

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (a)

Sept 6th 2020



*September*

Month of the Holy Cross  
& Our Lady of Sorrows.

‘We adore thee O Christ and we praise thee:  
because by thy Holy Cross thou hast  
redeemed the world.’

‘At the cross her station keeping,  
Stood the mournful Mother weeping,  
Close to Jesus to the last.’

*(from the Stabat Mater)*

Where two or three gather, I am in the midst

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**PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK**

- Sun 6th           **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A)**  
9.15 (BB) Lilliana & family (AC)  
11am (HAD) for the parish
- Mon 7th           **feria**  
9.30 (HAD) Christina Kempster RIP (MR)
- Tues 8th           **BIRTH DAY OF OUR BLESSED LADY**  
9.30 (HAD) Sp int (KMH)
- Weds 9th           **St Peter Claver**  
**NO PUBLIC MASS THIS DAY**
- Thurs 10th       **feria**  
9.30 (HAD) Christina Kempster RIP (KMH)
- Fri 11th           **feria**  
9.30 (BB) Phil Harte's welfar
- Sat 12th           **feria / Holy Name of Mary**  
9.30 (HAD) Dec'd of Holtom & Perry fams RIP (KMH)
- Sun 13th           **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (A)**  
9.15 (BB) for the parish  
11am (HAD) Mona & Jack Cannon RIP (fam)

**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: Revv Patrick O'Hanlon & Brendan Campbell; Anthony Deane;*

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

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A)**

**Psalter Week 3**

**INTRODUCTION** The God of love urges us to follow His way.

**FIRST READING** : Ezek 33 : You must correct the wicked man.

**RESP** : O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN TO HIS VOICE! HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.

**SECOND READING** : Rom 13 : Love is the answer to every one of the commandments.

**GOSPEL** : Mt 18 : If you correct your malevolent brother, you are doing God`s will.

## PARISH NOTES

**THIS WEEKEND**, Welcome to September and autumn. "And summer's lease hath all too short a date. Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines," (remember the heatwaves?), "And often is his gold complexion dimmed;" (and storms Ellen & Francis?). Shakespeare had a way with words . . .

The diocesan Ordo reminds us that this is 'Education Sunday', a reminder to us all of the valuable work done in our schools. Thanks be to God!

**THE SUNDAY READINGS** offer much enlightenment as ever:

The first reading (Ezekiel) dwells on the tricky subject of calling someone to order after reprehensible behaviour, but says it is necessary for our salvation.

The second reading (Rom 13) : we continue our journey through St Paul's letter to the Romans. He reminds us of the need to love our neighbour.

The gospel (St Matthew) : the power of praying together is accentuated, as is the need to forgive our brethren who offend us.

**SCHOOLS BACK** It was good to welcome the children back to St Charles school. They all seemed glad to be together again, and the teachers, new and old were in cheery form.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION**

We continue this brief season through to the feast of St Francis in early October.

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

- \* **The Birthday of Our Blessed Lady** on Tuesday. We have a lovely stained glass window in St Charles of Mary as a young girl with Anne her mother. Worth more than a glance.
- \* **St Peter Claver** A Jesuit missionary from Catalonia on Wednesday He arrived in Cartagena, in what is now Colombia, in 1610, and after his ordination six years later he became 'the slave of the Negroes forever', labouring on their behalf for 33 years, attending to both their spiritual and material needs. The slave trade was repeatedly condemned by the Popes; but it was too profitable to be stopped and on the whole the local church hierarchy kept quiet about it, much as they did in North America in the 19th century. He brought fresh food to the slave-ships as they arrived, instructed the slaves and baptized them in the faith, followed their progress and kept track of them even when they were sent to the mines and plantations, defending them as well as he could from oppressive slave-owners. He organized teams of catechists who spoke the many languages spoken by the slaves. He worked in hospitals also, looking after lepers among others, and in prisons. Sadly he was ostracised for this heroism, and died a sad and lonely death. A blessed patron in these BAME days.
- \* **The Holy Name of Mary** on Saturday

**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 or touched. 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.

**BEST THANKS** to those St Charles parishioners who have taken heed of Mike Wild's request to reconnect with the tote. An encouraging response. The weekly draw resumes this weekend. Fingers crossed!

**RED BOXES** Please try to get your Missio Red Boxes to the church or the rectory, for emptying and return to you.

### **ODDMENTS**

- ◇ *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.*
- ◇ *The numbers of folk attending Mass has been encouraging. We have a 'full church' on Fridays and Sundays at Immaculate Conception, where there are twelve 'units of space'. We're trying to seek ways of allowing more space so that 'full house' is even more satisfying to the Divine. The St Charles weekday numbers a satisfactory rather than overwhelming; Sunday congregation numbers edged towards fifty last weekend. Renewed thanks to stewards—and also helpful parishioners.*
- ◇ *Kept company with a parishioner during the week. He has relatives in Chile, and showed me some recent family photos, one of which was of his great-grand-daughter's baptism. Here was a picture of an immaculately-dressed infant, being held up by her father. He was as it were presenting the infant at arms-length to the priest who was standing a safe two metres away, firing a Holy-water pistol at the child - doubtless shooting thrice, and hopefully not missing! I'm sure it was a valid Baptism, and brought a smile to the Divine countenance, as it did to mine. The child seemed to be non-plussed. We live in interesting times. Don't worry Sienna, I don't plan to buy a water-pistol.*
- ◇ *Managed to break bounds and at the second attempt journey safely to & from Derby during the week. I passed on to my uncle, Fr Keogh, the kind comments that have surfaced on Whatsapp. He was in good form, and full of cheery memories of his time in Glossop. Then a brief and sunny visit to my parents' earthly resting-place in the huge Nottingham Rd cemetery, and then homeward bound. I'm certain they are well and truly safely home.*
- ◇ *So many of the usual diocesan gatherings and events have been victims of COVID lockdown. However, one has re-entered the diary. The Bishop is anxious for his clergy to come for a brief conference in early October. God willing I hope to attend and catch up with the fraternity of the clergy.*

**AND FINALLY** Vitalis is a St Charles parishioner, and a young man and a valuable parish helper. He needs temporary accommodation in our parish area. If you have a spare room and might offer lodging for a while, I'll put you in touch to discuss the possibility further.