

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY (a)

Oct 11th 2020



THE PRISONS WEEK PRAYER

Lord, you offer freedom to all people. We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care. Heal those who have been wounded by the actions of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another, to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in his strength and in his Spirit, now and every day.

Amen.

Many are called; few are chosen!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 11th	9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) sp. Int	
Mon 12th	St Wilfrid; St Hilda 1pm (HAD) Requiem Mass for Vincent Mark Gibson RIP	
Tues 13th	St Edward, king & confessor 9.30 (HAD) Stanley Davies RIP (MR)	
Weds 14th	St Callistus 9.30 (HAD) Tony Perry RIP (DH)	
Thurs 15th	St Teresa of Jesus 9.30 (HAD) Sp int (D&KH)	
Fri 16th	St Hedwig; St Margaret Mary Alacoque 9.30 (BB) E Page's ints	
Sat 17th	St Ignatius of Antioch 9.30 (HAD) J Moloney RIP (DW)	10.30 (HAD) Confessions
Sun 18th	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) dec'd of Cassidy fam (AM)	

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Psalter Week 4

INTRODUCTION The Lord calls us to the banquet of Word and Eucharist.

FIRST READING : **Is 25** : At the Lord`s feast, there are no tears - only joy!

RESPONSE : **IN THE LORD`S OWN HOUSE SHALL I DWELL FOREVER AND EVER**

SECOND READING : **Philippians 4** : With God`s help, all is possible.

GOSPEL : **Mt 22** : All are invited to the Lord`s high feast.

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, Isabella Phillips, Monica Krommendijk, Una Wilkinson, Nella Lewykj, Evelyn Matthewman, Neil Appleton, Alice Canning, Dorothy Yarwood.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Revv Paddy Blackwell, John Tear, Pip O'Meara, John McDermott, Joe Calnan, Brendan O'Sullivan: Patrick McMylor, Don Yates & Betty Grant:

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

PARISH NOTES

***THIS WEEKEND** and during the coming week, we are invited to pray for those held in prison, not least those imprisoned for their faith in Christ. The prayer indicated nationally is found on p.1*

***CAFOD FAMILY FAST** any more envelopes out there?*

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

In the first reading Isaiah tells us that God will destroy death forever. This reading is familiar as a funeral-service reading;

In just five short sentences in the second reading St Pauls attests to the power of God to help him overcome every obstacle and tribulation;

The Gospel speaks of the wedding-feast, and of the invited guests excuse-making. It finishes with that ominous proclamation: 'Many are called, but few are chosen!'

SAINTS ALIVE

This week I recommend a journey of discovery of a saint-in-the-making. Kindly parishioners have introduced me to a young man with a remarkable but short life of holiness:

Carlo Acutis was born in London on May 3 1991. His parents took him back to Italy soon after. He died of leukaemia at age 15 on 12 October 2006. He was declared Venerable in 2018 and will be beatified by Pope Francis this year on October 10th 2020 in Assisi, where he is buried. From a young age, Carlo seemed to have a special love for God, even though his parents weren't especially devout. His mum said that before Carlo, she went to Mass only for her First Communion, her confirmation, and her wedding. But as a young child, Carlo loved to pray the rosary. After he made his First Communion, he went to Mass as often as he could, almost daily, and he made Holy Hours before or after Mass. He went to confession weekly.

He asked his parents to take him on pilgrimages — to the places of the saints, and to the sites of Eucharistic miracles.

He was known for defending bullied children at his school, especially disabled kids. When a friend's parents were getting a divorce, Carlo made a special effort to include his friend in the Acutis family life. And he promoted Eucharistic miracles, especially through a website he built to promote them. On the site, he told people that "the more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven."

You can find informative fact- & prayer-sheets at the back of church. Please take one.

***MAY HE REST ON PEACE** We have noted with sadness the death recently of **Kevin Wilson (88) (Whitfield)**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Kevin's funeral rites are planned for Dukinfield crematorium on Friday.*

***CONGRATULATIONS** to Christopher George Metcalfe and Kathleen Margaret (Worswick), married this weekend at St Charles. After last Saturday's first Baptism for eight months, a joy to solemnise the sacrament of matrimony for the first time in fourteen months!*

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS October is the month of the holy rosary. Where possible, the rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before each public parish Mass.

HADFIELD TOTE Congrats to latest winners Anita Marsden (£30) and Colin Johnson (£20).

Having difficulty in supporting the tote via bank standing order? Please message Mike Wild (855461).

BB/GAM TOTE Need help? Contact Sue Hickinson for details 01457 855837/mob 07976 530815.

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.

DEACON OWEN spoke last Sunday of a new Papal document. Here's his message: On September 30, Pope Francis published the Apostolic Letter "Devotion to Sacred Scripture" (*Scripturae Sacrae Affectus*). It discusses the life and work of St Jerome, who died 1600 years ago, and it encourages us to follow his example, to meet Christ in Scripture. St Jerome wrote that "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ!". The full text of the letter is available online from http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/, and printed copies are available from the Catholic Truth Society.

RED BOXES Thanks to those who have managed to get their Red Boxes to the church. Given the peculiar circumstances, an achievement to get £205 to Missio.

Don't forget that next Sunday is celebrated as **World Mission Sunday**. We are all encouraged to support the missionary outreach of our church through a second collection.

'FAITH IN FAMILIES' Thanks to the valiant Val G and those who contribute through different boxes to the support of family life. Nigh-on £92 has been collected. A thank-you poster is found at the back of church.

VIRTUAL GATHERINGS Good to join in a combined Missio/CAFOD Zoom gathering during the week, and hear, inter alia, that the Holy Father's Pontifical fund to help COVID victims in poorer countries elicited £350,000 from good folk in this country.

And another Zoom gathering of sixty of the diocesan clergy with the Bishop and some encouraging speakers. Seem to be zooming around a lot these days!

PAUL BODENHAM is the diocesan leader for Justice & Peace matters. He is spearheading the initiative to set up 'Caritas Nottingham', to link the diocese's charitable works more closely to the universal church. He's look for a local parishioners to link in this part of the diocese. Please let me know if you are interested.

DUTY CALLS I hope to include in future newsletters a slimmed-down Duty List. I hope organisers of Stewards, Lectors and Emins will let me have a month's supply of names.

REPOSITORY STALL Lola hopes to open the stall at the back of church with Christmas goods.

MASS BOOKINGS 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.

ODDMENTS

◇ **ANOTHER WORLD** in rainy & wind-swept Glossop cemetery this week, after the graveside committal rites of a fine gent, I was approached by the nephew of the deceased holding out a mobile phone. On the screen there was the deceased's brother in Portugal. He was greeting me with thanks for the rituals in which he had just taken e-part. . . Another mystery!

◇ **BATS IN THE BRIDGE** Kept company with a fine young man who was gathering litter from Station Rd in Hadfield - an epic and never-ending task. He turned out to be of the Carmel fellowship. This was one of that congregation's helpful outreaches. I complimented him and them. He then revealed at he was a local HPBC councillor. I asked about the road-closing work on Park Rd, preventing traffic for some time. It seems that rare bats are roosting under the bridge and need some help not to be electrocuted. . . I think that's what he said!

AND FINALLY We are blessed to have Sunday Mass; blessed to have weekday Mass; blessed to open our churches for funeral liturgies, for Baptisms, for weddings. None of these could take place without our sacristans and stewards. On your behalf, heartfelt thanks for those dedicated parishioners who go the several extra miles to facilitate these holy gatherings.