



## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (B)

July 25th 2021



'All shall be well,  
And all shall be well,  
And all manner of things  
Shall be well'  
*St Julian of Norwich*

# They ate as much as they wanted

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>PARISH MASS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
Sun 25th	<b>SUNDAY XVII</b> 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Paul Farnsworth RIP (fam)	
Mon 26th	<b>Ss Joachim &amp; Anne, parents of Our Lady</b> 9.30 (HAD) Peter Whittam RIP (N&DS) <i>noon (HAD) funeral service—Jean Mannion RIP</i>	
Tues 27th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) G McSherry RIP (JM)	
Weds 28th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) E Heffron RIP (JM)	
Thurs 29th	<b>St Martha</b> 9.30 (HAD) Mary Brady RIP (JK)	
Fri 30th	<b>St Peter Chrysologus</b> 9.30 (BB) P & C Whittam RIP (EL)	
Sat 31st	<b>St Ignatius of Loyola</b> 9.30 (HAD) C & V Johnson's welfare (anniversary) <i>oratory, 10.30-noon: 'Meeting Point'; noon (HAD) Mellor, bapt</i>	
Sun 1st Aug	<b>SUNDAY XVIII</b> 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Evelyn Matthewman's welfare (b'day) (VG)	

## **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (B)**

Psalter Week 1

**Introduction** Christ feeds the us with His word and his Body.

**First Reading :** 2 Kings 4 : Elisha the prophet is ordered to feed the people of the Lord—abundantly.

**Second Reading:** Eph 4 : `One Lord, one faith, one baptism.'

**Gospel:** Jn 6 : Jesus feeds the multitude with bread and fish. They ate and were satisfied.

## 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 Cannings.

*Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Rev John Fox & John Dunne; Phyllis Dotters, Eileen Atherton, John Denton, Joe Revell, Margaret Mary Keogh, Christine Entwistle, Jack Shockledge : 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.

**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE** Hadfield parishioner **Mary Lindley** has died recently in Regency Care Home. No more detail is to hand just yet.

**MONDAY FUNERAL** At St Charles on Monday we are hosting the funeral rites for **Jean Mannion**, a life-long parishioner at St Mary's in Glossop. Because of restoration works at St Mary's, funeral are not possible in that church just now. Therefore Jean's Funeral Service will be at noon that date in St Charles.

**MASS BOOKING SYSTEM** Thanks to Angie (BB) (07977202639) for organising the bookings for Immaculate Conception church. There is no need for the time being to book a place for Mass at St Charles.

**MY THANKS** to the stewards and COVID taskforce in our churches. In light of the guidance given late last week, consultations have been held, and advices accepted.

Simply put: **Not Yet -**

- Kiss of Peace
- Communion from the chalice
- Holy Water at the church entrance-door
- Refreshments after Mass
- Use of kneelers (this is to ease the cleaning work-load of stewards)

### **Recommended -**

- \* Mask-wearing

### **Yes please! -**

- ◊ Hymn-singing (but while masked . . .)
- ◊ Collection bags / baskets back in use

Much else is as before. But because our churches are so different in size and configuration, more restrictions are in place at Immaculate Conception, where you still need to book in for Mass (see Angie's number above).

**ST CHARLES TOTE** recent winners : S Williamson (£30); N Garlick (£20).

Furthermore, Mike W drew the mid-year 'big'un' : Prizewinners : £100 J Walsh; £100 M Wild; £50 J Brazier; £50 G Collins.

**BB TOTE-WINNERS** : £40 : J Hickinson; £20 : F Robinson.

**THE HOLY FATHER** has dedicated this Sunday as World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. It is timed to coincide with the feast of Our Lady's parents Ss Joachim & Anna on Monday. Here are

*some extracts from the Holy Father's accompanying message:*

Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers, Dear Elderly Friends,

"I am with you always" (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. "I am with you always" are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

I am well aware that this Message comes to you at a difficult time: the pandemic swept down on us like an unexpected and furious storm; it has been a time of trial for everyone, but especially for us elderly persons. Many of us fell ill, others died or experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods.

As my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself a saintly elderly person who continues to pray and work for the Church, once said: "the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others." [4] He spoke those words in 2012, towards the end of his pontificate. There is something beautiful here. Your prayer is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 262). Especially in these difficult times for our human family, as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic, your intercession for the world and for the Church has great value: it inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore.'

**PUBLICATIONS** *My Day by Day* is free. *Magnificat* is good value at £5.

**HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL** A small group of dedicated parishioners hope to start "Meeting Point" next 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](mailto:suehoolahan@aol.com).

**HELLO! HELLO!** PC Adam phoned during the week about progress in the matter of the vandalization at the front of Saint Charles church. I asked him how he was. He said 'I'm good!' And I asked him if he'd been busy, and he certainly had. Before we came to the end of our brief conversation he signed off with 'no worries!'. These contemporary greetings I find mildly curious. No doubt if I asked the seven villains how they were they would also 'I'm good', and move on greeting me with 'no worries'. I must live on a different planet. But thank God for our saviour who gives us the grace to try to be good, and to take our worries on his own shoulders.

**SCHOOL'S OUT** On Wednesday we celebrated the end of year mass with and for Saint Charles school children and staff. It was somewhat more subdued than in previous years because of COVID absences. One whole class and a number of teachers and assistants were at home isolating. However it was a lovely occasion, and I was very touched to receive many gifts and tokens at the end of Mass. On Thursday I happened to go briefly into a supermarket locally, to be met with a barrage of advertising posters proclaiming quotation marks "Back to School", with images of beaming children in brand new school attire. The mystery of contemporary advertising! Please disregard till the end of August! And enjoy your hols!

**AND ON A PERSONAL NOTE** My crazy practice over countless years is to 'top & tail' the newsletter on Saturday morning. I had no notion that this Saturday might be different. But it was. Secretly parishioners had conspired to arrange for the Saturday morning normally-quiet Mass to be a major celebration. I had journeyed leisurely into early Saturday morning with my coffee and Radio 3. I decided to switch off the radio and to play a CD of Monastic plain chant. Whilst listening to the Te Deum – the church's universal hymn of celebratory thanks - I decided to open the many greetings envelopes that had arrived. Superstitiously I would never open a greetings envelope before 'the day'. So as I listened to this magnificent music of Thanksgiving, I discovered the joys of so many greetings and generous gifts. But then I heard 'noises off' and began to suspect that 'summat woz up'. What a delight to discover my brother and sister-in-law, Fr Bernard and many friends gathering in church for Mass. A very moving celebration with delightful singing, musicmaking, speeches and gifts. And then a sensitive sharing of cake and company at the back of church. I have been overwhelmed by so many tokens of kindness on the occasion of my Golden Jubilee of ordination on Saturday the 24th. I hope we find chance beyond COVID restrictions to share thanks and good company in a less constrained way. And speaking of 'many more' I pray for health and strength to serve as your priest 'sine die'. Thank you and God bless!