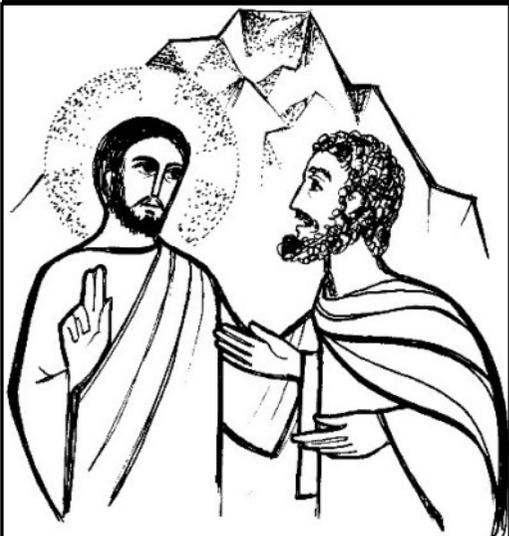


CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY (a)

August 23rd 2020



ST AUGUSTINE'S PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
that I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
that I always may be holy.

Amen.

You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!

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PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

- Sun 23rd **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY (A)**
9.15 am (BB) for the parish
11am (HAD) E Page's ints.
- Mon 24th **ST BARTHOLOMEW apostle**
9.30 (HAD) Christina Kempster's eternal welfare (MP)
11am (HAD) funeral service for Harold Shaw RIP
- Tues 25th **St Louis / St Joseph Calasanz**
9.30 (HAD) E Page's ints
- Weds 26th **Blessed Dominic Barberi**
9.30 (HAD) E Page's ints
- Thurs 27th **St Monica**
9.30 (HAD) Harold Shaw RIP (NS)
- Fri 28th **St Augustine**
9.30 (BB) good est. Sarah O'Donnell
- Sat 29th **The Passion of St John the Baptist**
9.30 (HAD) Denis Killeen RIP (JK)
- Sun 30th **TWENTY-SECOND 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 Mark Swaby, John Feeley; Philip Battey, Ernest Quinlan, Vasil Lewwyckj, Joan Haley, Francis Pollitt, Patrick Clarke, Alan Yardley;

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY (A)

Psalter Week 1

Introduction: *Peter the Rock: our apostolic link with Christ*

First Reading : **Is 22** : David's keys of authority given to Eliakim.

Resp. Ps. **I THANK YOU LORD WITH ALL MY HEART**

Second Reading : **Rom 11** : A peon of praise for the One who is all-in-all.

Gospel : **Mt 16** : Thou art Peter, and on this rock I will build my church.

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND, after last weekend's celebration of the Assumption. We return to ordinary time - and St Peter's extraordinary proclamation of understanding of the true identity of Jesus.

THE SUNDAY READINGS offer much enlightenment as ever:

The first reading (Isaiah 22) : the keys of the kingly palace in Jerusalem are reassigned to someone more trustworthy than the previous holder.

The second reading (Rom 8) : St Paul's peon of awe-filled wonder at the hidden power of God, and his humble acceptance of his majesty,

The gospel (St Matthew) : Jesus wonders what people make of him. This leads to St Peter's declaration of belief, and his subsequent installation at the first pope.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE We note the recent deaths of

* **Christina Kempster (nee Perry)**, erstwhile parishioner of St Charles and great devotee of the church and parish.

* **Linda Grogan (71)** (Lee Vale Drive, Charlesworth)

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

SAINTS ALIVE amongst those honoured this coming week :

* **St Bartholomew, apostle** on Monday : a trip to St Peter's basilica in Rome is incomplete until you discover the huge statue of today's saint. It gruesomely depicts his being flayed alive. His relics were kept in a Tiber island that was home to an insolation hospital - hence his connection with ministry to the sick. This connection led to his giving his name to a famous London hospital (and, less gloriously, to a ten-year-old tearaway lad in the Simpsons!)

* **St Joseph Calasanz** on Tuesday : a seventeenth century Spanish saint whose foundational commitment to ensuring every child has a proper education led to his being proclaimed as a patron of education. A needful saint to whom intercession is much need from today's students received much-queried results . . .

* **St Dominic of the Mother of God (aka Dominic Barberi)** an Italian migrant missionary Passionist priest who came to preach in England. He received St John Henry Newman into the church. He died suddenly whilst waiting for a train at Reading station. His burial place and shrine is found in St Helen's.

* **St Monica** is honoured on Thursday. She was the long-suffering mother of St Augustine. She famously said on her deathbed that all she asked was that she be remembered in prayer before the altar of God.

* **St Augustine** on Friday. A wayward lad turn Bishop of Hippo in N Africa. A prolific writer, a founder of the Augustinian communities of priests and sisters.

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

- ◇ *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, and on Friday at Immaculate Conception. Your and my thanks to the diligent stewards and cleaners. Without them this would be impossible.*
- ◇ *It was good to note that two additional stewards have stepped forward to duty at BB. Are there any more to help at St Charles?*
- ◇ *On Friday after lunch the sadness of the graveside funeral service and burial of Carole Murphy at Glossop cemetery. And storm Ellen came to make things even more desolate. The twenty or so mourners, bearers and priest were unremittingly saturated as we battled to keep umbrellas steady and not be blown on to Bleaklow. This was so sad for the family as inevitably the ritual was shorn to the basic minimum . . . May she rest in peace.*
- ◇ *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: 07977202639 or 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! . . .*
- ◇ *Sanitisers and sprays have never been more available from our shops. Everywhere we go we repeatedly cover our hands in the gels and sprays. The labelling used to tell us that the soap or sanitiser 'kills 99% of all bacteria'. Labelling is now changed to 'bacteria and viruses'. 'Why only 99%? Where's the missing 1%' I muse. And then thank God that Novichok is not available in Boots or Superdrug.*
- ◇ *Diane Williams has served the diocese as coordinator for adult formation these many years. She is moving to another coordinating post for a cluster of parishes in Nottingham itself. Joe Hopkins, until recently chaplain to the St Ralph Sherwin CMAT, has become the Bishop's officer for 'Adult Formation & Mission'. We wish them both well.*
- ◇ *With September on the horizon, you'll find "Magnificat" and "My Day by Day" on the elephant table. Help yourself.*
- ◇ **AND FINALLY** *Picked this up in Colin Brazier's recent column in the Catholic Herald:*

BEATI PAUPERES *"I thought about the power that rests in the hands of the men who founded and still own portions of the tech giants. Their wealth far exceeds the relatively puny and static resources of the Queen (reputed to have a personal fortune of £350m). She is rich by everyday standards, but on her uppers compared to Jeff Bezos (\$191bn), Bill Gates (\$112bn), or Elon Musk (\$70bn). Even if Her Majesty could turn all her notional royal assets, from Windsor Castle to the Crown Jewels, into cash – she'd still be a minority shareholder in Amazon."*