

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY (a)**  
**August 9th 2020**



*Thou hast made us for thyself*

*O Lord,*

*and our hearts are restless*

*till they find their rest in thee.*

*(St Augustine of Hippo)*

# *Why did you doubt?*

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## PARISH MASS THIS WEEK

Sun 9th	<b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY (A)</b> 11am (HAD) for the parish
Mon 10th	<b>St Lawrence</b> 9.30 (HAD) Tony Perry RIP (fam)
Tues 11th	<b>St Clare</b> 9.30 (HAD) Eric Meade RIP (PL)
Weds 12th	<b>St Jane Frances de Chantal</b> 9.30 (HAD) Thomas Healy RIP (NE)
Thurs 13th	<b>Ss Pontian &amp; Hippolytus</b> 9.30 (HAD) Elizabeth Heffron RIP (JM)
Fri 14th	<b>St Maximilian Kolbe</b> 9.30 (BB) t'giving to St Francis (JM)
Sat 15th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) E Page's ints
Sun 16th	<b>THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY (A)</b> 9.15 (BB) in thanksgiving 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, 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: Fr Anthony O'Dowd; Olga Milliard, Lillian Condliffe, Bernard Ross;*

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

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY (A)

### Psalter Week 3

**INTRODUCTION** The Lord's voice is heard both in a gentle breeze and also in a great tempest. He calls us everywhere - and anywhere!

**FIRST READING** : 1 Kings 19 : Standing on the mountain of the Lord, the Lord calls Elijah in a gentle breeze.

**RESP** : LET US SEE O LORD YOUR MERCY, AND GIVE US YOUR SAVING HELP

**SECOND READING** : Rom 9 : St Paul avows that he would willingly be condemned if it would help his people.

**GOSPEL** : Mt 14 : Jesus strides across stormy waters and calls Peter to have faith to do the same.

## PARISH NOTES

**THIS WEEKEND** we move into August, the month of Mary's Immaculate Heart. Still a wierd 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 HE REST IN PEACE** We note the recent death of Peter Mitcheson, (81) (Shaw Lane, Hadfield). May he rest in peace, and his family & friends be comforted.

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

- \* **St Lawrence, deacon** on Monday –famously martyred on a fiery grid-iron. We may pray for those who serve the church as deacons.
- \* **St Clare of Assisi** on Tuesday : devotee of St Francis, and foundress of the Franciscan Sisterhood, in all its forms;

**St Maximilian** on Friday. Heroically taking the place of a condemned man in Auschwitz. A martyr of the the Nazi regime in WWII. His saintly heroism merits a fuller note:

He was born on 8 January 1894 in occupied Poland: he joined the Franciscans in Lwów in 1910, and was ordained eight years later, as his country became free and independent for the first time in over 120 years. He believed that the world was passing through a time of intense spiritual crisis, and that Christians must fight for the world's salvation with all the means of modern communication. He founded a newspaper, and a sodality called the Knights of Mary Immaculate, which spread widely both in Poland and abroad.

In 1927 he founded a community, a "city of Mary," at Teresin: centred round the Franciscan friary, it attracted many lay people, and became self-supporting, publishing many periodicals and running its own radio station. In 1930 he went to Japan, studied Buddhism and Shintoism, and through the Japanese edition of his newspaper spread the Christian message in a way that was in harmony with Japanese culture. In Nagasaki, he set up a "Garden of the Immaculate," which survived the atomic bomb. He also travelled to Malabar and to Moscow, but was recalled to Poland in 1936 for reasons of health.

When the Germans invaded in 1939, the community at Teresin sheltered thousands of refugees, most of them Jews. In 1941 he was arrested and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz, where he helped and succoured the inmates. In August of that year a prisoner escaped, and in reprisal the authorities were choosing ten people to die by starvation. One of the men had a family, and Maximilian Kolbe offered to take his place. The offer was accepted, and he spent his last days comforting his fellow prisoners.

The man he saved was present at his canonization in Rome in 1982.

- ◇ **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 making speedy progress towards opening for the possibility of weekday and Sunday Mass. Once again, thanks to the team who laboured to get the application into the diocesan office. We also owe a debt of thanks to the diocesan property / health 'n' safety, and safeguarding teams who prepare the pro-formas and documentation. They have recently been snowed under with parish requests to open doors. And also our two Vicars General to whom the Bishop has entrusted the power of "opening & closing". They must feel like St Peter when they issue their "green" or "red" or "amber" lights.
- ◇ With confidence in all of the above, I am confident that a green light will come Charlesworth-way during the week. I hope to offer the first public Mass there (after twenty-one weeks) next Friday at 9.30, and thereafter on Sunday.
- ◇ Stay close to all our lines of parish communication during the week for updates. As for the two one-hour periods when the Immaculate Conception church is open for devotion - the Team will advise on developments during the week.
- ◇ Progress towards Gamesley / St Margaret's opening for Mass are inevitably on hold until school returns and we can wade through Academy / Schools Commission paperwork.
- ◇ Weekday Mass has been daily celebrated at St Charles publicly since Monday. A perfect joy for the celebrant, and a source of grace and hopefulness for the dozen or so daily worshippers.
- ◇ Don't forget that for Sunday Mass, a booking must be made. The attempts during last week to get Hadfield onto the diocesan system went awry. My best thanks to Sophie Booth who undertook to receive calls and book folk in for Hadfield Sunday Mass. Please contact her on 07907 884 105
- ◇ I must once again acknowledge the great kindness of parishioners who come to the front door with envelopes, Mass Intentions and requests. And food! . .
- ◇ . . . The recent Whatsappily-organised BB/GAM cake bake ensured a blizzard of activity, and tasty delights headed to the rectory table, Renewed thanks!
- ◇ The recently-reintroduced lock-down in Great Manchester affected many of our parishioners, who are again 'confined to barracks'. Let's hope the key can be found to move to 'opening-up'.
- ◇ 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 St Charles Tote will resume its weekly prize-giving from Sept 6th.
- ◇ A request during the week to open up the area around St Charles church & rectory for the establishment of a COVID-testing location for some days. This possibility is in development as I write.