



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



PARISH NEWSLETTER

CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING (B)

Nov 21st 2021



*Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is
thine;
King, whose reign shall never
cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.*

*Angels, saints and nations sing :
“Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!”*

So you are a King, then?

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DATE**MASS****OTHER**

Sun 21st

CHRIST THE KING

9.15 (BB) Thomas Heywood RIP (JM)

11am (HAD) for the parish

Mon 22nd

St Cecilia, virgin & martyr : no parish Mass today

Tues 23rd

St Clement; St Columban : no parish Mass today

Weds 24th

St Andrew & comps, martyrs**11.45 (HAD) Requiem Mass for Perry RIP**

Thurs 25th

St Catherine of Alexandria : no parish Mass today

(oratory reflection 2.30)

Fri 26th

feria : no parish Mass today

Sat 27th

feria 9.30 (HAD) Mary Perry RIP (MR)

Sun 28th

ADVENT SUNDAY I

9.15 (BB) for the parish

11am (HAD) the Potter family (fam)

Mon 29th

Advent feria

9.30 (HAD) Ann Bradley RIP (AB)

Tues 30th

St ANDREW, apostle**9.00** Denis K

Weds 1st Dec

The Derbyshire martyrs

9.30 (HAD) Holy Souls

Thurs 2nd

Advent feria

9.30 (HAD) Gerry Corbett RIP

Fri 3rd

St Francis Xavier *First Friday visits today DV*

9.30 (BB) Xaverian Brothers (PR)

Sat 4th

St John Damascene

9.30 (HAD) Sarah Louise Turner RIP (fam)

Sun 5th

ADVENT II

9.15 (BB) Mary Perry RIP (JB)

11am (HAD) Fallon & Farrell fams RIP (fam)

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Psalter Week 2

Introduction: Christ, crowned with kingly thorns, is King of Heaven and earth.

First Reading : Dan 7 : His reign is eternal.

Resp.Ps. THE LORD IS KING, WITH MAJESTY ENROBED

Second Reading : Rev 1 : Jesus Christ, the rule of the kings of earth.

Gospel : Jn 18 : It is you that say I am a king!

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Please remember to support and pray for those listed as sick and housebound in

our parish: Peter James, Pauline Anderson, Isabella Phillips, Monica Krommendijk, Joe Singleton, Una Wilkinson, David Healey, Josie & Peter Cowden, Nella Lewyckyj, Jacob Ibbotson, Evelyn Matthewman, Neil Appleton, Alice Canning, Sheila Gerrard.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Bishop Hendren, Revv Cyril Gryce, Peter O'Dowd, John Dewar, Michael Stewart, Michael Lynch, Joseph Degen, Ted Neary, Con Dolan; Teresa Flynn, Michael Wenner, Arthur Martin, John Atherton, Gordon Williamson, Barbara Burwood, Lucy Cox, Jenny Cooney, Joan Cavanagh, Bernard Walsh, Nick Harding, May Rainford: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY we celebrate the feast of Christ the universal king. Every time we pray the Lord's prayer we pray 'thy kingdom come', we pray that we may accept the sovereignty of Christ in our lives and for our world. This feast day is a sort of exclamation mark of praise as we come towards the end of the church's year. This Sunday is also known as Youth Sunday, and we certainly pray for young people in our time who may face many challenging decisions against a difficult background. We also pray that more young people will hear the voice of our Lord in following his footsteps more fervently.

THIS WEEK is the last (34th) week in ordinary time.

NEXT SUNDAY We begin the church's new year with the First Sunday of Advent.

SAINTS ALIVE This Sunday overshadows a feast day of great importance to a small number of our parishioners and a great number of Religious Sisters. We would otherwise be celebrating the feast of the Presentation of Our Lady in the Temple. This holy event is the inspiration for the Presentation Sisterhood, and their associates. We can give thanks for the many sisters who served this area in yesteryears with their dedication to Catholic education in our primary schools. We pray also for blessings upon Presentation Sisters and associates here and there.

On Monday we honour ***Saint Cecilia*** who is honoured as the patron St of church music. This gives chance to give thanks to those who support our worship with their musical skills. Please take a moment to pray for

them and thanksgiving for their talent and their generosity and offering it in the service of our Lord and his people. I know you will want to join me in thanking one particular musician who for almost half a century has enhanced our worship with her keyboard skills. Kate Barnes has asked to stand down from her music ministry. As she does so we can say 'well done good and faithful servant' and God bless and reward you. Later in the week we honour **St Catherine of Alexandria**. How I remember enjoying the whizzing and whirling of the Catherine wheel, the firework named after her. Tradition has it that she was martyred by being strapped to a huge wheel which led to her cruel death. No fireworks please on Thursday!

Next week we have chance to honour the **Derbyshire martyrs**, not least the **Padley martyrs** who are our most local heroes. Additionally we thank God for the life and witness of **St Ralph Sherwin**, who lends his patronage to the Academy of schools in Catholic Derbyshire. A chance on that today to pray for the staff and children of our local schools. And towards the end of next week we honour **Saint Francis Xavier**, Jesuit missionary and doctor of the church. This allows a grateful acknowledgement of the dedication and works of the Xaverian brothers, who steered Catholic secondary education for generations in Manchester and elsewhere. And on that day we wish you a happy feast day to brother Phillip Revell and thank him for his generous service to our parish.

ST CHARLES TOTE Recent winners: £30 : P James; £20 : M Cowden. Thank you to all who support our parishes through the totes, and greater thanks to those who administer them.

SYNOD CONVERSATION last Sunday evening a small group of parishioners came together to talk about future possibilities for our church locally and universally. It was good also to take note of the suggestions found in the suggestions box at the back of Saint Charles church. This was a very fruitful discussion with much helpful advice and good suggestions for the future of our church and parish. A report is being prepared and you will be able to find it soon enough on the parish website. Renewed thanks to those who participated in this enterprise.

COFFEE AND CAKES AND COMPANY It was good last Saturday to welcome a good number of people to the oratory at Saint Charles for the morning social gathering at "Meeting Point". Thank you who to those who made this occasion possible and those joined in the contentment of the gathering.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS I hope on Friday the 3rd of December to visit with the Blessed Sacrament our sick and housebound parishioners. Please let me know if you or someone you know would like to join that list.

DURING ADVENT I hope you may take chance to join in some helpful spiritual occasions:

- At 2.30 in the oratory, starting this week on Thurs 25th, a time to reflect on the themes presented in the upcoming **Sunday readings**. This will be followed (hopefully) by a time of silent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- **Advent Confessions** : on Saturday 11th and 18th December, Monsignor Moore has kindly agreed to come to the oratory from 10.30 till 11.30 to hear Confessions and administer absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Every Sunday evening during Advent this year, **Vespers, the Evening Prayer of the Church**, will be celebrated at 5 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Church in Glossop All are welcome.

PUBLICATIONS APLENTY you will find at the back of church and on the elephant table the December and Advent publications that have been sent to us to aid our journey through that holy season. You can find 'My Day by Day', the diocesan-sponsored Advent publication from Alive 'Walk with Me'. Additionally you can find the CAFOD 'World Gifts' catalogue. Furthermore, **Missio calendars for 2022** are plentiful. All of these publications are free-of-charge.

With Advent on horizon, I hope you will take these booklets designed to help to help your spiritual journeying.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE as you know I'm hoping to travel to the eternal city this coming week. Whilst there I hope to offer Masses for these intentions : Helen Heywood RIP, Mary Midgeley RIP, Denise Walsh's welfare and Jan Holland's intentions.

THIS NEWSLETTER Please note that has two weeks' currency. The next publication is planned for the 5th December.

RAFFLE PLANS are mooted ahead of Christmas. Watch this space!