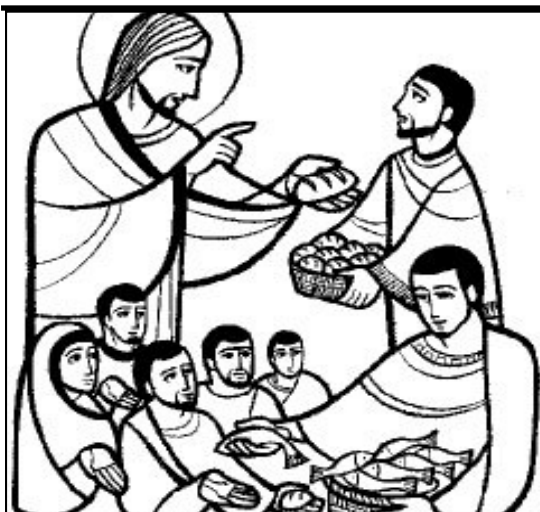


CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY (a)
August 2nd 2020



Someone once said:

What goes around comes around.

Work like you don't need the money.

Love like you've never been hurt.

Dance like nobody's watching.

Sing like nobody's listening.

Live like it's Heaven on Earth.

They ate as much as they wanted

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PARISH MASS

Mon 3rd	feria 9.30 (HAD) Marie Ginnis' welfare (OB)
Tues 4th	St John Vianney, Curé d'Ars 9.30 (HAD) Colin Baines RIP (fam)
Weds 5th	Dedication of St Mary Major's basilica 9.30 (HAD) deceased clergy
Thurs 6th	THE TRANSFIGURATION 9.30 (HAD) Tony Perry RIP (fam)
Fri 7th	St Sixtus; St Cajetan 9.30 (HAD) N & R Hibbert RIP (anniv) (MKH)
Sat 8th	St Dominic 9.30 (HAD) J & C Haley RIP (anniv) (MKH)
Sun 9th	NINETEENTH SUNDAY (A) 11am (HAD) for the parish

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: Frs John Grimshaw, Michael Gilleran, Henry McDonald; Patricia

Byrne, Rosemary Window, Eileen Moran, James Sidebottom, Barbara Bailey;

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY (A)

Psalter Week 2

Introduction to today's Word : The Lord sustains his people, with his word and food.

FIRST READING : Is 55 : Come and eat.

RESP PS : **HOW GOOD IS THE LORD TO ALL!**

SECOND READING : Rom 8 : Paul's love for Our Lord knows no bounds.

GOSPEL : Mt 14 : They ate as much as they wanted.

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND we move into August, the month of Mary's Immaculate Heart. Still a mwierd feeling to think we're in 'summer hols' mode, yet parts of our parish are back in greater lockdown again, and the skies are not full of holidaymakers heading off to the sun (returning to quarantine!). This is Sunday is the twentieth lock-out Sunday . . . When O Lord? Maybe sooner rather than later—with restrictions. See below.

THE SUNDAY READINGS offer much enlightenment as ever:

The first reading (Isaiah) : a beautiful reminder of the Father's compassionate providence in freely feeding his people.

The second reading (Rom 8) : St Paul speaks of the deep-down intimacy of his love for our Saviour.

The gospel (St Matthew) The feeding of the multitude again tells of the Divine Providence, which recognises our hunger, not only for our daily food, but also Jesus' daily bread.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE We note the recent death of Eileen Atherton (88) (Church Fold Charlesworth). May she rest in peace, and her family & friends be comforted. Her committal rites will take place on Friday, DV.

SAINTS ALIVE amongst those honoured this coming week :

- * **St John Vianney, the curé d'Ars** on Tuesday - he is the patron of the pastoral clergy. I'm sure you'll whisper a prayer or two for those in ordained ministry.
- * **THE TRANSFIGURATION** on Thursday : reminding Peter, James & John (and cloud-enwrapped us) that beyond a cloud of suffering there is a Glory which is beyond delight;
- * **St Dominic** on Saturday. We pray for his followers everywhere, and perhaps a special mention for the archbishop of Liverpool!

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.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ Once again, copies of "My Day by Day" for August were briskly snapped up from the elephant table. Sorry to those who missed. I have asked the publishers to resume our normal order-number. "Magnificat" for August arrived, and most copies have been taken.
- ◇ St Charles Tote: Mike W has left copies of the Standing Order form to support St Charles tote. These are found on the elephant table. Please take and use - or go to BACS and do it directly. weekly - £1; monthly £4.33; quarterly £13; half-yearly £26; annually £52 - for each number.
- ◇ 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.
- ◇ Both our parish churches have laboured to get 'the green light' from the diocese to open for the public celebration of Mass. During the week, St Charles received that permission. Immaculate Conception are briskly moving from 'amber' to 'green'. Its submission is being sent in very soon.

- ◇ *You will see this week's liturgical timetable on p.2 The first public Mass since Friday 20th March will be Monday next, when weekday Mass is planned for St Charles. Those wishing to attend will be met by stewards at the door, who will assist worshippers and advise on procedures.*
- ◇ *Doubtless it will be strange to celebrate Mass under such restricting circumstances. The taping and messaging in our churches is alien to "come, one and all, to the wedding feast of the Lamb". We will do our utmost to balance respect for diocesan regulations and sensitivity to parishioners. I am grateful to our neighbours in Catholic Glossop for this instructional guidance:*

Attendance for Sunday Mass will be by pre-booking only. To avoid disappointment and embarrassment, please do not turn up unless you have booked a place: this is due to a limit on the numbers permissible in the church and is a condition of being allowed to open. Booking can be made online at the central booking hub at www.massbooking.uk or by phoning the central booking number, 0115 648 1474. There is no charge for booking. Places are assigned on a first-come-first-served basis and a waiting list system will also be in place. You can book for an individual place, or a 'same-household' group-space. You must book for each Mass you plan to attend, and you can book a week ahead.

Social distancing will be set at 2 metres, so please observe this diligently as you arrive and leave church as well as when you are in church. If you are in the extremely clinically vulnerable shielding category, then please continue to protect yourself by staying at home and praying for the parish. The bishops remind us that our Sunday obligation is still suspended, so if you are unsure about coming, do not feel under any obligation to attend. If you or someone in your household displays any symptom of COVID19, then please stay at home. When planning to come to the Mass you have booked a seat for, you may be asked to wait outside until invited in to take a seat. Please arrive in time to allow for this managed arrival to take place and for Holy Mass to start on time. Stewards will assist you arriving and leaving church so that people are kept safe, and the stewards will show you to your seat, and call you forward when it is time to receive Holy Communion and when you may safely leave the church after Holy Mass.

You will not have a choice of seat, and nobody will be allowed to sit or stand at the back of church. There will not be a collection during Holy Mass but there will be a collection plate at the back of the church as you enter. One of the measures to reduce risk of infection is that there is no singing in church. There are other measures that will make the way Holy Mass is celebrated different to what we're used to. Holy Communion may be received only in the hand. It is good practice to wear a face covering, but not at present compulsory for the whole congregation; stewards are required to wear a face covering. The church will be closed ten minutes after Holy Mass ends, to allow for cleaning.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so very hard to prepare for the public celebration of Holy Mass, and to all who have volunteered to serve as a steward.

- ◇ ***AND FINALLY*** *Whilst we are delighted at the prospect of Sunday Mass again, we are also conscious of the challenging regulations surrounding the celebration. Mistakes will be made; lessons learnt; government and diocesan regulations followed as they develop; some will resist the requirements; some will be ultra-cautious & fretful; others more relaxed. Welcome to the human family!*