

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

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ADVENT I (B)  
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First Sunday of Advent

*Stay awake! Stand ready!*

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**DATE****MASS INTENTION**

Sun 29th	<b>ADVENT I</b>	for the parish
Mon 30th	<b>ST ANDREW, apostle</b>	R & P Mathews RIP (KMH)
Tues 1st Dec	<b>St Ralph Sherwin &amp; the Derbyshire martyrs</b> <i>11.15 (HAD) funeral of Sylvia James RIP</i>	
Weds 2nd	<b>St Catherine of Alexandria</b>	Tony Sparkes RIP (KMH)
Thurs 3rd	<b>St Francis Xavier</b> 9.30 (HAD) good estate, Julia Casey (MG)	
Fri 4th	<b>St John Damascene</b> 9.30 (BB) Tony McClintock RIP (MG)	
Sat 5th	<b>Advent feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Raymond Hughes RIP	
Sun 6th	<b>ADVENT II (B)</b> 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) May Gorman RIP (fam)	

**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (B)**

Psalter Wk 1

**Introduction :** Stand Ready ! The Lord is at hand!**1st Reading: Is 63 & 64 :** The prophet begs God to `come down` with forgiveness and salvation.**Resp Ps :** **O LORD COME TO OUR HELP!****2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1 :** St Paul reminds his readers to be patient for the `revealing of Our Lord Jesus Christ`.**Gospel : Mk 13 :** Stay awake! Be ready for the coming of the Lord! He is nigh - even to our hearts, every moment of our lives.***Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!***

## **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, Mary Mycio, Dorothy Yarwood.

***Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Revv Edward Wyke, William Winder, John von Acken, Michael Lynch, James Griffin, Joseph Degen, Ted Neary & Con Dolan: Lucy Cox, Bill Shaw, Nick Harding, May Rainford, Jenny Cooney, Joan Cavanagh, Ellen Burdekin, Margaret Hirst, Bernard Walsh:***

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

## ***PARISH NOTES***

***THIS WEEKEND*** we start all over again as we enter into the first liturgical season of the year, Advent.

***ALL CHANGE*** We have left the Year of Matthew, and enter into the Year of Mark. You will know that our Sunday cycle of readings spans a three-year period. This (new) year is Year B, and wherever possible our Gospel reading at Mass will come from St Mark. However, since his Gospel is the shortest, we will often heard from St John, whose Gospel is much longer.

The weekday cycle of reading has however a two-year span, either 1 or 2. On Monday we begin will Year 1. Confused? Try understanding the 3-tier system . . . !

***OPEN-UP***, I suppose is the opposite of Lock-down. On Wednesday we emerge from the lock-down cell, only to enter the Vale of Tiers - all parishioners it seems being in the same level 3 claustration boat. I plan to say public Mass from Thursday; our booking system will come back into use - thanks to Angie and Sophie.

### ***MAY HE REST IN PEACE***

We note the death recently on **Michael Wenner** (99), (The Coach House, Broadbottom Hall). His loving wife Raven has messaged to tell of his death after two months in hospital in Lancashire—a peaceful end to a distinguished earthly life. Michael had been in the Diplomatic service for many years, serving in many countries overseas. He had had distinguished service as a paratrooper in WW2, winning deserved decorations for his valiance. And he was a wonderful lector!

His funeral rites will take place elsewhere, not least to allow more folk to attend. May he rest in peace, and his family and friends find divine comfort.

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

The **first reading** : Isaiah begs that God should come down from heaven and redeem us, for he is the potter and we are the broken shards of the pot.

The **second reading** finds St Paul waiting for the revelation of the Lord Jesus.

The **Gospel** has St Mark challenging us to “Stay Awake” and be ready.

### ***SAINTS ALIVE***

**Monday** : we honour St Andrew the apostle. He introduced his brother Peter to Our Lord. His crucifixion on an X-shaped cross is figured in the saltire of Scotland for which he is patron saint. The town of St Andrews is founded in the place whither by tradition his bones were brought.

**Tuesday** is the day to honour the Reformation martyrs from Derbyshire, amongst whom St Ralph Sherwin has a high place. Born in 1550 and educated at Eton & Oxford he was an acclaimed scholar. At age 25 he converted to Catholicism, then a proscribed religion under Henry VIII. He compounded this ‘crime’ by going to train for the

priesthood in Douai and at the English College in Rome. He was made welcome by St Charles in Milan on his journeys back to England. He loved to hear St Ralph preach and held him in high regard. His priestly ministry was sadly brief, and after less than a year he was martyred age 31 at Tyburn. He is rightly named the patron saint fore the CMAT that includes the four Catholic schools in Glossop & area.

**Thursday** finds us paying our prayerful respects to St Francis Xavier, the Jesuit who ministered in S India and the Far East.

**MY DAY BY DAY** for the 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.

**HAD TOTE** Congratulations to latest winners M Farrell (£30) and A Marsden (£20).

**BB/GAM TOTE** Congratulations to latest winners Michael Wenner (£40) and C Wardle (£20).

Startlingly Michael Wenner won the tote as his soul winged its way heavenwards, since he died, aged 99 the day before the draw. Surely a sign from on high! Make sure you're in the tote, even with multiple numbers.

**ADVENTUALITIES** Many of the traditions of parish life have been made more difficult to arrange this year, given COVID complications. Amongst these are the provisions for Advent calendars - reverse or otherwise. There is no limit to the number of charities that seek our support, especially this year. Far be it from me to recommend attention - except to single out CAFOD and locally our food banks (however they are called). I hope that you will make your charitable choice, and support whatsoever in your own way. If you need access-details, I know who can help! Just ask!

**RENEWED THANKS** to those parishioners who continue to support parish life financially. 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.

**FURTHER THANKS** to parishioners who get Mass Intentions to me by some means. This kindness I greatly appreciate.

**BISHOP PATRICK MESSAGES:** There is an open consultation concerning the way that the Government engages with all faith communities. On-line submissions need to be in by 11th December. "Colin Bloom has been appointed as the Faith Engagement Adviser at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to lead a review into how best the government should engage with faith groups in England. This call for evidence will pose a series of questions around how those of all faiths, or none, perceive the government's engagement with faith organisations. Because the review is specifically about faith and religion, priority will be given to responses that fit within those parameters. However, space is given for respondents to share their views in a way that they feel is appropriate. Colin Bloom will make recommendations to the Communities Secretary as part of his review." The link to the online submission is:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/independent-faith-engagement-review-call-for-evidence>

**ADVENT PREPARATIONS** The transition from the greenness and flowers of Ordinary time give way to the austerity of Purple and restraint in floral delights. Pray for God's blessings on our sacristans & florists and others who have prepared for this new beginning, not least in our Advent wreaths.

**AND FINALLY** A young mum came with her toddler to St Charles a week ago seeking "the baby Jesus in the manger". Sadly it was necessary to explain that we were busy celebrating Christ the King, and not yet Christ the babe. This paused me to reflect that the yen to "do Christmas" is more urgent and more advanced this year - for viral reasons, doubtless. At about the same time Bishop Patrick sent us a message ahead of Advent, wishing is a holy "journey to Bethlehem", urging us to benefit from the patient & hopeful expectation of the Advent season. Not so easy for those uneasy with "the present", and long to be released into future of unrestriction.

This Sunday, the first day of Advent is when we wish each other a Holy Year as it is the beginning of a New Year of Grace and Favour from on high. We spend the almost-4 weeks of this season patiently awaiting. Advent prepares for the second season, the two weeks of Christmas. In mid-Feb we launch into the seven week season of Lenten preparation for the seven-week celebration of the highest season of Easter.

What do we pray for? The patience to let time unfold into eternity!