



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (B)

Sept 5th 2021



*REMEMBER,
O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help,
or sought thy intercession
was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother;
to thee do I come;
before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.*

He chose the poor to be rich in faith

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PARISH MASS

OTHER

Sun 5th

SUNDAY XXIII

9.15 (BB) for the parish

11am (HAD) Joan Haley RIP (D&KH)

Mon 6th

feria

9.30 (HAD) Austin Brewer (11am (HAD) funeral of Kathleen Flanagan RIP)

Tues 7th

feria

9.30 (HAD) Ian Jackson

Weds 8th

BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY

9.30 (HAD) Wm Bowdren RIP (fam)

Thurs 9th

feria / St Peter Claver no parish Mass today

(2pm HAD : funeral for Joan Mitton RIP)

Fri 10th

feria

9.30 (BB) Kiera Laughton RIP

Sat 11th

feria

9.30 (HAD) dec'd of Holtom & Perry fams RIP (D&KH)

Sun 12th

SUNDAY XXIV

9.15 (BB) for the parish

11am (HAD) Anna Houareau RIP (SMH)

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (B)

Psalter Week 3

Introduction to the Readings : Lord, you are just, and the judgements you make are right. Show mercy when you judge me, your servant.

First Reading : **Is. 35** : The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.

Resp Ps : **MY SOUL GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD**

Second Reading : **James 2** : God chose the poor to be the heirs to the kingdom.

Gospel : **Mark 7** : He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

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, 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: Rev Brendan Campbell: James Alan Garlick

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

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND we celebrate the twenty-third Sunday in the church's year. St James warns against judging on appearances, and tells us to respect depth of faith—which is the key to heaven's gate.

THIS TUESDAY (7th) we welcome Bishop Patrick and erstwhile local PP Fr Greg Tobin back to the deanery. At 7pm at Our Lady's Crowned Catholic church in Glossop, they will celebrate Mass & lead a simple celebration to reopen the church after its extensive interior renovation. I hope to be present, and all are welcome to come along and celebrate this great moment.

ON WEDNESDAY (8th) we honour Our Blessed Lady on her birthday.

NEXT SUNDAY is dedicated as Education Sunday.

ST CHARLES TOTE Recent winners: £30 : Anita Marsden; £20: Sylvia Shaw. Thank you to all who support our parishes through the totes, and greater thanks to those who administer them.

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.

"MEETING POINT" The next date for this companionable event is next Saturday 11th Sept 10.15—noon in the oratory at St Charles. Hearty thanks to those who coordinate this excellent gathering. The organisers write:

'Restrictions that have prevented most parish activities taking place have now been relaxed, so this means many parish facilities and groups can start up again. In August we held our first "Meeting Point" at St Charles church. It has been a very difficult time for all of us recently. Some may have been sick, others bereaved or maybe suffered financial hardship because of the pandemic. We want to help each other rebuild our lives and community in a supporting, caring way. The event was well-attended and everyone was happy to see old friends again over coffee and cake. In fact, it was so lovely that we will be holding them on the second Saturday of each month for the foreseeable future. For those bit nervous about coming back we will have a table in the church where those who wish to can mask and keep distance. We are "open with care", to parishioners from any church, families from our schools, or anyone else that would like to join us. Please tell your friends and family who will be assured of a warm, caring welcome. If anyone needs a lift please let us know. Sue Hoolahan 07596 728633, Madeleine Dyson 07759 226482'

OUR NEIGHBOURS have invited us to consider: Glossop Catholic Parishes Study Day

"How the Holy Spirit empowers us to be Missionary Disciples" led by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy.

Saturday 18th September 11am-3pm at St Mary's Hall, Glossop. Please bring a packed lunch. Free admission.

SAVE THE DATES

- **The Wednesday Group** is planning to resume meeting on Wednesday 6th October. Old and new members will be made very welcome.
- The parish and Wednesday Group **Christmas lunch** has been booked at the golf course on Friday 17th December 2021 at 12.30. The lunch is a three-course carvery (including a vegetarian and gluten-free option) and includes tea/coffee— all for £18.00 per person. This amount includes a gratuity. If you are interested in coming along please let Ann Black know, or send me a message. As we haven't been able to socialise as a parish group for a while it would be nice for as many people to attend as possible. All are welcome—you don't have to have a Wednesday-Group Membership Certificate!

BISHOP PATRICK has spoken out against draft legislation which would legalise assisted suicide, warning that it would send the message that 'some lives are not worth fighting for.' In a short message via Youtube, Bishop Patrick made an impassioned plea for concerned people to speak out against the proposed changes outlined Baroness Meacher's Bill and "send the message that a prescription for lethal drugs is not the civilised solution for vulnerable people seeking a dignified and peaceful end." Baroness Meacher's latest Bill would allow physician-assisted suicide for terminally-ill adults with less than six months to live, subject to the approval of two doctors and a high court judge. It has passed its First Reading in the House of Lords. "We have just lived through a global pandemic where we have all played our part, and many have made huge sacrifices, to protect the most clinically vulnerable members of our society from a potentially deadly virus. This response has clearly affirmed that, as a civilised society, we naturally value the life of each individual, regardless of their age or medical circumstance. Introducing a system which would license assisted suicide for the terminally-ill would send the message – however unintentionally- that some lives are no longer worth sustaining or fighting for. Our law as it stands, which prohibits assisted suicide, sends a clear message: we do not involve ourselves in bringing about the death of another person, no matter how ill or depressed they might feel. This is the surest way to protect those who are nearing the end of their lives from abuse, coercion or, indeed, internal pressure to choose assisted death out of fear of burdening their loved ones. "Finally, under our current law and practices, doctors have a duty of care to do everything in their power to make death a peaceful and dignified experience. To offer patients in despair a lethal prescription instead, would represent a disturbing shift in our culture of care."

He encourages everyone to a Zoom talk, delivered by former Paralympian, Baroness Grey, entitled: 'Assisted Dying: A win for personal autonomy or a loss for civil society?' "The Baroness will discuss the flaws within the Meacher Bill and the worrying lack of safeguards. We are extremely privileged to have such insights from someone who has courageously fought disability discrimination, and who recognises so clearly the ramifications of the Meacher Bill for both disabled people and our wider society. I encourage all of you to sign up for her talk. This will take place via Zoom on Thursday 9 September at 7.30pm."

ST CHARLES PARISHIONERS and many other will be delighted to hear that last Planning Permission has been given for the proposed major development in and around the old parish hall. You can see extensive details of the planned development by heading to the HPBC website. Let's hope & pray that this much-neglected area will soon receive welcome transformation.

'**MISSIO**' **MAGAZINE** "**MISSION TODAY**" has arrived. Copies are freely available from the back of church.

Furthermore, may I ask that any Missio Red Boxes, or Catholic Children's Society boxes be brought to church for emptying, please.

REBECCA WOODS, is the Derbyshire County Cllr for the Etherow Division, which covers Gamesley most of Hadfield, and Tintwistle. She (and I!) are aware of the problem with a large group of children indulging in anti-social behaviour in and around the Hadfield area, which has escalated over the school holiday period.

She met with other councillors and local Police to discuss the issue, and is meeting with schools, and DCC Youth Service. She has also proposed a meeting with local people & services to dig deeper into the ongoing problem. This meeting takes place on the w/c Monday 13th September, time and venue tbc. I plan to be away that time. Are there parishioners who would represent me/us at that meeting? Please let me know, and I'll put you in touch.

AND FINALLY whilst making '1st Friday' visits I was met smilingly at the door by Jacob, who led me cheerfully to the sitting room where his grandmother & the family was gathered. He then sat nearby, engaged with his Smart Phone, expertly distracting me with his skilful hopping between sounds and sights. I came away, led to the door by Jacob still clutching his phone. Blessed are today's two-year-olds!