

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

CORPUS CHRISTI (B)

June 6th 2021



Adoro te devote, latens deitas,
Quæ sub his figuris
vere latitas;
Tibi se cor meum totum
subjicit,
Quia te contemplans
totum deficit.

O Sacrament most holy . .

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DATE	PARISH MASS	OTHER
Sun 6th	CORPUS CHRISTI 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Pauline Gilson RIP (MD)	
Mon 7th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Sr M Damien	
Tues 8th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Joe Sweeney	
Weds 9th	feria / St Ephraim; St Columba 9.30 (HAD) pr int	
Thurs 10th	feria 9.30 (HAD) D Wiedemann RIP (fam)	
Fri 11th	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS 9.30 (BB) Joan Bone RIP (fam)	
Sat 12th	Immaculate Heart of Mary 9.30 (HAD) Ellie's welfare	
Sun 13th	SUNDAY XI in ordinary time 9.15 (BB) birthday int 11am (HAD) for the parish	

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Psalter Week 2

Introduction: O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine!

First Reading: Ex 24 : Moses consecrates the blood of the Covenant.

Responsorial Psalm: I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD`S NAME

Second Reading : Hebr 9 : The blood of Christ purifies the sinner.

Gospel : Mk 14 : This is my body; this is my blood.

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, Liam Handley, David Healey, Josie & Peter Cowden, Nella Lewyckj, Evelyn Matthewman, Neil Appleton, Alice Canning.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Revv Bishop McNulty, Peter Coyle; Bernard McCaughey, Reginald Hamer, Catherine Millington, Ronald Bailey, David Wiedemann, Joan Drabble : Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ—Corpus Christi. The constraints of the times mean that we can't process or allow too much elaboration. But we can surely give a moment to renew our devotion to this very heart of Catholic identity.

RENEWED THANKS to those parishioners who have undertaken the duties of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. These have been difficult times for them, as their ministry both in church and beyond has been severely curtailed. It is good that some of our ministers are venturing to bring the Blessed Sacrament to the housebound—always by careful arrangement. This ministry I know is much-appreciated.

This Sunday would ordinarily have given chance for those ministers to renew their commitment during Mass. May I invite those ministers who can't for any reason be with us at worship, privately to renew their commitment to the Lord of the Eucharist and his people.

THIS WEEK we journey on into the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose feastday falls next Friday 11th. This is a Solemnity in the church calendar, and on Solemnities 'Friday Abstinence' is in abeyance.

COVID TEST My 'first Friday' visits took me door-knocking into Gamesley. I found the area busy with a huge focus on virus-prevention. Diligent medical folk were going door-to-door seeking to administer at-home COVID tests; Fire Service staff were found at every corner assisting with direction, establishing a 'command centre' with tents and offices and maps and smiling attention in the sunshine. Police personnel directed me to the centre, where I sat and waited to be tested. A couple of rosary-decades later cheerful testers came and I took yet another test. Hope I pass! Results assured over the weekend. This pandemic has had many distressing challenges and sadnesses. Yet, as with the vaccinations, I have rarely seen such helpful examples of the milk of human kindness. I was glad to go on down to Immaculate Conception and give thanks before the Blessed Sacrament.

QUARANT'ORE produced more examples of human kindness, with stewards, florists and sacristans going the extra mile to honour the Lord of the Eucharist. Thank you! Your efforts were marvellous. Our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament this Corpus Christi weekend concludes on Sunday afternoon with holy hour and benediction at St Charles at 3pm. No need to book. 'O Come let us adore Him'!

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 : Julia Bradley (£30); Monica Gee (£20).

DEER ME I was distracted from my porridge recently when glancing out of the kitchen window to see a beautiful deer nonchalantly grazing by twenty yards away. So elegant; a marvel of God's creative genius. *Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes* . .

COMPLETE THE SURVEY: How has Covid-19 Affected You and Your Faith? Bishop Patrick would like to hear from you! The Diocese of Nottingham has launched a short survey in order to deepen its understanding of Covid-19's impact on all Catholics across the diocese. Bishop Patrick is eager to know more about peoples' experiences of the pandemic, with a view to ensuring that the faithful are well supported and understood in the years ahead. Please visit <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/news/share-your-story-how-has-covid-19-affected-you-and-your-faith> and fill out the short questionnaire. Please encourage other parishioners to do so. The deadline for submissions is July 4th 2021.

ASK YOUR MP to sign a Parliamentary motion to stop 'DIY' abortion Carla Lockhart MP has launched a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to end 'DIY' home abortion. It is therefore vital that as many MPs as possible sign Carla Lockhart's motion to send a clear message to the Government that they must end dangerous 'DIY' home abortion services as soon as possible. Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to sign the motion. Please click the link below to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds! www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYmotion.

MISSIO has sent a 'Mission Today' booklet describing the impact of COVID on its works. Copies are freely available from the back of church. Take and read!

CAFOD MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE Maggie Mairura is the diocesan CAFOD animator. She has sent this message: 'Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. In Zambia, over the past year, we've been able to reach over 1 million people with messages on COVID-19, provide over 13k people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities AND donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting communities in more than 30 other countries worldwide.' **AND FINALLY** Psalm eighty-four tells us that 'Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow builds her nest and raises her young at a place near your altar, O Lord of Heaven's Armies, my King and my God!' I have been fascinated these many weeks by a fluttering surprise as I open the rectory door. A tiny bird hurtles away. I looked for evidence of its presence. Not a hint. And the taking-flight continued. Then last week, in the doorway a tiny white egg-shell, and tiny droppings nearby. In the tiniest crevice between soffit and gutter a tell-tale fragment of nesting material. Not a swallow, but a wren's nest.

Lulley, lully, lulley, lully,
The faucon hath born my mak away.
He bare hym up, he bare hym down,
He bare hym into an orchard brown.
In that orchard ther was an hall,
That was hanged with purpill and pall.
And in that hall ther was a bede,
Hit was hangid with gold so rede,
And yn that bede ther lythe a knyght,
His wowndes bledyng day and nyght.
By that bedes side ther kneleth a may,
And she wepeth both nyght and day.
And by that bedes side ther stondith a ston,
'Corpus Christi' wretyn thereon.

An Old English hymn for Corpus Christi