

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY II in ordinary time (B)
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PEACE SUNDAY



Behold the Lamb of God!

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DATE**PARISH MASS****OTHER**

Sun 17th

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

9.15 (BB) Fr Colum Kelly's welfare (SQ)

11am (HAD) Heath Donald RIP (fam)

Mon 18th

feria

9.30 (HAD) James Holtom RIP (fam)

Tues 19th

feria

9.30 (HAD) Alan Garlick RIP

Weds 20th

St Fabian; St Sebastian; Bl Cyprian Tansi

9.30 (HAD) C Killeen's welfare (fam)

Thurs 21st

St Agnes

9.30 (HAD) Mary Mycio's welfare (NS)

Fri 22nd

St Vincent, deacon

9.30 (BB) Sister Philo's welfare (DW)

Sat 23rd

feria

9.30 (HAD) Judith & Roy's welfare (GT)

Sun 24th

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

9.15 (BB) for the parish

11am (HAD) Sheila Doyle RIP (fam)

SECOND SUNDAY (B)**Psalter Week 2****Introduction:** The Lord calls His first disciples to follow him.**First Reading :** 1 Sam 3 : Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.**Resp.Ps. HERE I AM LORD : I COME TO DO YOUR WILL****Second Reading :** 1 Cor 6 : Your bodies are holy - making up the body of Christ.**Gospel :** Jn 1 : The first apostles follow the Lamb of God and listen to his voice.

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: Rev Emil Puttmann; Anne-Marie Percy, James Harrison, Georgina Alexander, Veronica Grey, Terence Galvin, Beatrice Nelson, Margaret Chatterton:

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

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND we celebrate Peace Sunday. Pope Francis messages the world each year for this annual occasion. He writes with familiar trenchancy this year:

We need to stop and ask ourselves what has led our world to see conflict as something normal, and how our hearts can be converted and our ways of thinking changed, to work for true peace in solidarity and fraternity.

How many resources are spent on weaponry, especially nuclear weapons, that could be used for more significant priorities such as ensuring the safety of individuals, the promotion of peace and integral human development, the fight against poverty, and the provision of health care. Global problems like the present COVID-19 pandemic and climate change have only made these challenges all the more evident. What a courageous decision it would be to "establish a 'Global Fund' with the money spent on weapons and other military expenditures, in order permanently to eliminate hunger and contribute to the development of the poorest countries"!

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.

FROM THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

"On Friday 8 January, following some questions about why our churches remain open, Bishop John Sherrington, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, issued the following letter explaining the position and role of our churches during the current lockdown:

We are aware that questions are being asked as to why churches remain open during this National Lockdown. We are also aware that many local authorities are calling for places of worship to close. We wish to respond to these concerns.

Churches are allowed to open for prayer and communal worship at this time according to the provision of the most recent national legislation and Government guidance. **This decision is based on two factors: the recognition that our churches are safe, and that the service they offer is essential.**

The safety of our churches has been affirmed by Public Health England (PHE) in its current advice to the Government. This is publicly recognised to be the result of the great efforts made by many people in the implementation of procedures mandated by PHE and thereby establishing the necessary conditions within churches for their safe use.

Our churches are making a significant contribution to the personal resilience and inner strength of people which is much needed at this time. Many are hubs from which essential support is offered especially to those most in need, extending well beyond the faith communities which use them. This includes the regular provision of food; the care of the homeless; and being a place of peace and reflection (which is safe) for many whose living

conditions are very limited. This will become more appreciated as the programme of vaccination increases. The vital link between prayer and action is important to maintain this service.

At this phase of the pandemic, which is causing alarm and fear, our churches will exercise their role with increased diligence to ensure continuing safety and service.

Our clergy will ensure that all are aware that there is no duty or responsibility to come to church and communicate to all there is no obligation to attend Mass on Sunday. They will review, in each local area, the provision offered by the church in order to ensure that the highest standards of safety are maintained. This will include a review of the role of stewards, the provision of additional social distancing within the church, a review of cleansing routines, and consideration of the personal circumstances of the priest(s) and people. On this basis there will be a local evaluation and decision about the possible reduction in the times of opening and the frequency of communal worship.

In conclusion we recognise the higher levels of fear and anxiety which the new strain of the virus has prompted, and we have a very proper awareness of the care which must be exercised by everyone, under the guidance of PHE health professionals.

We recognise, too, that isolation is having a profound detrimental effect on people and that the role of churches in easing that isolation in ways which are safe and supportive has been recognised as a positive and beneficial contribution to the common good.

We pray for the dedicated work of the NHS and continue to provide spiritual support to staff and patients through the network of chaplains working both in the hospitals and the community."

ST CHARLES TOTE winners : *J Brazier £30; Val Gebbett £20.*

A SHOT IN THE ARM *Surprised on Monday to get a message inviting me to book a slot for The Jab. Many folk somewhat longer in the tooth and in greater need still await that call. However I joined an orderly queue early on Wednesday morning and passed through the various check-points to emerge vaccinated into a wintry tent outside moments later. The COVID emergency has bought many confusions and uncertainties. But the considerate care of the dozens helpful people at the Cricket Ground : parking stewards, sanitisers, doctors, nurses, and jabbers - and the unfortunate 15-minute Minders (working in Siberian iciness) - were smiling angels. Thank you all!*

GLOSSOP VOLUNTEER BUREAU *is one of the many associations of folk who want to help others. Their newsletter tells of remarkable kindnesses offered locally by their unassuming Volunteers. Please read their cheery and inspiring Newsletter : <https://the-bureau.org.uk/about-us/newsletters/>*

OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY *begins on Monday, and concludes on 25th, the feastday of the Conversion of St Paul.*

DISCOVERIES

- ◇ *On BBC Radio Four Extra : a 3-part reading of Dante's 'The Divine Comedy' - which was first broadcast six years ago. I was struck by so many resonances for our times. Well worth a lockdown catch-up.*
- ◇ *And an early morning glory: every morning long before dawn a robin lightens my darkness with its sweet, solitary and hopeful song. Mysteriously the same song came as an unexpected obbligato on Monday after both funerals: as the coffins were brought out from church to continue their journeys to committal, the same robin sweetened the rain-soaked air with its piercing farewell.*
- ◇ *And three long-tailed tits, companioned by three great tits flittered around the rectory seeking out potential nesting sites. Little lords (and ladies) of all hopefulness.*

AND FINALLY

“How I wish that all men and women of good will would look at the Cross
if only for a moment! There, we can see God’s reply:

violence is not answered with violence,

death is not answered with the language of death.

In the silence of the Cross the uproar of weapons ceases
and the language of reconciliation, forgiveness, dialogue and peace is spoken.”

Pope Francis, from the Prayer Card for World Peace Day.