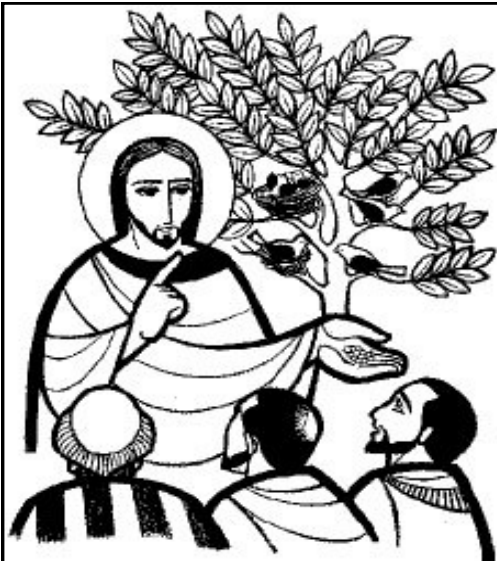


CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY (B)

July 18th 2021



‘Let us always meet each other
with a smile,
for the smile is
the beginning of love’

Mother Teresa

Come aside and rest awhile

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DATE	PARISH MASS	OTHER
Sun 18th	SUNDAY XVI 9.15 (BB) P Gannon RIP 11am (HAD) for the parish	
Mon 19th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Peter Whittam RIP (WG)	
Tues 20th	feria / St Apollinaris 9.30 (HAD) G McSherry RIP (JM)	
Weds 21st	feria / St Lawrence of Brindisi 9.30 (HAD) (school Mass in church) Eileen Berry RIP (fam)	
Thurs 22nd	ST MARY MAGDALENE 9.30 (HAD) thanksgiving (PP) 7pm HAD pre-Baptism instruction	
Fri 23rd	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN 9.30 (BB) Derek Orr's welfare	
Sat 24th	feria / St Sharbel / the Padley martyrs 9.30 (HAD) L Simpson RIP (fam)	
Sun 25th	SUNDAY XVII 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Paul Farnsworth RIP (fam)	

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Psalter Week 4

Introduction: Christ the good shepherd offers the gift of rest

First Reading : Jer 23 : I will provide shepherd for my flock.

Resp. Ps. THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT

Second Reading : Eph 2 : Christ is the peace between us.

Gospel : Mk 6 : They were like sheep without a shepherd

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, Mary Lindley, Evelyn Matthewman, Neil Appleton, Alice Canning.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Revv Peter McDonagh, Chris Turner, Tom Moloney; James Smith, Peter Fraser, Katheen Laverty, Marie Lane, Derek Butt, Patrick Byrnes.

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

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND we celebrate the sixteenth Sunday in ordinary time. The gospel tells of the compassionate Lord inviting his weary disciples to step apart and rest.

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.

Perhaps it's time to offer a bouquet of thanks to those who have assisted our booking-in for Mass during lockdowns. We await guidance from on high as to relaxing COVID regulations in the life of the church. Hopefully these relaxations will offer our bookers-in relief!

ST CHARLES TOTE recent winners : H Jackson (£30); S Hoolahan (£20).

ST MARY MAGDALENE is honoured on Thursday: a chance to pray for the Magdalenes or Madeleines who give such outstanding service to the church.

LOOKING AHEAD The Holy Father has dedicated next Sunday 25th July as World Day for Grandparents.

PREDATION some parishioners will be aware of an incident of malice last week. On Thursday evening the 8th of July some unwelcome visitors came to Saint Charles church and grounds. The group of seven set about the deliberate destruction of the park bench opposite the church door. The half hour episode was captured on CCTV. It is a deeply disturbing view. Not only was the bench destroyed but deliberate insult was offered to the statue of Christ the King. Some might call this mischief, others a bit of anti-social behaviour. Others might say the devil's doing. The incident was reported to the police who have been most attentive. The whole sad episode from the CCTV is now in police hands. It is unwelcome viewing, unless you like horror movies. I would welcome the chance to speak to these seven young people and describe the deep hurt their action caused, and sad inconvenience to the many people who rested awhile on the bench. I hope that the culprits are identified and helped towards goodness instead of malice.

A DIFFERENT SCAPULAR we celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel during the week. Our devotional books reminded us of the scapular of Our Lady that was introduced by the Carmelites 1000 years ago. Many wise and holy people wear that scapular as a means of grace and protection. I took possession of a scapular of a different sort that day courtesy of Care Link. The recent sad episode a Father Michael Moore's fall downstairs, breaking many bones and being stranding for 17 hours unattended was enough to make me think that a call-pendant would be a good idea. The idea was raised at the Priests' Council, and recommendations made. Priest of a certain age and creakiness living alone are encouraged to get a call-pendant. A very helpful lady from Care Link called

Dawn came with all the paperwork and accoutrements. I hope I never have to use it, but this particular scapular offers a source of contact which may be described as divine.

PUBLICATIONS *We are not far away from August, and the month end devotional books are there for your use. My day by day is free. Magnificat is good value at £5.*

SCHOOL HOLS *many schools break up this week for the summer break. There has been too much turbulence in school life during the last 18 months. I hope that this holiday break will give staff and students a good rest, and prepare them for a less difficult academic year starting in September. We must be grateful for all of our school communities who have faced these COVID difficulties during these viral months. we wish them all a restful break. I look forward to welcoming St Charles school to Wednesday morning parish Mass, and asking God to bless them all.*

PRE-BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTION *Next Thursday evening 22nd, at 7pm in St Charles church, I look forward to meeting with families who hope to present children for baptism soon.*

NOT PLASTERED BUT SPLINTERED *I returned to the fracture clinic on Thursday and the heavy plaster was removed and a support splint given in replacement. The excellent medical staff then said I was discharged. A bit more repairing is still needed; I'll try to be a patient patient.*

MONDAY THE 19TH *is a day written in all our calendars with lots of hopeful underlining. Whatever the government or church advice maybe, many will still remain cautious and masked. Many others will be carefree and head for holiday beaches. Official guidance from our church and in our diocese arrived late in the week. I will let our stewards and diligent sacristans know of it first and discuss the future together. All of us are urged to be careful rather than carefree, and respect the sensitivities of everyone else.*

NEXT SATURDAY *is an important celebration for the Catholic Church in this part of Derbyshire. It's the feast day of Blessed Robert Ludlam and Nicholas Garlick, the Padley martyrs. These utterly heroic priests of reformation times were executed in Derby on 24th July 1588, having been discovered saying Mass in the manor house chapel. I have joined pilgrimages to that shrine near Grindleford on countless occasions. I'm sure that my earliest visits in short trousers and Catholic school uniform are amongst the seeds of my vocation to the priesthood - wasn't too sure about martyrdom, though. I owe to many friends and family members huge thanks in supporting my journey to ordination golden years ago. The Padley martyrs however were amongst my earliest inspirations. So when I say Mass next Saturday and thank God for 50 years of priesthood, and channel my thanks through them.*

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL *A small group of dedicated parishioners hope to start "Meeting Point" on Sat 31st July. This will a chance for folk to drop into the oratory at St Charles for chat, companionship and a cuppa. The doors will be open from 10.30, and one and all are welcome till noon. If you want to help on the 'service team', please message Sue Hoolahan via suehoolahan@aol.com.*

AND FINALLY *A prayer from Toc H:*

*'O God, teach us to live together in love and joy and peace,
to resist any form of bitterness,
to persevere in the face of discouragement,
to be thankful for the blessings we receive from you
and to leap with joy to any task for others.
May your goodness flow through all that we do
and work for the extension of your kingdom
in the hearts and minds of all people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*