

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY (a)

Nov 15th 2020



**PRAYER FOR THE
WORLD DAY FOR THE POOR**

We ask you, Lord God, to help us set aside material wealth so as to recognise the spiritual riches of patience, compassion and love for all your people.

As we journey through this life side by side, may we learn to support one another with the combined wealth of youth, strength, wisdom and experience until we are called to the place you have prepared for all those who are poor in spirit and rich in love.

Through Christ our Lord:

Amen.

Well done! Good and faithful servant!

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DATE**MASS INTENTION**

Sun 15th	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY	for the parish
Mon 16th	St Margaret, queen	Catherine Field RIP (AC)
Tues 17th	ST HUGH OF LINCOLN	Maureen Keane RIP (KMH)
Weds 18th	Dedication of the basilicae of Ss Peter & Paul	Isabel Doyle RIP (KMH)
Thurs 19th	St Elizabeth of Hungary	Teresa & Betty Perry RIP (KMH)
Fri 20th	feria	t'giving (KMH)
Sat 21st	Presentation of Our Lady	welfare of family & friends (KMH) 3-4pm <i>HAD Holy Hour</i>
Sun 22nd	CHRIST THE KING	for the parish

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A)**Psalter Week 1**

INTRODUCTION : Christ, the Head of his Household.

FIRST READING : Prov 31 : A perfect wife : blessed the man who finds her?

RESPONSE : O BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD

SECOND READING : 1 Thess 5 : Let not the day of the Lord overtake you like a thief.

GOSPEL : Mt 25 : Enter into the joy of your Lord.

THE WORLD SUNDAY
FOR THE POOR



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: Revv Humphrey Wilson, Alan Molyneux, Bill Purdy, Joe Neary : Eric Stafford, Shae Wilson, Helene Bardsley, Winifred Coxon, Mary Baldwin, John Ryan, Marjorie Byrd, Kathleen Stokes, Barry Miles, Thomas Moore, Kieran Grogan, Teresa Flynn:

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

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND our Holy Father has dedicated as “World Sunday for the Poor”. He invites our “prayer and almsgiving” to support the needy of the world:

If you go to the Vatican website you’ll find Pope Francis’ letter commending this Sunday for the Poor. It is particularly enlightening when he speaks of the present pandemic:

This pandemic arrived suddenly and caught us unprepared, sparking a powerful sense of bewilderment and helplessness. Yet hands never stopped reaching out to the poor. This has made us all the more aware of the presence of the poor in our midst and their need for help. Structures of charity, works of mercy, cannot be improvised. Constant organization and training is needed, based on the realization of our own need for an outstretched hand.

The present experience has challenged many of our assumptions. We feel poorer and less self-sufficient because we have come to sense our limitations and the restriction of our freedom. The loss of employment, and of opportunities to be close to our loved ones and our regular acquaintances, suddenly opened our eyes to horizons that we had long since taken for granted. Our spiritual and material resources were called into question and we found ourselves experiencing fear. In the silence of our homes, we rediscovered the importance of simplicity and of keeping our eyes fixed on the essentials. We came to realize how much we need a new sense of fraternity, for mutual help and esteem. Now is a good time to recover “the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world”.

THE SUNDAY READINGS offer much enlightenment as ever;

The first reading from the book of Proverbs is a sensitive peon of praise for a good wife. Every husband should take this reading and whisper it to his wife today!

The second reading finds St Paul inviting the Galatians to be sober, and watchful for the end-times, reflecting that we are children of the light and the day, not of the night and its darkness;

The gospel challenges us to recognise the gifts that God gives us and be thankful—not to neglect them but put them to good use in his service - and that of the poor!

SAINTS ALIVE

Monday : we honour St Margaret, Queen of Scotland, asking her to intercede those whose school and parish come under her saintly care;

Tuesday finds us paying our prayerful respects to St Hugh of Lincoln. In our diocese this is a feastday since he is the secondary patron of our diocese. The principal patroness is honoured on Dec 8th!

Thursday : St Elizabeth of Hungary. May she intercede for all who are proud to be Hungarian; (three parishioners come readily to mind!)

Saturday : we honour Our Blessed Lady in her presentation in the temple. We seek her intercession for the Presentation Sisters and their Associates.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST The Month of the Holy Souls is still with us. It was good to keep company with some devout remembrancers in the cemetery last Sunday afternoon.

At every Mass we bring to mind those listed in our November memorials (and thank God for those who have prepared those memorials so beautifully).

NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate—albeit in lock-down—the Solemnity of Christ the King, the last Sunday in the year of the church.

HADFIELD TOTE Congrats to latest winners Carole Wardle (£30) and the parish priest. (£20).

FAITH IN FAMILIES the new name for the Catholic Children's Society which is headquartered in Nottingham. Its director has sent this appealing message:

"Our Christmas Appeal, which is slightly different this year due to Covid19. We cannot do the appeal as previous years, therefore we are doing an online monetary appeal, so we can purchase £100 voucher for 100 families, therefore our target is £10,000. The online appeal is live and is moving slowly. We are struggling; however, with the ever-changing rules and this second lockdown this will just slow the process down even further."

Anyone wanting to support this initiative should get their gift to the rectory and I'll pass it on.

CARDINAL NICHOLS has sent a message to encourage the nation's Catholics to pause for prayer at 6pm each day. He writes *"The first act of faith is the praise of God. It is deep and constant prayer. This must be at the root of our lives, as individuals, as families, as households. I urge you, then, to stay faithful to daily patterns of prayer. Pray privately; pray together at home; come to church to pray; pray without ceasing. I thank God that our churches remain open to be places of peace and prayer, and the live-streaming of the Mass, celebrated every day in our churches, is a great help. But that too must be rooted in our own life of prayer."*

Only by receiving the living water from the Lord will we pass through this arid time. Indeed, if we stay close to the Lord, we will be changed for the better by this time of crisis.

The second act of faith is humble service. This is the road we are to follow: service of each other; outreach to the lonely; nourishment for the hungry; compassion for the sick, the isolated, the dying, especially those facing death alone, and those who mourn. Let's do it."

THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS FOR 2020 has been postponed until next year. So Cardinal Peter Erdo of Budapest-Estergom has asked that all parishes have a Holy Hour next Saturday 21st November – the Vigil of the Solemnity of Christ the King.

He has asked that "in the current epidemiological situation...we can also join in from our homes with our personal prayers. Let us take part in this common adoration, join with your parish, your community and your family. Let this worldwide adoration be the next station of our preparation for the 52nd IEC in Budapest, and let us relive the regenerating love of God."

Cardinal Nichols has asked that this be disseminated across our dioceses as a moment for the Church to pray for all those affected by the current pandemic in England and Wales. There is no set format for this, but all parishes and dioceses are asked to set aside some time on this date to have Adoration, to pray for the worldwide situation with Covid-19, and to enter into this preparation for the Eucharistic Congress next year.

Bishop Patrick and Fr Jonathan will be streaming an hour of Adoration from the Chapel in Bishop's House from 4 - 5pm that afternoon and, if this would be helpful to you, please feel free to join at the Bishop's YouTube channel: www.YouTube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney.

Participants can add their locations and events to the map by clicking "Create new location."

There is also a video produced by the organisers of the Congress at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5j2bWBfb>

In response to this initiative there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for a Holy Hour next Saturday, the 21st, 3-4 at St Charles.

AND FINALLY Many people find the Universalis website helpful in daily prayer. I am amongst its users and admirers, and use it daily for The Prayer of the Church. The site's founder and developer improves and extends its usefulness almost monthly. He has recently introduced a daily extract from a Benedictine monk's thought-provoking book "Resurrection is Now" by Dom Aelred Watkin. I commend you to a journey into holiness through Universalis.