

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

ELEVENTH SUNDAY (B)

June 13th 2021



PRAYER OF ST RICHARD OF CHICHESTER

Thanks be to thee,
my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults
thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer,
friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly,
day by day.
Amen.

If only you had faith . . .

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PARISH MASS

OTHER

Sun 13th	SUNDAY XI in ordinary time 9.15 (BB) birthday int 11am (HAD) for the parish	
Mon 14th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Elizabeth Heffron RIP (JM)	
Tues 15th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Pauline Gilson RIP (M&JS)	
Weds 16th	feria / St Richard of Chichester 9.30 (HAD) (school Mass in church) Gertrude McSherry RIP (JM)	
Thurs 17th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Forde family welfare	
Fri 18th	feria 9.30 (BB) Darragh Murphy RIP	
Sat 19th	feria / St Romuald 9.30 (HAD) Keith Turner RIP (JM)	
Sun 20th	SUNDAY XII 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) T & H Heywood RIP (JAM)	

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Psalter Week 3

Introduction: The church is planted and nourished by Christ as a tree.

First Reading : Ez 17 : The Lord causes stunted trees to grow straight.

Resp. Ps. IT IS GOOD TO GIVE YOU THANKS O LORD

Second Reading : 2 Cor 5 Alive or dead, we are to please the Lord.

Gospel : Mark 4: The smallest seed produces the mightiest shrub.

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 Lewyckyj, Evelyn Matthewman, Neil Appleton, Alice Canning.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Revv Dan Sweeney, Frank McNicholas, John Shaw, Tom Fitzgerald, Pip Soar, Ben Choyce; Jim Hampson, Charles Wild, Bridie Hutchinson, John Staton, Joan Bone, Doreen Shockledge, Bernard Winterbottom: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND we leave behind the great Sunday celebrations of The Lord we have enjoyed since Eastertide. We are back to green and ordinary time. This 'ordinariness' carries us through to Advent, towards the end of the year.

*Were we not celebrating Sunday XI we would be honouring one of Catholicism's favourite saints, **St Anthony of Padua**. How many times have you and I besought him to find keys or wallet or purse? Well over a year ago I somehow mislaid my car & house keys. I let St Anthony in on the problem. The customary donation went into his box. Plenty of prayers, but still no keys—and replacing a complex car-key needed a mortgage. The world was in Lockdown 1. It took six months to secure a replacement. My trust in St Anthony was how should I say? diluted. Until in a rare fit of house-cleaning months later, I moved the dresser next to my bed, and guess what I discovered underneath?*

DAY FOR LIFE is celebrated next Sunday. Bishop Patrick has sent this message to his priests: "I am very sensitive to the difficult financial situation facing many of your parishioners and the need to cut back on many 2nd collections, but could I ask you to highlight this year's 'Day for Life' collection which is to be held on the weekend of 19/20

June.

In 2020 we were unable to hold the annual 'Day for Life' collection because of the pandemic, and so the funds are very much depleted. This fund is used to support 'Pro-Life' organisations who raise awareness and who engage in parliamentary work and pastoral outreach. The Nottingham Pro-life group have benefitted from a grant to support their work. But, in addition, we are also now faced, as you know, with the very real threat of the legalisation of 'assisted suicide' in our country. There is already a Private Members Bill in the House of Lords. Financial resources will be needed to resist this. This year's theme for 'Day for Life' focusses on assisted suicide and there are online resources available to inform your parishioners to this threat to life."

WEDDING IN WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL More than a few conversations were generated following a recent wedding in Westminster Cathedral. In response to these conversations and queries, the Cathedral has put out a statement, accessible at rcdow.org.uk/news/wedding-in-westminster-cathedral.

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 : Lynn Hockey (£30); (£20) Lynn Wiedemann.

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.

THE LOSS OF AN OLD FRIEND A lot of years ago I remember looking forward to the stories and puzzles presented week-by-week by Brother Dennis Roberts in "The Universe". My parents bought the weekly Catholic paper from the back of the church. Somehow they preferred it to the Catholic Herald, but occasionally bringing home the Universe's sister-paper The Catholic Times. But I always want to see where Bro Dennis had been in his trusty car JOY 10. "The Universe" and a half-a-dozen other Catholic periodicals were part of the familiar furniture at the back of church and our kitchen table. I don't suppose we'd heard of the phrase 'the print media' then. But that descriptor is part of today's news. I picked up news this week of the End of the 'Universe'. I got that news not in 'the print media', but on-line from the Catholic Bishop's website. A telling tale in itself. In recent months parishes have received weekly urgent pleadings from the publishers to take up copies of The Universe for the back of church. Sadly my experience over recent years has been of ever-more frequent trips to the recycling centre (never a joy) with unsold Catholic 'print-media'. And now no more. I join Cardinal Nichols in lamenting the death of a friend: "This week sees the last edition of the Catholic Universe and the Catholic Times supplement. Universe Catholic Media Ltd has stopped trading with immediate effect. I receive this news with great sadness. It is an historic moment which comes as a 'sign of the times'. The Universe has served the Catholic community devotedly since 1860. But now no more. The current publishing market is difficult, and the board, management and staff of Universe Media Group have made strenuous efforts to continue their operations. I thank, with all of my heart, Clive Leach, the owner, Joe Kelly and all the staff for their unstinting service and commitment to the Catholic community in this country and beyond. For many years they have strived with every sinew to keep reporting and commenting on the Catholic Church, in full support of our mission to spread the Gospel and bear witness to our faith. I know that they have explored every avenue in trying to steer this operation through these most difficult times and circumstances. Again, on behalf of so many, I thank them for this valiant effort and commend them for their work. The role of communication and journalism in reporting and commenting on the life of the Catholic Church, from the perspective of our faith, is a great challenge. My hope and prayer is that professional and enthusiastic Catholics will continue in this task, exploring and developing new forms of communication and new ways of telling the story of our faith in action here in our lands."

AND FINALLY in tribute to the tireless parishioners, who usually unseen, labour to clean, disinfect, shine, decorate and make safe our churches (and rectory!):

Teach me, my God and King,
In all things Thee to see,
And what I do in anything
To do it as for Thee.

Not rudely, as a beast,
To run into an action;
But still to make Thee prepossesst,
And give it his perfection.

A man that looks on glass,
On it may stay his eye;
Or if he pleaseth, through it pass,
And then the heav'n espy.

All may of Thee partake:
Nothing can be so mean,
Which with his tincture—"for Thy sake"—
Will not grow bright and clean.

A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine:
Who sweeps a room as for Thy laws,
Makes that and th' action fine.

This is the famous stone
That turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own
Cannot for less be told.

George Herbert