



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



PARISH NEWSLETTER

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY (B)

Aug 1st 2021



‘Let us remember the past
with gratitude,
live the present
with enthusiasm,
and look forward to the future
with confidence.’

Pope St John Paul II

Feed me till I want no more

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PARISH MASS

OTHER

Sun 1st Aug

SUNDAY XVIII

9.15 (BB) for the parish

11am (HAD) Evelyn Matthewman's welfare (b'day) (VG)

Mon 2nd

feria / Ss Eusebius / St Julian

9.30 (HAD) Geraldine Duffy RIP

Tues 3rd

feria

9.30 (HAD) Tony Perry RIP (fam)

Weds 4th

St John Vianney

8.30 (HAD) Peter Whittam RIP (fam)

Thurs 5th

feria / dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major

9.30 (HAD) Mrs Gannon RIP

11am (HAD) funeral rites for Mary Lindley RIP

Fri 6th

THE TRANSFIGURATION First Friday visits today DV

9.30 (BB) Linda's welfare (DW)

Sat 7th

feria / St Sixtus / St Cajetan

Sun 8th

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11am (HAD) for the parish

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Psalter Week 2

Introduction : The Lord sustains his people, with his word and food.

First Reading : Exodus 16 : Manna from heaven in the desert.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4 : Put on a new self—in God's image & likeness.

Gospel: John 6 : The discourse on the Bread come down from Heaven.

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, Harold Midwood, Fr John Cairns, 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 John Grimshaw, Douglas Key, Michael Gilleran, Henry MacDonald; E Rosemary Window, Patricia Byrne, Carole Murphy, Eileen Moran, James Sidebottom, Barbara Bailey : *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen*

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND we celebrate the eighteenth Sunday in ordinary time. The gospel - for the next month from St John ch.6 - tells of the manna of the desert being superseded by the Bread of Heaven.

THE MONTH OF AUGUST is in Catholic devotion traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

- * Hadfield parishioner **Jean Mitton (92)** died recently in a care home in Ashton. More details are awaited.
- * **Mary Lindley (87)** (Regency Care Home). Mary's funeral is diaried for this week on Thurs 5th August at St Charles.
- * **Derek Orr**, an adjunct parishioner of St Margaret's and Immaculate Conception. Please pray for his wife Christine, daughter Adele, and granddaughter Ella.

WELCOME TO THE PARISH FAMILY

- **Emmie Mellor and Leo Lenihan**, baptised this weekend.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS I hope to bring the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and housebound later in the week. Please let me know if you or someone you know would welcome such a visit.

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.

THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA has sent thanks for our parishes' recent contributions to the Stella Maris charity, in helping seafarers across the planet.

CHURCH COLLECTION For the time being we will not resume the basket/bag around-the-church Sunday collection. It is good to respect the sensitivities of parishioners who want still to shield from COVID possibilities.

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

'MY DAY BY DAY' for August : copies are still available from the back of church or porch table.

THE PILGRIM SHRINE AT LOURDES Bishop Patrick and all bishops who lead diocesan pilgrimages have received a message from the shrine. Our Bishop writes:

"I have received a letter from Bishop Antoine Herouard, the Apostolic Delegate for the Lourdes Sanctuary. He explains that urgent work has become necessary in the Upper

Basilica, the Crypt Chapel, and particularly the belltower and spire. A century of Pyrenees weather has taken its toll on the stonework, the buttresses, the architectural carvings, and other areas. The Shrine team also want to take the opportunity to bring the Upper Basilica up to 21st century pilgrim expectations, with new heating, wiring, sound, disabled access, etc. Bishop Antoine argues, and I agree, that Lourdes is now more relevant than ever as an international place of healing, prayer and contemplation. Our diocese has been involved in Diocesan Pilgrimages to Lourdes for about ninety years, and parishes, chaplaincies, diocesan organisations and individuals have all experienced the very special atmosphere of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes.

I am very conscious that, given the difficult financial times many parishioners are currently living through. However you may wish, in consultation with your parishioners, to make a donation from parish funds, and to ask parishioners, if they wish to do so, to make personal donations.”

There is a simple way to send funds for this appeal: please message me and I'll give you the details. I would invite our finance committees to chat and let me have an opinion on parish donations. My opinion may be taken for granted!

THE 2023 VATICAN SYNOD *The title of the 2023 Synod of Bishops is “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.” For the first time, the Synod Office in Rome has produced a comprehensive process which encompasses the stated aim of the Holy Father that the Church in today’s world should have a vision of missionary communion orientated to evangelisation. The process begins in the Particular (or Local) Church and then moves to the level of the Bishops’ Conference. From there, discernment takes place in the Regional Area – for England and Wales, it would be steered by the European Council of Bishops’ Conferences (CCEE) – before moving to the Universal Church with the final Synod Gathering of Bishops in 2023, sub et cum Petro.*

All-Many-One

The synod process is one of “journeying together” towards Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life who calls his people into a unity of purpose and mutual listening between people and pastors.

*This journeying arrives at the Synod of Bishops gathering itself, which is presided over by the Bishop of Rome, who is called to speak as “pastor and teacher of all Christians” as the supreme witness to the *fides totius Ecclesiae*. The bishops are linked to the Bishop of Rome through the bond of episcopal communion and at the same time, are subject to him as head of the College of Bishops.*

The process therefore can be considered as an exercise of listening all-many-one; that is, the voice of the people of God in the particular church (all), must be heard, listened to and discerned by their bishops as the authentic pastors (many), who then gather with the Successor of Peter (one) who acts as a point of unity for the Universal Church. The ultimate discernment is for the Pope who will offer a Post Synodal Apostolic Exhortation based on what is presented to him throughout the process of mutual listening, in which the fruits of this discernment are published in a manner that reflects the life of the Church as always changing within its own context in the world, yet ever faithful to that which it has received.

AND FINALLY

- ◆ *This week - late July - I received my first invitation to ‘book early for Christmas’ at a local restaurant. I politely declined, indicating I was too busy with ‘Back to School’ offers distracting my attention.*
- ◆ *Noticed a little girl passing by the church wearing a tee-shirt emblazoned “I Love Me”. How contemporary!*

FROM THE SAYINGS OF ST JOHN VIANNEY

“Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there: If you set it on fire, it makes a lot of little flames. But gather these straws into a bundle and light them, and you get a mighty fire, rising like a column into the sky; public prayer is like that.”