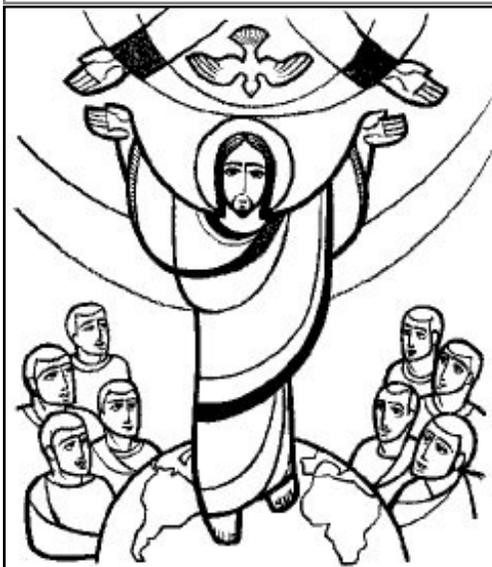


CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TRINITY (B)  
May 30th 2021



*Glory be to the Father  
And to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was  
is now,  
and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen*

*In the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit*

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**DATE**

**PARISH MASS**

**OTHER**

Sun 30th

**TRINITY**

9.15 (BB) t'giving for the BB COVID team (DW)

11am (HAD) Malcolm Buckley RIP (D&KH)

Mon 31st

**THE VISITATION**

9.30 (HAD) for the parish

Tues 1st June

**St Justin, martyr**

9.30 (HAD) the Staunton family

Weds 2nd

**feria / Ss Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs**

9.30 (HAD) sp int (birthday)

Thurs 3rd

**St Charles Lwanga & all Ugandan martyrs**

9.30 (HAD) private int

Fri 4th

**feria**

9.30 (BB) sp int

Sat 5th

**St Boniface**

9.30 (HAD) private int

Sun 6th

**CORPUS CHRISTI**

9.15 (BB) for the parish

11am (HAD) Pauline Gilson RIP (MD)

## **TRINITY SUNDAY (B)**

Psalter Week 1

**Introduction:** Through our life in Christ we live the life of the Trinity.

**First Reading :** Deut 4 - The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth below, he and no other.

**Resp. Ps. HAPPY THE PEOPLE THE LORD HAS CHOSEN AS HIS OWN**

**Second Reading :** Rom 8 - You received the Spirit who makes us cry out, "Abba, Father!"

**Gospel :** Mt 28 - Baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

## **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.

*Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time:* Revv Bill Walsh, Paul Klee, Neil McLaughlin, Frank Gavin, Andrew Murdock; Jozef Kuczaj, Isabella Shirley, Anthony Bouchier, Patricia Stubbs, Roger Butler, Tony Atherton : Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen

## **PARISH NOTES**

**THIS WEEKEND** we celebrate the Solemnity of the Trinity. After the end of the Easter season, we have three huge Sunday Solemnities. The Trinity is at the centre and depth of Christian belief. And not obly belief, but also worship and prayer. We begin every prayer with the sign of the cross; we end every collect prayer with a Trinitarian affirmation; at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer we proclaim the Trinitarian doxology. And of course the 'Gloria' and the 'Glory be' are peons of praise for Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**BANK HOLIDAY** We have two Bank Holidays in May. One was always 'Whit Monday', which then was then transferred to the last Monday in May. Our first May Bank Holiday (3rd May) was the wettest & coldest such in generations. Thanks be to God this weekend sees a blessed turn in the weather.

**THIS WEEK** we journey (can you believe it!) into June. My thanks to those who during May have kept company with Our Lady in reciting the rosary day by day, whether publicly or before Mass. In the devotional calendar of our church, June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose feastday falls on Friday 11th.

**FIRST FRIDAYS** I hope to make my customary visits to the sick and housebound on Friday. If you or someone you know would welcome such a visit, please let me know.

**QUARANT'ORE** (forty hours) is the name given to the Eucharistic devotion preceding the solemnity of Corpus Christi. Customarily this invited a group of local parishes to arrange public devotion to the Blessed Sacrament in their churches for forty continuous hours leading to the solemnity. Given the constraints of the last year-and-a-half, this devotion has been hidden in the pandemical cloud. But this week, a little lifting of the cloud. With the valiant cooperation of our stewards, we hope to offer access to church for times of adoration, devotion and silent presence as follows:

- \* Friday next, 4th June : 4pm-6pm at Immaculate Conception church;
- \* Saturday next, 5th June 10am to 3pm at St Charles.
- \* Sunday next, Corpus Christi 3-4pm at St Charles: Holy Hour and benediction, with reposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

No need to book. 'O Come let us adore Him'!

**REAR-VIEW** Last week had two great celebrations. On 26th the 95th anniversary of the Consecration of St Charles church was celebrated with a Solemnity—and the lighting of the twelve consecration crosses around the church walls. On the 27th we honoured Christ the Eternal High Priest—with a prayer for divine blessings on priests everywhere.

*Incidentally a red marble Celtic cross in Glossop cemetery stands above the grave of Fr Edward Hickey, one of my predecessors as PP. He died aged thirty-two on May 24th 1882. I often visit his grave (and that adjacently of Mgr Sabela) and ask them to intercede for all parishioners.*

**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.

**UNLOCKING THE ROADMAP** There was a little easing of COVID-restraints announced for the nation on 17th. Some affected our churches in little ways.

- We are allowed to 'get a little closer' with "1-metre +" the new social separation distance;
- hand-sanitisation before and after lectern-reading is no longer necessary;
- and joyfully for our diligent stewards, 'church-cleansing-routines' are less draconian.

Still can't sing, or exchange a peaceful kiss, or gather for refreshments. But we are a patient people.

**THE TRINITY WINDOW** behind the organ at St Charles church has always fascinated me. In idle moments I try to count how many references there are to the three-in-one. I'm stuck at 32. Can you do better?

**INTER ALIA** chanced upon two news items this week. The great satisfaction of the production of the anti-COVID vaccine overshadowed another vaccine triumph from the gifted Oxford medical folk: the development of a 70% effective anti-malaria vaccine. This is wonderful news for those peoples afflicted by this deadly disease. As an erstwhile sufferer of this mosquito-born infection, I give hearty thanks.

**GREAT BRITISH LITTER-PICK** began on Friay for a fortnight. Hope you have chance to play a part. I've got a spare litter-picker-upper. . .

**ST CHARLES TOTE** recent winners : M Ginnis (£30); B Hodson (£20).

'**MY DAY-BY-DAY**' for June is freely available from the back of church; as is . . .

'**MAGNIFICAT**' : after untying the Gordian knot of publisher-confusion we have renewed the parish subscription for another year. Please purchase (£5) the June edition from the back of church.

**AND FINALLY** after the delight last week's swallows, the ever-present undelight of the wood-pigeons. I had this week the somewhat less than St Francis-like urgency to urge them to go elsewhere as they persistently pecked away at my apple and cherry-tree blossoms, ensuring once again that autumn will be fruitless. Always wondered why my farmer-uncles kept shotguns . .