



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY (B)

June 27th 2021



PRAYER FOR THE POPE

Lord, source of eternal life and truth,
Give our Holy Father the Pope
a spirit of courage and right judgement,
a spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing with fidelity
those entrusted to his care,
may he as successor to the apostle Peter
and vicar of Christ,
build your church into a sacrament of unity,
love and peace for all the world.

Amen

Your faith has restored you

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DATE	PARISH MASS	OTHER
Sun 27th	SUNDAY XIII 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Agnes Tucker RIP (MD)	
Mon 28th	St Irenaeus, bishop & martyr 9.30 (HAD) Margaret Long RIP	
Tues 29th	Ss PETER & PAUL, apostles 9.30 (HAD) Angela Duggan RIP <i>1.30 (HAD) funeral service for Margaret Biddle RIP</i>	
Weds 30th	feria / first martyrs of Rome 9.30 (HAD) Ellen Nugent RIP	
Thurs 1st July	St Oliver Plunkett, bishop & martyr 9.30 (HAD) Mary Hoctor RIP	
Fri 2nd	feria 9.30 (BB) Peter Urquhart RIP (fam)	
Sat 3rd	feria 9.30 (HAD) Eileen Garvey RIP	
Sun 4th	SUNDAY XIV 9.15 (BB) Caroline Higgins RIP (Nfam) 11am (HAD) for the parish	

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INTRODUCTION Christ took our death upon himself to show us how to live and die for God.

First Reading: Wis 1 : It was the devil`s envy that brought death to the world.

Second Reading: 2 Cor 8 & 9 : St Paul tells us to be generous to those who have little.

Gospel : Mk 5 : Jesus conquers not only his own death, but brings life to the dead little girl.

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 Bishop Brindle, Jim McCarthy, John Foley, Annie Kane, Stanislaw Slugocki, Lindsey Doran, Lindsey Millington, Leslie Serrette, Elizabeth Wardle, Angela Kelly, Michael Doran.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND we celebrate the thirteenth Sunday in ordinary time - and the last Sunday in June. How the year flies by! The gospel presents the story of two healings of women, and showing the Lord at his most compassionate.

THE MONTH OF JULY begins on Thursday. In the devotional calendar of our church it is honoured at 'the month of the precious blood'.

A PARTICULAR WELCOME to those families presenting First Holy Communion candidates at St Charles. You will want to join me in acknowledging and thanking their teachers and catechists who have led them to this happy day. (And commiserations to Bernie Quirke, headteacher at St Charles with the news that she and her son have tested positive for COVID and thus are isolated at home.)

APOSTOLIC ANCESTORS in faith are celebrated this week:

- ◆ **Saints Peter & Paul** are solemnly honoured on Tuesday. Eagle-eyed worshippers at St Charles will notice the window honouring St Peter, and close by in the baptistery his seated image, again holding the keys to the kingdom. This seated, or rather enthroned image, is an exact copy of the seated image in St Peter's in Rome. It is venerated by the kissing of the extended foot, worn down by centuries of reverence. But not of course in COVID times! On p. 1 you find a prayer for St Peter's successor, Pope Francis. We are encouraged to pray that prayer often, but especially on Tuesday.
- ◆ **St Paul** is found in sacred art by reference to the sword with which he was executed. Again the eagle-eyed may find it at St Charles, but you will probably have to search.
- ◆ **St Thomas** the (doubting, but then firmly-believing) apostle is honoured on Saturday. Most Catholics when venerating the Blessed Sacrament at the consecration or Holy Communion whisper his declaration "my Lord and my God". This date is the sixth anniversary of Bishop Patrick's ordination as our ordinary. Pray also for him.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Margaret Biddle (71) (Lower Barn Rd, Hadfield) recently deceased. We also hold in prayer Derek her husband, and family & friends who mourn her loss.

PUBLICATIONS come our way at the turn of the month:

- ◇ "Magnificat" costing £5, is at the back of church;
- ◇ "My Day-by-Day" is free-of-charge is also there.

ROSARY DEVOTEES are encouraged to pick up and read Sheila Redfern's message which is found at the back of St Charles church. Once read, please leave for others.

A BUS-STOP ENCOUNTER Just beyond the Carriage Drive vehicle gate is the bus stop for the 393. I occasionally pass the time of day with waiting passengers, and did so again on Thursday. A cheery lady chatted engagingly and commented on my sling, remarking to me "you must be the new

gardener then". I blushed when I recalled that our Risen Lord was subject to a similar mis-identification on Easter morning . . .

FLORAL LOVELINESS The display of flowers arranged for this special weekend at St Charles is breath-taking. Again your thanks and mine to those talented florists for going to so much time to honour the Almighty and those who worship 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 : Peter James (£30); J.Brazier (£20).

BB TOTE recent winners : Angie Cass (£40); Margaret Blackburn (£20).

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS I hope to bring Holy Communion to the housebound on Friday. Please advise if you or someone you know want to go on the list.

FINDING ENZO If by chance you have found this handsome canine, and reaped the reward, please advise the parish treasurer, who will be delighted to give you the parish bank account details.

OVERHEARD THIS WEEK 'There's always someone worse off than you, and that's the one I pray for every day.'

THE LATEST DECALOGUE

Thou shalt have one God only; who
Would be at the expense of two?
No graven images may be
Worshipp'd, except the currency:
Swear not at all; for, for thy curse
Thine enemy is none the worse:
At church on Sunday to attend
Will serve to keep the world thy friend:
Honour thy parents; that is, after all
From whom advancement may befall:

Thou shalt not kill; but need'st not strive
Officiously to keep alive;
Do not adultery commit;
Advantage rarely comes of it:
Thou shalt not steal; an empty feat,
When it's so lucrative to cheat:
Bear not false witness; let the lie
Have time on its own wings to fly:
Thou shalt not covet; but tradition
Approves all forms of competition.

Arthur Hugh Clough 1819-61

AND FINALLY My indisposition has led to many discoveries. I mentioned last week the many people who helped me to getting plastered. This week I was again at the hospital for more x-rays and a change of plaster. I met with many more kindnesses. I am summoned back again this coming week. I am awed at the NHS attentions for such a small injury.

Googled 'wrist' and was amazed at its complexity of structure. So many little bones in such a small space, each doing a specialised job. There must be a God!

I also discovered that the Internet sends the newsletter all over the planet. I have had messages from southern Europe, Ireland, and many parts of the UK. Best thanks to those who are faraway and have messaged. My digital skills being limited by the fracture led to the discovery of "dictate" on my PC. This is very helpful. I'm not sure whether it also underpins my belief in God!

Having to learn how to use my left hand kindled childhood memories of my parents' use of the phrase 'leis an gciotóg' – Irish for a left-handed person. Being left-handed was seen as a malign condition. Many were required to bind up the 'sinister' hand and forced to use the 'right' hand. Can't find a left-handed toothbrush or comb anywhere.

And a fascination of bees. My bird boxes have been neglected by my garden birds this year. However two of them have attracted thousands of bees, some of whom set up home (or hive) within - I suppose. Anyone for bird-box honey? And the same bees have returned in excelsis to my two 'bee-trees' – cotoneasters. For a fortnight the trees have been a buzzing umbrella, sustaining the bees on their way to the bird-boxes.

'O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament Divine;

All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine'