

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

ADVENT III (Gaudete) (B)

Dec 13th 2020



*Gaudete in Domino  
semper:  
iterum dico,  
gaudete!*

# Make straight the way of the Lord

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>PARISH MASS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
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Sun 13th	<b>ADVENT III (Gaudete) (B)</b> 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Mary Alice Flynn RIP (JK)	
Mon 14th	<b>St John of the Cross</b> 9.30 (HAD) for benefactors	
Tues 15th	<b>Advent feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) EP's ints	
Weds 16th	<b>Advent feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) thanksgiving (PP)	
Thurs 17th	<b>Advent feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Holy souls	
Fri 18th	<b>Advent feria</b> 9.30 (BB) D Bone RIP (SK)	
Sat 19th	<b>Advent feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) EP's ints	
Sun 20th	<b>ADVENT IV (B)</b> 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) EP's ints	

## **THIRD ADVENT**

### **Psalter Week 3**

**INTRODUCTION** Be happy at all times! How? Pray constantly.

**FIRST READING** : **Is 61** : I exult for joy in the Lord.

**RESPONSE** : **MY SOUL REJOICES IN MY GOD**

**SECOND READING** : **1 Thess 5** : God has called you. He will not fail you!

**GOSPEL** : **Jn 1** : There stands among you - unknown to you - the one whose way I prepare.

## **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 Barry, John Newsham, John Collins, Thos Baron, Martin Finneran, John Scott, William Hawkins, James Rooney, Charles Payne; Mary McKeown, Lilian Dunn, Margaret Connor, Eva Whittham, Sheila Goodwin, Fred Jones, Frank McMahan, Joan Delaney, John Burkinshaw:***

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

## ***PARISH NOTES***

***THIS WEEKEND*** we find ourselves celebrating the third Advent Sunday. We call it “Gaudete Sunday” after the first word (Rejoice) of the introit (entry antiphon) at Mass. You find the original on p.1.

*It is also declared Home Mission Sunday. This is a transferred from mid-September because of COVID confusions. But it is also the day when we are to have a Poor Parishes second collection. There is a second basket at the back of churches for The Poor Parishes of the diocese.*

***HOME MISSION SUNDAY:*** Bishop Mark O’Toole writes: Firstly, thank you for the many ways in which you and your congregation is responding to this challenging time and the restrictions we encounter in the face of the pandemic. I have heard of heroic efforts to reach out to people through physical, emotional and spiritual support. I want to encourage you in this effort, as we prepare to celebrate Gaudete Sunday and Home Mission Sunday together this year on 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> December.

*You will know that Evangelisation is an essential work of the Church. At all levels, and through every avenue we can utilise, we are called to share the good news of Jesus Christ. We do so, in order that others may come to know the beauty of encountering Him. Because of the broad and varied expressions of this mission, every now and then, we need to refocus on what we are trying to achieve. This is what Home Mission Sunday is about. During the first lockdown, the Bishops decided to move Home Mission Sunday from September to 13<sup>th</sup> December, in the hope that it would be a better time to engage the Faithful in this important work. Providentially this year, we are marking Home Mission Sunday at a time when we are all trying to encourage as many people as possible to return to the practise of their faith, now that there is the possibility of being physically present for Mass once more. You can find more info at: [homemission.org.uk/home/events/home-mission-sunday/](http://homemission.org.uk/home/events/home-mission-sunday/)*

***MASS BOOKING SYSTEM*** Thanks to Angie (BB) (07977 202 639) and Sophie (HAD) (07907 884 105) who administer this system. Please ring them to book a place at BB or Friday or Sunday, or St Charles on Sunday - and Christmas Masses.

***It is important to mention to any folk—especially those not regularly found at public worship - who you think might want to come to Christmas Masses that they must book ahead.***

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

***First Reading*** : Isaiah 61 underlines the “Rejoice” theme, inviting us to Exult and Rejoice

