by day, that publication for next month is freely available from the elephant table in the porch. I hope and pray that Magnificat may be found there as soon as copies arrive at the rectory. This is Sunday is the nineteenth lock-out Sunday . . . When O Lord?

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

The first reading (1 Kings) : a beautiful reminder of the precious Godly gift of Wisdom : *hagia Sophia, beata sapientia*. Solomon sought and received it - though many have questioned his wisdom in having seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines . . .

The second reading (Rom 8) : a reminder from St Paul that through baptism we are imprinted with the image and likeness of Christ in our souls.

The gospel (St Matthew) The parables of The Kingdom come to an end with the pearl beyond price, the treasure in the field and so on. But beware the angel of judgement who in the latter day will separate out those who refused to seek and find.

**SAINTS ALIVE** amongst those honoured this coming week :

- \* **St Martha** on Wednesday - surely the patroness of those women who give time and talent and energy to supporting the works of the Lord: I will pray with thanks that day for our sacristans and cleaners and carers and welcomers and stewards and . . . Well, the list is endless!
- \* **St Peter Chrysologus** on Thursday : I hope you have chance to visit his town of Ravenna and marvel at the wonderful ecclesiastical architecture and the magnificent mosaics. His curious 'surname' is in fact 'golden-tongued' in reference to his inspired preaching;
- \* **St Ignatius Loyola** on Friday : so powerful a saint deserved a longer biography: Ignatius (or Iñigo) was born in Loyola in the Spanish Basque country. He was a soldier, but was wounded in the battle of Pamplona (against the French) at the age of 30. During a long convalescence he read a life of Christ and a collection of lives of the saints, and discovered that his true vocation was to devote his life wholly to God. He was as systematic about this as he had been about his military career: he spent a year's retreat in a Dominican friary, made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, and then set about learning Latin. Such enthusiasm in a layman caused grave suspicion in the Spanish authorities, and he was questioned and imprisoned more than once. He moved to Paris in 1528 and continued his studies; and then in 1534 Ignatius and six companions bound themselves to become missionaries to the Muslims in Palestine. By the time they were ready to set out, war made the journey impossible and so the group (now numbering ten) offered their services to the Pope in any capacity he might choose. A number of them were duly ordained and they were all assigned to various tasks. Soon it was proposed that they should organise themselves into a regular religious order, and in 1540 the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) was formed. Ignatius was the first Superior General until his death. Soon after their foundation the Jesuits began to meet the challenge of the Reformation: a tough task, given the debilitated state into which the Church had fallen, but one which, as Ignatius said, had to be undertaken "without hard words or contempt for people's errors". Ignatius had a gift for inspiring friendship, and was the recipient of deep spiritual insight. Soon after his conversion Ignatius wrote the *Spiritual Exercises*, a systematic step-by-step retreat that can be followed by anyone – and has been followed by many, not all of them Catholics, ever since.

**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

- ◇ *Immaculate Conception church is open for 1-hour devotional slots Fridays 10am and Sundays 3pm.*
- ◇ *Great thanks to those of the St Charles parish who have volunteered to be accepted as stewards. Hopefully we can move from amber to green in our plans to move at least to weekday Mass.*
- ◇ *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.*
- ◇ *St Charles Tote: Mike W messages: "As you know our weekly draw as been our fund raiser for a many years to date. It seems that it will be quite some time before we can continue to run it from church on Sundays. However I could run it from home. That would mean paying by standing order or sending a cheque or money to myself or via the rectory." Please message Mike on 855461 for further advice & help. Thanks!*  
*I know that a good number of tote supporters by cash, periodically passed to Mike or his helpers at the back of church. I hope that cash-users will message Mike to discover the best way for them to continue this valuable parish-support.*
- ◇ *Occasionally I am asked 'what has happened to Joe Bloggs that used to be on the parish sick list'. It's good to be able to tell the questioner that parish prayers have helped to restore Joe Bloggs to good health, and that now we should pray in thanksgiving.*
- ◇ *St Mary's in Glossop have a timetable prepared for the people and the churches ready for private visits. You are welcome to go to [www.glossopcatholics.org.uk/visit/](http://www.glossopcatholics.org.uk/visit/) and discover when and for how long those churches are accessible. Furthermore, parish Mass will be offered at St Mary's this Sunday for the first time in nineteen weeks. A journey of preparations and permissions with which those labouring for the same privilege for us will follow with keen interest.*
- ◇ *This message came from a parishioner during the week. I was quite touched by it. That parishioner is happy for me to share it with you: "Yesterday evening I lost my beloved house-cat, aged 9 years 8 months and 15 days old - to incurable liver disease. At sunset yesterday, outside the veterinarian's door, I held him after he had been sedated, and gradually went to sleep peacefully in my arms before the vet gently gave him the euthanising injection. All night long I stared at the ceiling in the dark, aware of the small still body cooling downstairs in his covered basket on the sofa where he liked to nap. Remembering when I brought him home as a kitten, thinking of his ways. "The cat is the soul of the house" wrote a poet. Early this morning I dug a hole in the corner of the garden and buried him, wrapped in a small blanket. My day has been incomparably sad, as I ponder how Original Sin brought death into the world, and to my little furry companion who will no longer come to sit on the computer keyboard so I will notice him and stroke his head. Thoughts of Eternity and your own mortality are impossible to avoid when the emptiness of your house is large with the lack of your cat who only yesterday was lying warm by your side when you awoke for another --how could you know it would be the last?--day."*
- ◇ *The Holy Father has decided to insert three new invocations to the Virgin Mary in the "Litanies of Loreto" dedicated to Her: "Mother of Mercy" (Mater Misericordiae), "Mother of Hope" (Mater Spei) and "Comfort of Migrants" (Solacium Migrantium).*
- ◇ *The diocese of Nottingham has engaged with an "on-line giving portal", by which anyone anywhere can make a donation to a particular parish, or charitable enterprise sustained by the diocese. If you're interested, message me, and I'll send a link.*
- ◇ *Briefly went blackberrying during the week. Is it early even for quite bitter blackberries?*
- ◇ *Friday 24th last week was just 49 years on. More importantly its was the 432nd anniversary of the martyrdom of Bl Nicholas Garlick and Robert Ludlam. That date in 1588 found them gruesomely hanged drawn & quartered on St Mary's Bridge in Derby. Two priests with strong local connections-- to Dinting & Tideswell. Thank God for their valiance!*
- ◇ *And finally, St Ignatius Loyola's "other prayer":*

*Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, that is enough for me.*