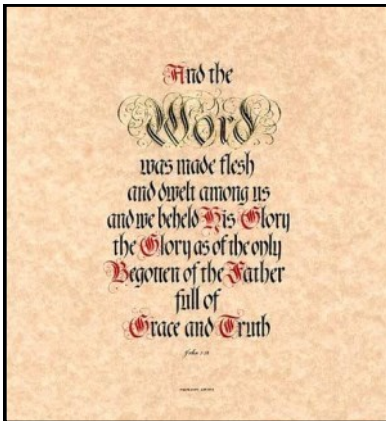


CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

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CHRISTMAS II (B)  
Jan 3rd 2021



*from 'The Blessing at the Beginning of the Year'*

*May God, the source & origin of all  
blessing, grant you grace, pour out his  
blessing in abundance,  
and keep you safe from harm  
throughout the year : Amen*

*May he give you integrity in the faith,  
endurance in hope,  
and perseverance in charity,  
with holy patience to the end: Amen*

*Roman Missal*

*And the Word became flesh*

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**DATE**

**PARISH MASS**

**OTHER**

Sun 3rd

**CHRISTMAS II (B)**  
9.15 (BB) D W Bone RIP (AC)  
11am (HAD) for the parish

Mon 4th

**Christmas feria**  
9.30 (HAD) Vincenzo Napolitano RIP (MKH)

Tues 5th

**Christmas feria**  
9.30 (HAD) our families (KMH)

Weds 6th

**THE EPIPHANY**  
**9.30 (BB)** M Norton (fam)  
11am (HAD) Ken Pover RIP (fam)

Thurs 7th

**St Raymond of Peñafort**  
9.30 (HAD) George Simpson RIP (fam)

Fri 8th

**Epiphany feria**  
9.30 (BB) Joan Bone RIP (SK)

Sat 9th

**Epiphany feria**  
9.30 (HAD) Paul Farnsworth RIP (fam)

Sun 10th

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (B)**  
9.15 (BB) D&J Smith (D&CN)  
11am (HAD) Ethel Hockey RIP (fam)  
*(Christmastide ends at sunset this afternoon)*

## **SECOND SUNDAY IN CHRISTMASTIDE**

Psalter wk 2

**Introduction:** He destined us in love to be his children.

**First Reading :** Ecclus 24 : The wisdom of God has pitched her tent amongst the chosen people.

**Resp.Ps.** THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH AND LIVED AMONG US

**Second Reading :** Eph 1 : He determined that we should become his adopted children.

**Gospel :** Jn 1 : ... And we saw his Glory.

## **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, Fr John Cairns, Cn Michael Moore, Pauline Anderson, 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 Jeremiah McGillycuddy, Bob Woodbridge, Dan Reid, Hugh Atkinson, Paddy Snee, Michael Stewart, Theodore Fauvel, Bernard Shaw; George Langton, William Gray, Hilda Normyle, Leonard Judge, Kitty Ball, Toby Higgs, Philip Love, Tommy Nelson, Celina Klimczyk, Lawrence Cassidy, Sister Catherine Keogh, Colleen Whittham, Ken Pover, Florence Walton, George Simpson, Brian Derbyshire, Maria Fenton, Paul Farnsworth: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen*

## ***PARISH NOTES***

***THIS WEEKEND*** we find ourselves celebrating the Second Sunday in Christmastide. For the third time in the Christmas season we listen to the Prologue to St John's gospel, and try to journey into the depths of the Incarnation—the Word made Flesh.

*A slight oddity to celebrate this Sunday II in the holy season. We have become used to the usual Sunday progressions after Christmas Day : Holy Family on the first Sunday; Epiphany on the second, and the Baptism on the third. But this year Twelfth Night brings us to the Epiphany mid-week. So you will see on p. 2 that we celebrate that Solemnity on Wednesday (with Masses in both church at the usual Sunday-Mass times).*

*Deacon Owen sends greetings from his refuge in Germany, and messages :*

God reveals himself to us through his Word, and planned this from the creation of the world. The Father created the world thinking about us, and he chose us from the moment of creation to live with him in love. We accept God's love by embracing his Word.

### ***MAY THEY REST IN PEACE***

*We lament the deaths on Christmas Eve of*

- ***Eileen Berry*** (96) (Hadfield Rd). Our sympathies to Christine & Darren who lament her death; Her funeral rites are planned for Mon 11th Jan at 12.45 at St Charles;
- ***Adrian McHugh*** (81)(Regency Hall Care Centre). Adrian was Sacristan & chief altar server for more than four decades at St Charles, and hugely committed to Catholic life. He was a Franciscan Tertiary and proud of his Bene Merenti decoration. Our sympathies to his friend Joan, and to Martin and his other relatives. His funeral rites are diaried for (the same) Mon 11th Jan at 9.30 at St Charles.

*May they rest in peace.*

***MASS BOOKING SYSTEM*** Thanks to Angie (BB) (07977202639) 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.

***ST CHARLES TOTE winners :*** Josie Cowden £30; Mike Lally £20.

**NOTE WELL** There will be an additional weekday Mass on Wednesday - the Solemnity of the Epiphany - at Immaculate Conception, followed by 11am Mass at St Charles.

**MASS INTENTIONS** I often note with thanks that many parishioners kindly send in Mass Intentions. In recent times there has been an 'embarras de richesse', and I have notified good folk that the Mass diary is full through to early February. If you seek a particular early-date, then please note that for the time being this may be difficult. Rest assured however, that your Mass Intentions are carefully logged & diaried. Any thought that yours may have been overlooked—let me know. Equally it would not be difficult to invite another priest, retired or active, to honour a particular request/date.

**CANDLE IN THE CALM** Thoughtful passers-by often take time to pause at the outdoor crib at St Charles. Some leave small tokens of regard - perhaps a few flowers or some holly. However during last week someone lit a sizeable candle and displayed it in a safe space atop an adjacent stone statue-stand. It stayed lit for three days & nights, and twinkled delightfully overnight. Thank you!

**'GRAPEVINE'** is the diocesan magazine that does much to help us plan for renewed parish life. In the last edition of 2020, the diocesan Justice & Peace leader Paul Bodenham invited diocesan folk to sign up for Zoom conferences. The next of these is "Prepare the Future: Building post-Covid parishes of welcome, listening and hope" and takes place on Thursday 7 January 2021, 2.00 - 3.30 p.m. Go to <https://eepurl.com/g2lmrT> to connect with 'Grapevine' - and book a slot at the conference. Some parishioners have already done so.

**POPE FRANCIS** looks to the future church. Here is an extract from a recent Papal proclamation: Inwardly mobilised by these cries that demand of us another course...we will be able to regenerate society and not return to so-called "normality", which is an ailing normality, indeed which was ailing before the pandemic: the pandemic highlighted it!

The normality to which we are called is that of the Kingdom of God, where "the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up and the poor have good news preached to them."

**WORLD DAY FOR PEACE** is celebrated annually on Jan 1st. Pope Francis sent a message for that event. Here's an extract:

At the dawn of a new year, I extend cordial greetings to Heads of State and Government, leaders of International Organizations, spiritual leaders and followers of the different religions, and to men and women of good will. To all I offer my best wishes that the coming year will enable humanity to advance on the path of fraternity, justice and peace between individuals, communities, peoples and nations.

The year 2020 was marked by the massive Covid-19 health crisis, which became a global phenomenon cutting across boundaries, aggravating deeply interrelated crises like those of the climate, food, the economy and migration, and causing great suffering and hardship. I think especially of all those who lost family members or loved ones, and all who lost their jobs. I think too of physicians and nurses, pharmacists, researchers, volunteers, chaplains and the personnel of hospitals and healthcare centres. They have made, and are continuing to make, great sacrifices to be present to the sick, to alleviate their sufferings and to save their lives; indeed, many of them have died in the process. In paying tribute to them, I renew my appeal to political leaders and the private sector to spare no effort to ensure access to Covid-19 vaccines and to the essential technologies needed to care for the sick, the poor and those who are most vulnerable.

At a time like this, when the barque of humanity, tossed by the storm of the current crisis, struggles to advance towards a calmer and more serene horizon, the "rudder" of human dignity and the "compass" of fundamental social principles can enable us together to steer a sure course. As Christians, we should always look to Our Lady, Star of the Sea and Mother of Hope. May we work together to advance towards a new horizon of love and peace, of fraternity and solidarity, of mutual support and acceptance. May we never yield to the temptation to disregard others, especially those in greatest need, and to look the other way; instead, may we strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, "to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another".

**AND FINALLY** Spotted this week in the letters column of *The Sunday Times*:

"Sarah Baxter bemoans the lack of books "about how to resist the tyrannical demands of your own children". Let me write one for her. "Chapter 1: 'No.' The end." Brenda Gilligan, Market Rasen. Discuss!

