



**CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE**



## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**EASTER III (B)**  
**April 18th 2021**



**COLLECT PRAYER FOR ST GEORGE**

*God of hosts,  
who so kindled the fire of charity  
in the heart of Saint George your martyr,  
that he bore witness to the risen Lord  
both by his life and by his death;  
grant us through his intercession, we pray,  
the same faith and power of love,  
that we who rejoice in his triumph  
may be led to share with him  
in the fullness of the resurrection.  
Through Christ our Lord  
Amen.*

# *Doubt no longer! Believe!*

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**DATE**

**PARISH MASS**

**OTHER**

Sun 18th

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9.15 (BB) Peter Bone RIP (fam)

11am (HAD) thanksgiving to St Francis (JM)

Mon 19th

**Easter feria**

9.30 (HAD) Agnes Corner RIP (AM)

Tues 20th

**Easter feria**

9.30 (HAD) Lillian Simpson RIP (fam)

Weds 21st

**Easter feria / St Anselm**

9.30 (HAD) Tim Killeen RIP (fam)

Thurs 22nd

**Easter feria**

9.30 (HAD) Maureen Killeen RIP (fam)

Fri 23rd

**ST GEORGE, PATRON OF ENGLAND**

9.30 (BB) Peter Bone RIP (fam)

Sat 24th

**Easter feria / St Fidelis / St Adalbert**

9.30 (HAD) DCA

Sun 25th

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9.15 (BB) Fr James Earley (SQ)

11am (HAD) for the parish

**THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER (B)**

Psalter Week 3

**Introduction:** Doubt no longer but believe and witness to the Truth.

**First Reading:** Acts 3 : God raised Him from the dead!

**Responsorial Psalm :** LIFT UP THE LIGHT OF YOUR FACE ON US O LORD

**Second Reading :** 1 Jn 2 : He takes away the world's sins.

**Gospel:** Luke 24 : Christ the newly-risen Prince of Peace.

## 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, David Healey, 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:* Rev John Abbott; Dorothy Wrigley, Rachel Naughton, Christine Elliott, Joan Grimshaw, James Tierney, Josephine Fallon, Patricia Wells, James Whitham, George Swift, Doreen Leeson, Sheila Doyle, Grace Revell, Mary Griffin, Norman Wain, William Stevenson. *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen*

## PARISH NOTES

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE** *We note recent death of Paul Patrick Reape (54)(Brailsford Ave, Gamesley). May he rest in peace, and may his family be comforted. His funeral service is indicated for Tues 27th April at Immaculate Conception church.*

**ST GEORGE'S DAY** *is celebrated next Friday. As the festival of England's patron saint, it is a solemnity in the church calendar. Sadly it is less of an event in the civil calendar—never a hint of a Bank Holiday. The fact that it also Shakespeare's anniversary of death doesn't impinge. Maybe a saving delight is that Friday abstinence is put aside. In advance : Happy Feastday.*

**THIS WEEKEND 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** *recent winners : P Cowden / D Jordan (£30); C James / D Wilson (£20).*

### REDISCOVERED JOYS

- *A happiness to welcome many of the pupils & staff of St Charles school to morning Mass on Thursday. Amongst those attending were the Y4 pupils who should have made first Holy Communion last June and who received Holy Communion at Sunday Masses before Easter. Additionally present were the dozen or more Y3 pupils who are journeying to First Holy Communion at the end of June, when (God willing) we can welcome larger groups to the celebration.*
- *A further delight to be invited to visit local Care Homes and greet parishioners whom I've not met in more than a year - and bring many of them the gift of Holy Communion. I'm sure our diligent stewards and other church helpers will not be surprised at the lengthy business of self- and other-protection I underwent to gain access. It was needful to produce evidence of a negative result of the early-morning COVID Lateral Flow test; then to sanitise; to be masked; to be aproned; to be gloved, and to be led to each parishioner individually for a limited time . . . Hats off to the overworked Care Home staff. But what joy to meet familiar friends again . . . !*

**MOVING ON** *from those visits: I hope to resume more regular visits of housebound and care-home bound parishioners. Please let me know if you or someone you know would welcome such a visit from either a Deacon Eucharistic Minister, or myself.*

**LAST FRIDAY** *(16th) was the ninety-fourth birthday of Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, and*

on Monday we have the sixteenth anniversary of his election to the Papacy. We hold him in our prayers.

**WELCOME TO THE DEANERY** Fr Gerry Murphy is parish priest in Buxton. Soon he is going for knee-surgery. Therefore he is subject to isolation both pre- and post-op. During that isolation supply-cover is arranged for his churches both in Buxton and in Chapel. Bishop Patrick is helping this weekend and others. We bid him and the other 'suppliers' welcome and safe journeying.

**NEXT SUNDAY** is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. A second collection is indicated for Clergy Formation.

**UNLOCKING** It is good that steady progress is being made throughout the country in the gradual return to "normal" living. This is evident with the reopening of high street shopping, al fresco (brrr!) dining, and cheering visits to hairdressers and barbers (kerching!). As the weeks go by, more 'easing' is indicated. However, we all fear an resurgence in COVID cases which might have us resetting our 'opening-up' clocks. While our shopping and hairdressing etc may be easier, there has been no easing yet in church restrictions. So our original safety instructions are still in place: we must wear a mask as before; maintain social distancing as before, and be guided by our stewards as appropriate. Our stewards do a sensitive job carefully, but one which is more than necessary as we strive to keep the buildings open and safe. And of course advance booking is still mandated for church worship.

And we all pray that infections will continue to decrease, and the roadmap will continue according to plan.

**MAY THEY ALSO REST IN PEACE** Since the last newsletter, we have noted the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and also Canon Owen O'Neill of our diocese. Requiescant in pace!

### CROSSING THE BAR

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crost the bar.

Tennyson