

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

LENT V (Passion Sunday) (B)  
March 21st 2021



*A PRAYER ON THE FEAST  
OF THE ANNUNCIATION*

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord,  
Thy grace into our hearts;  
that, we to whom the Incarnation  
of Christ, Thy Son,  
was made known by the message  
of an Angel,  
may by His Passion and Cross,  
be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.  
Through the same Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*Unless a grain of wheat dies . . .*

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>PARISH MASS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
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Sun 21st	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (Passion Sunday) (B)</b> 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Susan Lewis' welfare (PJ)	
Mon 22nd	<b>Lent feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) J&C Broadbent family intentions	
Tues 23rd	<b>Lent feria / St Turibius</b> 9.30 (HAD) t'giving to Sacred Heart (S&MR)	
Weds 24th	<b>Lent feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) neighbours' welfare (AM)	
Thurs 25th	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION</b> 9.30 (HAD) for Martha's peace (J&CB) <i>1.45 (BB) funeral service for Frank Bates</i>	
Fri 26th	<b>Lent feria</b> 9.30 (BB) Dennis Clayton RIP (fam) <i>3pm (HAD) stations of the cross</i>	
Sat 27th	<b>Lent feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Sean Quinn RIP (fam) <i>2pm (BB) Baptism of Lillianna Gyöngyi</i>	
Sun 28th	<b>PALM SUNDAY (B)</b> 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Mary Beswick RIP (PJ)	

## **FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (B)**

Psalter Week 1

**Introduction:** Christ the grain is crushed to fine flour for our eternal sustenance.

**First Reading :** Jer 31 : I will give them a new covenant, forgetting their sin.

**Resp.Ps.            A PURE HEART CREATE FOR ME O GOD**

**Second Reading :** Hebr 5 : Christ obeyed - and won salvation for us through his death.

**Gospel :** Jn 12 : I shall draw all men to myself.

## 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: Revd Edward Byron, John Berry; Anthony Tunstead, Kath Baker, William Wood, Maureen Dearnley, Vincent Mattimore, Thomas Hirst, Iris Robinson, Sean Quinn: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen*

## PARISH NOTES

**THIS WEEKEND** we come to the fifth Sunday in Lent. This is known as Passion Sunday, marking the start of the season-within-a season of Passiontide. The focus in the prayer-life of the church is on the sufferings of our Saviour, as we follow his footsteps towards Jerusalem and his final week on earth.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION** is celebrated on Thursday, when we commemorate the Angel Gabriel's visit to announce to Mary that she was to be the Mother of God. This date of often referred to as Lady Day.

In England, Lady Day was New Year's Day (i.e. the new year began on 25 March) from 1155 until 1752, when the Gregorian calendar was adopted in Great Britain and its Empire and with it the first of January as the official start of the year in England, Wales and Ireland. A vestige of this remains in the United Kingdom's tax year, which ends on 5 April, or "Old Lady Day", i.e., Lady Day adjusted for the 11 "lost days" of the calendar change. Until this change Lady Day had been used as the start of the legal year but also the end of the fiscal and tax year.

**DAY OF PRAYERFUL REFLECTION** Next Tuesday, 23rd, marks the first anniversary of Lockdown1, the most severe of the COVID lockdowns. Our Government invites us to spend time reflecting, with a minute's silence at midday and doorstep vigils of light at 8pm. Our Bishops invite us to spend time also in prayer: **"May Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March be a great day of prayer that this pandemic comes to an end and that the gift of God's Holy Spirit will carry us all forward to a new and better life, both here and in the world to come."**

**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 :** Margaret Clough (£30); Sheridan Tetlow (£20).

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** Many of the children who should have been first-communicated last June are presenting at Masses during the next few weeks. We are pleased to make them welcome on their special day. Lola invites families connected to First Holy Communion children to visit the Repository stall for devotion IHC goods, and put the money in the adjacent box.

**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.

**HOLY WEEK** begins next Sunday. Ahead of that, you'll find the familiar Holy Week posters in the usual places. Please take one home, and tell others of this holy time from your front window.

**WELCOME VISITOR** It was good to welcome Fr Kevin Gradwell, erstwhile parish priest in Chapel. He was transferred to Grantham, but sadly his underlying health concerns returned, and he came back this side of the Pennines for lodging and hospital treatment. Happily he is much restored and in cheerful good spirits, and longing to get back into active ministry. Prosper! Procede!

***THE SPRING EQUINOX** is this this Saturday, and meteorologically that's the first day of Spring. Deo Gratias! Not least for some beautiful sunsets recently.*

***"ROSARY TEAMS"** are invited to pray the Joyful mysteries this week. Further information from Sheila Redford.*

***CHURCH GIVING** The box-sets of envelopes are labelled this weekend and available from the usual places. Please message me if you want home-delivery!*

***HEARTY THANKS** to the cake-bake team from BB/GAM. Well over £300 raised for the parish piggy bank—and delicious delights to savour. Thank You!*

***SATURDAY CONFESSIONS** Best thanks to Monsignor Moore who plans to come again to the oratory to hear Lenten Confessions : **Next Saturday 27th, 11-noon**. Please come and have your load lightened.*

***'MAGIFICAT'** a few copies of the Holy Week edition are still available from the usual places.*

***"SPRING FORWARD; fall back"** Next weekend by some magical process most of our contemporary clocks will change themselves. Otherwise we wind our timepieces forward, and begin Holy Week with palms in hand having sprung forward an hour.*

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

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### PRE-EASTER TIMETABLE

I hope many will feel able to come to church for the Holy Week celebrations, albeit scaled down this year:

**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**—Gerard Manley Hopkins : "Spring"*

Nothing is so beautiful as Spring –  
When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;  
Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush  
Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring  
The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;  
The glassy peartree leaves and blooms, they brush  
The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush  
With richness; the racing lambs too have fair their fling.  
What is all this juice and all this joy?  
A strain of the earth's sweet being in the beginning  
In Eden garden. – Have, get, before it cloy,  
Before it cloud, Christ, lord, and sour with sinning,  
Innocent mind and Mayday in girl and boy,  
Most, O maid's child, thy choice and worthy the winning.