

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE (a)**

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Each of
us is the result
of a thought of
God. Each of us
is willed, each of us
is loved, each of us
is necessary.'

Pope Benedict XVI,
Inaugural address

So you are a King, then?

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DATE**MASS INTENTION**

Sun 22nd	CHRIST THE KING	for the parish
Mon 23rd	St Clement, pope; St Columban, abbot	Isobel Wood RIP (J&CB)
Tues 24th	St Andrew & companions, martyrs	Potter & Kelly fams RIP (MG)
Weds 25th	St Catherine of Alexandria	sp int (anon)
Thurs 26th	feria	November Dead List
Fri 27th	feria	Denis Killeen RIP (JK)
Sat 28th	feria	November Dead List
Sun 29th	FIRST ADVENT (B)	for the parish

CHRIST THE KING (A)**Psalter Week 2**

INTRODUCTION Christ the King rules his flock as a good shepherd.

FIRST READING : Ez 34 : I shall be a true shepherd to them.

RESPONSE : *THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD : THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT*

SECOND READING : 1 Cor 15. Jesus prepares the Kingdom, to hand it over to his Father.

GOSPEL : Mt 25 : The King will judge between sheep and goats at the end of time.

*Christ is King of earth and heaven!
Let his subjects all proclaim,
in the splendour of his temple,
honour to his holy name.*

*Christ is king! In health and sickness,
till we breathe our latest breath,
till we greet in highest heaven,
Christ the victor over death.*

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 John Dewar, Peter O'Dowd, Cyril Gryce : Nora Winterbottom, Arthur Martin, John Atherton, Gordon Williamson, Barbara Burwood, Kathleen Shaw:

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

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND we come to the last Sunday in the year of the church. One more "green", ordinary time week before we begin all over again with Advent next Sunday. This triumphant day proclaims Christ as Our Universal King. The readings and prayers invite our fealty and homage, before whom every head shall bow, and ever knee shall genuflect. "Upon this great feast let us be filled with joy for the great Redeemer who has saved us. He is our Lord and Saviour, the only One worthy of our praise and adoration as it is He who gives sense to our very existence. We live in world in which it is ever more difficult to profess our belief that Christ is our King. His is not only our King, but, as this feast reminds us, He is the King of the Universe, history, time and all created things, visible and invisible! Therefore let us unite with the prayer of the Church to say: "*Christus vincit! Christus regnat! Christus imperat!*"

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

We note the death recently on **Mary Gorman** (93), (Mouselow Close, Hadfield). Mary's funeral rites are planned to take place in St Paul's, Hyde in the near future. May she rest in peace, and her family and friends be comforted.

THE SUNDAY READINGS offer much enlightenment as ever;

The **first reading** from the book of Ezekiel declares that our God is a good shepherd!

The **second reading** finds St Paul proclaiming that at the end of time, Christ will hand over his Kingdom to his Father. "Thy Kingdom come!"

The Gospel has St Matthew describing the courtroom of the King. We, his subjects, will be judged as to how we cared for the poor and outcast. These are the Corporal works of Mercy - much in need in our time.

SAINTS ALIVE

Monday : we honour St Clement, pope & martyr; a first class relic of this saint is found in St Mary's church in Glossop.

Wednesday finds us paying our prayerful respects to St Catherine of Alexandria. She was savagely martyred by being bound to a sharp-spiked wheel and rolled down hill. How that gruesome martyrdom came to be remembered every 5th November in the Catherine Wheel firework I'll never know.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST At every Mass we bring to mind those listed in our November memorials.

MY DAY BY DAY for the upcoming season of Advent are available from the back of St Charles church or from the elephant table—free-of-charge.

"MAGNIFICAT" for December is also found on the same table (£5). If you can't get copies, please message me and we'll arrange delivery to your letterbox.

HADFIELD TOTE Congratulations to latest winners Diane Wilson (£30) and Pat Pasciecznik (£20).

RENEWED THANKS to those parishioners who continue to support parish life financially, especially during 'lockdown2'. Especial thanks to those who have set up standing orders for collection or tote, and those who journey to get their planned-giving envelopes and cash support through the letterbox.

THE REPOSITORY STALL Even during the season of lockdown and isolation Lola & Margaret kept the piety stall alive, and turned over £455 in sales. Huge thanks to them for this outstanding enterprise, and to those who gave their support.

SCHOOL CONNECTIONS It was good on Monday to join the children & staff of St Margaret's school in a virtual gathering to celebrate St Margaret's feastday. The children produced an eloquent and touching life-story of the saint. Well done!

And on Tuesday & Wednesday Y1 and Y6 came up from school to St Charles church for a "pretend Baptism" and then a long interview about Vocation. I thoroughly enjoyed both occasions. Again, well done staff and pupils!

MISSIO MESSAGE During these COVID-confining days we have been able to gather in many of the parishioners' Red Boxes and forward your generous £560+ to Missio in London. Fr Tony Chantry, the National Director has responded with this message: "Thank you from Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Through your Red Box kindness you are helping missionary outreach, spreading God's love and word to those most in need all over the world. I am profoundly grateful for this generosity. Every day at Mass at our chapel in Missio HQ in London, we pray for all Red Box supporters. Please visit missio.org.uk to find out how your gifts are transforming the lives of others".

CANON MICHAEL MOORE has returned from hospitalisation to his parish home in Leicester. He is reported, with physiotherapeutical help, to be on the mend. Thanks be to God!

GLOSSOP VOLUNTEER BUREAU CHIEF Charlotte Winterbottom has recently sent out updates and resources that you might find useful including: a **Community Development Bulletin**, an invitation to a **Voluntary Sector Forum** and information about **funding available** for community groups.

If you have missed any of these updates or would like a reminder, please see the link below to the **Community Development page on our website** which includes everything.

Re the grants, please note that the funding round deadlines are a guide and we are really flexible, so you can apply anytime you're ready and we will feed your application into the next approval meeting.

<https://the-bureau.org.uk/get-support/community-development/>

If you would like further information or support, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

AND FINALLY In recent days, IICSA (the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse) has published its findings into the English Catholic church's handling over the last 50 years of this dire crime. That report has been scathing, and makes grim reading for all Catholics, not least for those who were scarred with this sinfulness. That report can easily be accessed on the internet, and through the CBCEW website. In conjunction with that report, the Bishops commissioned another independent enquiry by Dr Ian Elliott. That too has reported and is readily & publicly accessible.

Cardinal Nichols has written a heartfelt letter of acceptance and apology for the many shortcomings revealed in the reports.

Our Bishops met this last week to review the findings of both enquiries and put out a statement in similar contrite terms.

It concludes:

Today, however, we acknowledge without hesitation, our failings, our mistakes, our lack of adequate cooperation. We express our deep sorrow and ask forgiveness, especially from victims and survivors. We affirm our resolve to effect the next step in our work of safeguarding and care for survivors. In prayer we turn to Christ the Good Shepherd, the fount of healing and compassion, asking that this moment of painful truth becomes a time of grace as we strive to fulfil the ministry entrusted to us as bishops in an unshakeable unity of purpose.