

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY (a)
August 16th 2020



SUB TUUM REFUGIUM

We fly to thy patronage
O holy Mother of God.
Despise not our petitions
in our necessities,
but ever deliver us from all dangers
O Glorious and ever-blessed virgin!

(the oldest-known prayer to Our Lady)

Of all women, you are the most blessed!

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PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

- Sun 9th **THE ASSUMPTION (A)**
9.15 am (BB) in thanksgiving
11am (HAD) for the parish
- Mon 17th **feria**
9.30 (HAD) Gertrude McSherry RIP (JM)
- Tues 18th **feria**
9.30 (HAD) Elizabeth Heffron RIP (JM)
- Weds 19th **St John Eudes**
9.30 (HAD) Harold Shaw RIP (Weds Gp)
- Thurs 20th **St Bernard**
9.30 (HAD) Christine Kempster's welfare (fam)
- Fri 21st **St Pius X**
9.30 (BB) George Evdemon RIP (KMH)
(2pm Glossop cemetery committal of Carole Murphy RIP)
- Sat 22nd **Our Lady, Queen of Heaven**
9.30 (HAD) Harold Shaw RIP (PP)
- Sun 23rd **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY (A)**
9.15 (BB) for the parish
11am (HAD) E Page's ints

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 Vincent Rush, Oliver Wilson, James Leahy; Agnes James Philip Battey, Shaun Wynne, Marjorie McMyler, Joseph Vella, Dot McGregor, Maud Dyson, Edward Struttman, Sheila McManus; Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen

THE ASSUMPTION

Psalter Week 4

Introduction: *Mary - the first to be redeemed - precedes us to the Kingdom of Heaven .*

First Reading : Micah 5 : The humble birth of Jesus foretold.

Resp. Ps **ON YOUR RIGHT STANDS THE QUEEN IN GOLD OF OPHIR**

Second Reading : 1 Cor 15 : Christ is the first-fruits; we are raised after Him.

Gospel : Lk 1 : 'The Almighty has done great things for me.'

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND we move aside from ordinary time, and celebrate **The Assumption of Our Lady**. This 15th August celebration is transferred to Sunday. from Pope Pius XII in 1950 infallibly declared "We proclaim and define it to be a dogma revealed by God that the immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven." This is a major feastday in Europe and in other (Catholic) parts of the world.

THE SUNDAY READINGS offer much enlightenment as ever:

The first reading (Micah 5) : the Messiah is promised - to be born in humble Bethlehem.

The second reading (Rom 8) : St Paul speaks of the death of Christ, assuring us that death is not the end, but a gateway to eternal life. Mary is pre-eminent in that she did not die, but went into "dormition" and was assumed into heaven.

The gospel (St Luke) : In the liturgical prayer-life of the church we find psalms, hymns, anthems, prayers, collects - and canticles. The three greatest canticles are associated with different parts of the day : the "Benedictus" at morning prayer; the "Nunc Dimittis" at compline; and today's gospel contains the third: the "Magnificat", prayed at vespers. This is Mary's prayer par excellence. The word Magnificat means 'glorifies'.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE We note the recent death of

- * **Carole Murphy** (72)(Cottage Lane, Gamesley);
- * **Harold Shaw** (82)(Glossop Rd, Charlesworth);(Funeral service at St Charles, Mon 24th Aug, 11am)

May they rest in peace, and their family & friends be comforted.

SAINTS ALIVE amongst those honoured this coming week :

- * **St John Eudes** on Wednesday : a French saint who founded seminaries and encouraged vocations to the priesthood. Pray through him that we may have more priests!
- * **St Bernard of Clairvaux** on Thursday : 12thc founder of the Cistercian monastic order. We are blessed mto have Mt St Bernard's abbey of Cistercian monks in our diocese, in NW Leicestershire. St Bernard composed one the favourite Catholic prayer to Our Lady. You'll find the 'Memorare' at the end of the newsletter.
- * **St Pius X** on Friday. This Pope has great devotion to the eucharist, and encouraged more regular reception at a time of severe restraint. He encouraged children to make their first Holy Communion from the age of seven.

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

- ◇ A lovely morning, and a great joy for those who last Friday came to the first celebration of weekday Mass at Immaculate Conception church in nineteen weeks. Obvious the constraints of such a small single-aisle church meant that only a relatively

few could be accommodated—but a ‘full’ church nonetheless. The careful attention to stewarding and cleaning made everyone feel safer.

- ◇ *The two one-hour ‘slots’ for devotional prayer at Immaculate Conception are in abeyance for the time being.*
- ◇ *Weekday Mass is now celebrated Mon– Thurs at St Charles. Your and my thanks to the diligent stewards and cleaners. Without them this would be impossible.*
- ◇ *Don’t forget that for Sunday Mass at either church, a booking must be made. Our thanks to Sophie Booth who has agreed to book folk in for Hadfield Sunday Mass. Please contact her on 07907 884 105. No need to book for Hadfield weekdays.*
- ◇ *Immaculate Conception would-be attenders, either for Friday or Sunday, should message Angie Cass who is happy to help you: a_m_cass@hotmail.com, 762287.*
- ◇ *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 cake-bake at BB/GAM has proved a great success. A glance at the bank-statement indicates that a remarkable £267 has been added so far to the parish kitty . . . and lots of folk have enjoyed both taking part, and the baked delights!*
- ◇ *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 COVID-testing teams journeyed on four occasions from Nottingham to set up camp around St Charles. There were eleven, mainly young folk, in each team. A panoply of tables, chairs and tents was scattered all around the church. Something in the region of 500 folk arrived by car or on foot to take the test, which involved swabbing tonsils and nose - not the most comfortable experience. An impressively streamlined process was over and done with within ten minutes, and test-results were available within eighteen hours. I was left wondering how this mammoth nationwide operation is paid for?*
- ◇ *Whilst I was pleased that my test-result came back negative, a wise-acre reminded me that it was negative only on the day of the test. . . But thereafter?*
- ◇ *The testing-team escaped into the church from time to time to escape the tropical heat of some days, and to ‘use the facilities’. More than a few were very complimentary about the welcome they received. One young lady-tester told me that her father had said that when she went into a church for the first time she could make a wish and it would be granted. I took chance to advise her that that was the customary belief, but additionally she had to pray and Our Father, a Hail Mary and a Glory Be. Whereupon she knelt down with me, and led me through the prayers. She returned to Nottingham doubtless looking forward to her wish-fulfilment, but also gifted with a rosary and a crucifix for her fidelity Hope her wish comes true!*

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession,
was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence,
I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in your mercy, hear and answer me.
Amen.