



## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**LENT IV (B)**  
**March 14th 2021**



### ST PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

*Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man  
who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone  
who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.*

# God so loved the world . .

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>PARISH MASS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
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Sun 14th	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY (Laetare) IN LENT (B) Mothering Sunday</b> 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Mary Beswick RIP (PJ)	
Mon 15th	<b>Lent feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) welfare of family & friends (D&KH)	
Tues 16th	<b>Lent feria</b> 1.30 (BB) Requiem Mass for Dorothy Yarwood RIP (Mallabar fam int)	
Weds 17th	<b>ST PATRICK, bishop, patron of Ireland</b> 9.30 (HAD) Teresa Flynn RIP, foundation Mass	
Thurs 18th	<b>Lent feria / St Cyril of Jerusalem</b> 9.30 (HAD) deceased clergy	
Fri 19th	<b>ST JOSEPH, spouse of Our Blessed Lady</b> 9.30 (BB) M Wenner RIP (CW) 3pm (HAD) stations of the cross	
Sat 20th	<b>Lent feria / St Alkmund</b> 9.30 (HAD) sick & housebound (CW)	
Sun 21st	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (Passion Sunday) (B)</b> 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Susan Lewis' welfare (PJ)	

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (B)

Psalter Week 4

**Introduction:** Deliverance through the Cross.

**First Reading : 2 Ch 36 :** The mercy of God is revealed in release from exile.

**Resp.Ps. WE REMEMBER YOUR GOODNESS O LORD**

**Second Reading : Eph 2** You who were dead are now saved through grace.

**Gospel : John 3 :** God sent his Son so that the world might be saved.

## 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, Josie & Peter Cowden, Nella Lewyckyj, Evelyn Matthewman, Neil Appleton, Alice Canning, Mary Mycio.

*Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time:* Revv Arthur Bird, Patrick Reidy, William Baigent, Peter Rogan; Catherine Thornton, Denis Doyle, Frank Dearnley, Jean Gilmore, Jack Middleton, Moira Pendry, Jack Maycock, Doreen Hopkinson, Irene Gardner : *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen*

## PARISH NOTES

**THIS WEEKEND** we come to the fourth Sunday in Lent. This is known as Laetare (Rejoice!) Sunday, from the first word of the introit. It is mid-Lent Sunday; in three weeks we hope to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. In two of this Sunday's readings we have some of the most comfortable words in scripture: "God sent his only Son . . . That our sins might be forgiven." It is also Mothering Sunday: a chance to give thanks to God for his holy Mother and our earthly mothers. If your mother is like mine, she had plenty of forgiving to do!

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE** We note the recent death of Frank Bates (91) (Hurdlow Way, Gamesley), and pray for his eternal welfare. May his wife Helena and family and friends be comforted. Frank's funeral rites are planned from Immaculate Conception church 1.45 Thurs 25th March.

**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 Sunday 11am Mass.

**ST CHARLES TOTE** winners : David Holtom (£30); Monica Gee (£20).

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION** has begun at St Charles. If there are parents out there whose baptised child/ren Y3 or older, wish to enrol, please contact me soonest. First Holy Communion day is diaried for Sunday 27th June.

**CHURCH GIVING** The boxed sets of planned giving envelopes are to hand. The number of parishioners who use this system has declined. The number of those who support church and parish by Standing Order - either for church collection or tote - has increased. Others have stayed away from church; more than a few have died. If you want to use the envelopes and would like a boxed-set, let me know. If box-users want to convert to standing orders, please advise. Many thanks for your support church and parish in challenging times.

**BISHOP PATRICK'S LENTEN TALK** no.2) **Knowing the Love of God** (understanding our identity as God's sons and daughters) - **Thursday 25th March, at 7pm**. The talk will include input from Bishop Patrick, a time for questions and answers, and small group discussion. You can register on the diocesan website.

**RED BOXES** Many thanks to those who have recently managed to get their boxes to me. We are able to send off a further £30 to Missio. If you have a heavily-laden box, please see if you can get it to church or rectory table—or message me for a pick-up. . .

**TALKING OF PICK-UP** an idiosyncratic Lenten 'duty' I undertake is to make my afternoon meanderings into a bit of community service. Armed with litter-picker-upper and capacious bin bag I collect lots of litter from public pathways and return it to recycling or bin. It's a special way to meet (often highly complimentary) folk and chat awhile. And rid the area of hordes of abandoned single-use face-masks . . . And much more. Who says we don't need a Redeemer?

**A TIME TO BE COUNTED** I notice that the ten-yearly national census is taken next Sunday the 21st. I recall that in 2 Sam 24 King David was demonised for daring to take a national census. Let's hope our noble leaders get off the biblical hook . . .

**SATURDAY CONFESSIONS** Best thanks to Monsignor Moore who came to the oratory last Saturday and heard confessions for well over an hour. He has kindly offered to help again. **On Saturday 27th, 11-noon you can find him on the same place.** Please come and make your Lenten Confession and receive divine forgiveness in the sacramental absolution.

**ST PATRICK IS HONOURED ON WEDNESDAY.** Shamrock worn with pride by those with Irish blood. We can pray for the welfare of the Irish people on their patron's feastday.

**ST JOSEPH,** the husband of Our Lady and foster-father of Jesus, 'the quiet man' is honoured on Friday. This is a Solemnity, and there is no 'Friday abstinence' that day.

**EASTER JOINER** We look forward to welcoming Chris Houghton into our church as he is baptised and received at Eastertide. We pray for him and all Easter new Disciples.

**MASS INTENTIONS** A few times recently devout members of the congregation have asked for Mass to be offered for particular intentions. And then noted that they are part of the 'cashless society' and sought help, having no physical currency to hand or purse. I have gladly given them my personal bank details, and they have made transfers accordingly. If I can help others in this way, please ask.

**EASTER FLOWERS** Baskets will be found from next Sunday to help florally to decorate our churches at Eastertide.

**ANOTHER DIOCESAN MESSAGE** The Diocesan Education Service is seeking to appoint a Deputy Director of Education who will provide a strategic lead in the areas of Catholic Life, Formation, Inspection, Religious Education and Collective Worship. For further information / application pack or if you wish to arrange an informal conversation with the Director of Education, please contact Julie Sweeney: [julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk) **Closing date 30 March 2021**

#### **PREPARE THE FUTURE: WORKSHOP 4**

Building parishes of welcome, listening and hope : Thursday 18 March 2021, 3.00 - 4.30 p.m. on Zoom . Please ask if you want a link.

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#### **PRE-EASTER TIMETABLE**

Last year our churches were totally closed, and could not congregate to celebrate Our Lord's last week on earth—Holy Week. This year we can join in church worship together but under very constrained circumstances. You will need to book for each occasion:

(Saturday 20th March : the purpling of our holy images)

**SUNDAY 28th PALM SUNDAY** : Blessing & distribution of palms : usual Mass times

**(WEDNESDAY 31st The Chrism Mass** in the Cathedral with the bless of the sacred oils by the Bishop.  
Sadly no public congregation permitted)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, 1st April** 7pm (BB) : Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (but with no feet-washing, nor Stripping of the Altar & no Altar of Repose, nor watching);

**GOOD FRIDAY 2nd April** Afternoon liturgy of the Passion of the Lord : 3pm both churches;

**HOLY SATURDAY 3rd April** 7.30pm (HAD) Easter Vigil & first Mass of Easter

**EASTER SUNDAY 4th April** usual Mass-times.

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**AND FINALLY** Another poem, this time by Anne Taylor

Who sat and watched my infant head  
When sleeping on my cradle bed,  
And tears of sweet affection shed?  
My Mother.

When pain and sickness made me cry,  
Who gazed upon my heavy eye,  
And wept for fear that I should die?  
My Mother.

Who taught my infant lips to pray  
And love God's holy book and day,  
And walk in wisdom's pleasant way?  
My Mother.