

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY (a)
August 30th 2020



Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things
with great love.

St Teresa of Calcutta

He will reward each one according to his behaviour

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PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

- Sun 30th **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY (A)**
9.15 am (BB) E Page's ints.
11am (HAD) for the parish
- Mon 31st **St Aidan, bishop of Lindisfarne**
9.30 (HAD) thanksgiving to St Francis (JM)
- Tues 1st Sept **feria**
9.30 (HAD) Catherine Mullen's welfare
- Weds 2nd **feria**
9.30 (HAD) Phil Harte's welfare
(11.30 crematorium service for Linda Grogan RIP)
- Thurs 3rd **St Gregory the great**
9.30 (HAD) Anita O'Loughlin's welfare
- Fri 4th **St Cuthbert, bishop**
9.30 (BB) Tim Kyne's welfare
- Sat 5th **feria / St Teresa of Calcutta**
9.30 (HAD) John Mulholland's welfare
- Sun 6th **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A)**
9.15 (BB) Lilliana & family (AC)
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, 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 Brian Welsh, James Monaghan; James Garlick;
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen*

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY (A)

Psalter Week 2

INTRODUCTION Christ calls us to follow his way of the cross.

FIRST READING : Jer 20 : Accepting the Lord's word has meant insults for the prophet.

RESP PS : FOR YOU MY SOUL IS THIRSTING, O LORD MY GOD

SECOND READING : Rom 12 : Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.

GOSPEL : Mt 16 : If anyone wants to follow Him, then he must renounce himself and take up his daily cross.

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND, already the last Sunday in August. Where has the summer gone? Our Holy Father has asked us to celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Creation on Tuesday 1st September this week.

BANK HOLIDAY Seems very strange to be having a Bank Holiday this weekend. But at least as I write the sun is shining. Hope writing that doesn't jinx Monday's weather. Now where did I store my jumpers?

THE SUNDAY READINGS offer much enlightenment as ever:

The first reading (Jeremiah 20) : the prophet utters the wonderful phrase "a fire burns in my heart". His eagerness against all adversity is to proclaim God's love for his people.

The second reading (Rom 12) : just three wonderful sentences comprise this reading— and each sentence is spiritual dynamite! Please read this tiny reading again and again this week.

The gospel (St Matthew) : Poor old Peter, after last Sunday's mighty declaration of Jesus' divine identity, gets shot down again! "Get thee behind me Satan!" The path of cross-bearing and daily acceptance of even of tribulation, is the path Jesus and his followers must follow—to Calvary & beyond to glory.

SCHOOLS BACK In these curious times that simple event of starting the new school year is topsy turvy. Please God bless pupils, staff and teachers equally this week - and keep them safe.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

Our Holy Father invites all Catholics to engage with interdenominational "The Season of Creation" which begins annually on 1st September, Tuesday of this coming week. This Season is based upon Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato si' in which the Pope highlighted concern for our planet. The season runs up to the feastday of St Francis of Assisi on 4th October. For the 2020 Season of Creation, the suggested theme is "Jubilee for the Earth: New Rhythms, New Hope." This weekend, in anticipation of the start, we are invited to make this prayer our own:

For this living world and all that dwell in it: May we cherish the life of our common home, and learn to share this holy ground of Earth with all that God has made.

SAINTS ALIVE amongst those honoured this coming week :

- * **St Aidan of Lindisfarne**, one of the earliest saints to evangelise the north-east of England - soon after St Augustine of Canterbury came to the south-east.
- * **St Gregory the Great**: in 596 this Pope sent Augustine and his companions on a mission to evangelise the south of England.
- * **St Cuthbert** seventh century saint who was among the Missionaries of the north east.
- * **St Mother Teresa** on Saturday. This contemporary saint died on 5th Sept 1997, her death being somewhat overshadowed by Diana princess of Wales' death 5 days before. This wonderful saint epitomised the virtue of caring for the abandoned, especially in Calcutta where she and her Missionaries of Charity cared for the daily and eternal welfare of the afflicted and dying.

HELPING OUR STEWARDS Our gratitude to our diligent stewards knows no bounds. No stewards - no Mass! Their duties continue long after every congregant has gone home, in the cleaning and sanitising of the church, especially in those places where parishioners have sat. Eagle eyes which stream have noticed varieties of practice in other churches.

The stewards at St Charles having a bigger area & 'spaces' to look after, have noticed how in other parishes those attending Mass help in the sanitisation process.

Therefore the Hadfield stewards have asked that

- *Each parishioner arriving for Sunday Mass is offered a small plastic bag, containing an antiseptic wipe;*
- *At the end of Mass the parishioner cleanses that part of seat and bench-rail & returns the used wipe to the bag,*
- *And takes the bag to the bin by the church door.*

I hope that parishioners will be happy to help the stewards and reduce their workload in this way. Thank you!

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.*
- ◇ *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.*
- ◇ *With September on the horizon, you'll find "Magnificat" and "My Day by Day" on the elephant table. Help yourself.*

AND FINALLY

My thanks to the good folk of Central Methodist church in Glossop for an accidental carparking kindness on Thursday. I had finally got clearance to visit my sainted uncle Fr Joe Keogh in his place of retirement in Derby, and duly set off. My car dashboard informed me that I should attend to tyre pressure. I parked in the Central carpark and took the mini-inflator and plugged it in. No response. Then urgent dashboard messages telling me to get to a service centre pronto "battery issues". Car now totally lifeless. I carry a mobile phone once in a blue moon. Mercifully I had it then. Phoned for 'roadside assistance', who after 90 minutes said they were on their way. Left my rosary-walk around the church and returned to the car, instinctively turning the key in the ignition. St Christopher or whoever in heaven must have listened to my prayers, for the car immediately started! Praise be! I managed to message the RAC man. We had a brief and engaging chat about the power of prayer (and the complexity of car computers . . .). All tyres inflated and back to base. Lesson learnt: carry a phone and discern the kindnesses, even accidental, that people offer us—and be grateful.