

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTIETH SUNDAY (a)

Oct 25th 2020



Prayer to St. Jude

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honours and invokes you universally as the patron of hope.

Please intercede on my behalf. Make use of that particular privilege given to you to bring hope, comfort, and help where they are needed most.

Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven as I work with my challenges, particularly (here make your request).

I praise God with you and all the saints forever.

I promise, blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favour, to always honour you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you.

Amen.

Love God, and love your neighbour!

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Sun 25th	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) for kind friends (AM)	
Mon 26th	feria 9.30 (HAD) for Benjamin (J&CB)	
Tues 27th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Fr Colum Kelly's welfare (SQ)	
Weds 28th	Ss Simon & Jude, apostles 9.30 (HAD) E Page's ints	
Thurs 29th	feria Noon (HAD) Requiem Mass for Ann Phillips RIP.	
Fri 30th	feria 9.30 (BB) Michael Wenner (fam)	
Sat 31st	feria 9.30 (HAD) foundation Mass (M-MK) 10.30 (HAD) Confessions	
Sun 1st Nov	SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS 9.15 (BB) foundation Mass (Thorpe) 11am (HAD) Edmund Ashton RIP (fam)	

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Psalter Week 2

INTRODUCTION God is love: we return his gift, and share it with others

FIRST READING : Ex 22 : We neglect the afflicted at our peril.

RESPONSE : I LOVE YOU, LORD MY STRENGTH

SECOND READING : Thess 1 : We await the Lord`s return to save us.

GOSPEL : Mt 22 : Love God! Love your neighbour!

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 Lewykyj, Evelyn Matthewman, Neil Appleton, Alice Canning, Dorothy Yarwood.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Rev Laurence Saunders: Alice Goddard, Mary Whitham, Clifford Banner, Terence Curran, Ronald Howbrook, Jack Seale, Bernard O'Hare, May Perrin, Isabella Clarke:

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

PARISH NOTES

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE Ann Phillips (84)(Willow Bank Care Home) died this week, fortified by the last rites of our church. May she rest in peace, and may her family & friends be comforted. Her requiem Mass is celebrated at St Charles on Thursday.

THIS WEEKEND THE SUNDAY READINGS offer much enlightenment as ever;
The focus throughout is on help for our neighbour and above all love for God.

NEXT SATURDAY is of course Hallowe'en, the eve of All Hallows. Why it's associated with spookery, I can only guess : a battle between good and evil? But that's every day! May the good saints intercede for us that we may overcome the evil one with St Michael's help. And this Saturday: we've had quite enough 'tricks' this viral year. Treats only please!

NEXT SUNDAY is November 1st, and we put aside 'ordinary time' and celebrate All Saints, aka All Hallows. And of course on Monday 2nd we celebrate All Souls.

SAINTS ALIVE St Chad is honoured on Monday. His connection with Lichfield and the West Midlands is honoured in his patronage of the Catholic diocese of Birmingham and its Cathedral. Sts Simon & Jude come into focus on Wednesday. St Jude is famously the patron saint of impossible causes. A glance at "small ads" in more serious newspapers you will often find "Thanksgiving to St Jude for prayers answered".

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS October is the month of the holy rosary. As we come to the last week of the month the rosary will be prayed 20 minutes before each public parish Mass.

'SPRING FORWARD, FALL BACK' Hope you remembered!

PUBLICATIONS The usual month-end/beginning publications are available. The November editions of "My Day by Day" (free), and "Magnificat" (£5) are found at the back of church and on the elephant table in the rectory porch.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST The Month of the Holy Souls is around the corner. You'll find the customary envelope-and-slip at the back of church or outside the rectory door for your use. The names you note will form part of the parish Dead List, and particular prayers will be offered daily during the month of November. If you enclose a Mass Intention donation, then public Mass will be offered for those you list. Please get them back to the rectory somehow during the next few weeks.

And looking ahead, we will be praying with particular regard for the War dead and deceased parishioners on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November. There will be DV, the familiar cemetery and garden-of-remembrance visits that afternoon.

KISS OF PEACE You know that COVID constraints forbid the physical exchange of the kiss of peace for the time being. A parishioner wondered if at the customary time we could send a non-tactile "peaceful greeting" to fellow-worshippers. Why not? (Except you will not be invited so to do!)

FOUNDATION MASSES are a feature of the Mass Intention list from time to time. And what are foundation Masses? Devout parishioners leave a sum of money with the diocese, stipulating that for 25 years (or more), a Mass be publicly offered in the church of their choice. Depending on the amount pledged, there may be more than one Mass offered for a particular person annually.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS at St Charles, which were scheduled for June earlier this year were amongst the early casualties of COVID lock-down. However it is hoped that most of the candidates who were prepared for that great event will come on quiet Saturday morning Masses to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time. This staggered celebration is planned for the last three Saturdays in November, please God.

HADFIELD TOTE Congrats to latest winners Edith Green (£30) and Sue Hoolahan (£20).

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

BB/GAM TOTE The latest winners were Tom & Anne Travis and Angie Cass. 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.

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 messaged us recently:

"TOGETHER, WE ARE CARITAS": Building social action in the Diocese of Nottingham - Saturday 7 November 2020 by Zoom (with a telephone option). Nottingham Diocese is joining Caritas, the Church's worldwide ministry of charity. Soon our parish will be part of one of the biggest humanitarian organisations on the planet – and you are invited to be part of it. Join Bishop Patrick, Caritas Social Action Network, the diocesan Justice & Peace Commission and Catholics from all round our diocese. In two 90-minute online sessions at 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. we'll take practical steps, in parishes and chaplaincies across the diocese, to bring the Gospel to life, locally and globally. For details and booking visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/faithintoaction or call 07470 907656 for further information.

REPOSITORY STALL Lola hopes to open the stall at the back of church with Christmas goods this Sun 25th Oct and next. Try and come in the half-hour before Mass when Lola will be happy to help.

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.

AND FINALLY

Fr John Cairns until a few years ago was parish priest of neighbouring Marple Bridge & New Mills. Sadly he was suspended from ministry whilst an investigation into historic allegations was investigated. Bishop Patrick sent a statement to be read to those parishioners last week. In part of that statement he said "Having looked into the accusation as carefully as we possibly could, and having discussed the issues thoroughly, I was unable to reach moral certainty that Fr Cairns had done what he had been accused of, and so he was found not guilty. He is now in so far as his health permits, able to exercise in full his priestly duties as a priest of the diocese."

We continue to pray for Fr John's return to health; we wish him well, and give thanks to God for this just and happy outcome.