



## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**ADVENT III (C) (Gaudete)**  
**Dec 12th 2021**



**Gaudete, gaudete  
Christus est natus  
Ex Maria virginae,  
gaudete.**

**Rejoice, rejoice  
Christ is born  
Of the Virgin Mary  
Rejoice!**

*(Piae Cantiones 1592)*

*I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap*

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**DATE****MASS****OTHER**

Sun 12th	<b>ADVENT SUNDAY III (Gaudete)</b> 9.15 (BB) Liam Handley RIP (anon) 11am (HAD) V&G Cohen RIP (D&KH)	
Mon 13th	<b>St Lucy, virgin &amp; martyr</b> 9.30 (HAD) Denis Walsh's welfare (WG)	
Tues 14th	<b>St John of the Cross</b> 9.30 (HAD) J Grue RIP (D&KH)	
Weds 15th	<b>Advent feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Julia Casey (birthday gift) (MG)	
Thurs 16th	<b>Advent feria : no parish Mass today (Chapter meeting, Nottingham)</b> Mass elsewhere for H Midwood RIP (CW) 2.30 (oratory) Reflection on the Readings	
Fri 17th	<b>Advent feria</b> 9.30 (BB) Linda Webster RIP (CW)	
Sat 18th	<b>Advent feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Mrs M Flynn RIP (JK) 10.30 Confessions / Monsignor Moore (oratory)	
Sun 19th	<b>ADVENT IV</b> 9.15 (BB) Tim Greenhalgh RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) Derek Orr RIP (fam)	

## **Advent III (C)**

### **Psalter wk 3**

**Introduction to the Readings** : Today we sing and shout for joy with Christ, the Lord of the Dance who brings us the good news.

**First Reading**: Zephaniah 3 : The Lord will dance with shouts of joy as on a day of festival.

**Responsorial Psalm**: Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

**Second Reading**: Philippians 4 : The Lord is very near.

**Gospel** : Luke 3 : What must we do?

## **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, Denise Walsh, Nella Lewyckyj, Jacob Ibbotson, Evelyn Matthewman, Neil Appleton, Alice Canning.

**Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Revv Trevor Clarke, Jack Newsham, Martin Finneran; Mary McKeown, Lillian Dunn, Margaret Connor, Eva Whittam, Sheila Goodwin, Kerry Chatterton, Fred Jones : *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen*

## **PARISH NOTES**

**THIS SUNDAY** is the third Sunday in Advent. It is known as 'Gaudete' Sunday from the first word of the introit "rejoice". I've counted 17 times when the word 'rejoice' or similar comes into the liturgy today. The liturgy tries to get beneath the skin of the temporalities we associate with the approach of Christmas. It invites us to consider the deep down joy of the approach of our Saviour at the Incarnation.

Joy is not always so evident in a topsy turvey times. I hope we can take a chance on this Gaudete Sunday to allow the joy of the Lord for whom we wait to enter deep into our hearts.

**Additionally** this Sunday there is a **second collection** for the **poor parishes** of the diocese. Please see the baskets at the back of church.

**NEXT SUNDAY (ADVENT IV)** brings us into the second day of the pre-Christmas octave. It will be a busy day in our churches with the drawings of the raffle and the big tote prizes . . . and

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS** From next weekend. I hope that our dedicated parishioners will prepare our churches and cribs for the season of the Incarnation. After Mass at Hadfield next Sunday I hope that younger parishioners will remain and help to decorate the Christmas tree and install our crib.

**SAINTS ALIVE** on Monday we honour Saint Lucy, and ask for that enlightenment associated with her name to fill our hearts.

On Wednesday **Saint John of the Cross** is the Saint for the day. I urge you to discover something of his writings which leads us into the depth of our relationship with our loving saviour.

**COVID REGULATIONS** are back in place when we go shopping or indeed to vast nightclubs. In our church environment we are invited again to wear masks again. The advice given for mask-wearing while singing is frankly confusing! However the draconian cleaning and sanitising arrangements of earlier times are not restored. This will be a relief to our dedicated stewards and sacristans who have diligently spent a great deal of time after Masses in deep cleaning the church. You can find plenty of new advice in this 'omicron-area' by going to the diocesan or national Catholic websites.

**MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS** are as follows:

- \* **Friday 24th of December (Christmas Eve)** - Mass at 4pm at Immaculate Conception; and 6pm at Saint Charles. At the two vigil Masses we hope to have carols and a family-friendly atmosphere.

**Saturday the 25th of December (Christmas Day)** the usual Sunday times are in operation: 9.15 at Immaculate Conception and 11am at Saint Charles.

**ST CHARLES TOTE** Recent winners: £30 : P Anderson; S Shaw - £20. Thank you to all who support our parishes through the totes, and greater thanks to those who administer them.

**ADVENTUALITIES** Thursday at 2.30 in the oratory, a time to reflect on the themes presented in the upcoming **Sunday readings**.

**Advent Confessions** : next Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Monsignor Moore has kindly agreed to return to the oratory from

10.30 till 11.30 to hear Confessions and administer absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **PUBLICATIONS APLENTY**. You can still find 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. Added to the publications found at the back of the church you will see a newly-titled one called the '**Golden Thread**.' This is a replacement of the '**Crusader**' which was very familiar to us some years back. And in with all the publications you can find on our tables, it is free of charge.

**'MAGNIFICAT'** Glad that individual subscribers have received their December editions at last. The parish supply is still awaited.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** You'll find a basket at the back of church for donations that you may want to make towards floral decoration of our churches at Christmas. Please be generous!

**CHRISTMAS TOTE DRAW**. Next big prizes will be available to paid-up members. Make sure your subscriptions are up to date so that you can have chance to win.

**JOINT PARISHES CHRISTMAS DRAW 2021** All counterfoils need to be at church by early next Sunday 19th December. Thank you!

**ST CHARLES SCHOOL** invite you to share in festive events during the next fortnight:

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> and Tues 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, and 6pm on Weds 15<sup>th</sup> : the school Nativity Play;

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> from 3.15 – the school Christmas Fair (see poster)

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> : 2pm in church – the Annual Carol Concert

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> at 9.30 – school Mass in church.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH** is diaried for next Friday at Glossop Golf Club, 12.30 for 1pm. See you there?

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR** Once again the good folk of Immaculate Conception church want to help Cornerstone. Things needed are underwear (new but not designer), hats & gloves, scarves, toiletries, hygiene items, energy bars – and so on! Please join in by providing as many goods as you can.

**MASS INTENTIONS** It has been gratifying to receive many Mass Intentions of late. A particular delight that good folk are having Mass offered as a Christmas gift for friends & relatives. These are carefully logged and then listed in the newsletters. Please message me if you think your intention has been overlooked—but beware, the Mass Diary is filling well into the new year!

**A SONG FOR THIS SUNDAY** sadly not heard amidst the 'Jingle Bells' and 'Let it Snow' heard relentlessly in supermarket aisles. This Stee Eye Span song is perfect for today: (chorus on p.1)

*Tempus adest gratiae  
Hoc quod optabamus,  
Carmina lætitiæ  
Devote reddamus.*

The time of grace has come  
What we have wished for;  
Songs of joy  
Let us give back faithfully.

*Ezechielis porta  
Clausa pertransitur,  
Unde lux est orta  
Salus invenitur.*

The closed gate of Ezekiel  
Is passed through,  
Whence the light is risen;  
Salvation has been found.

*Deus homo factus est  
Natura mirante,  
Mundus renovatus est  
A Christo regnante.*

God has become man,  
With nature marvelling,  
The world has been renewed  
By the reigning Christ

*Ergo nostra contio  
Psallat iam in lustro;  
Benedicat Domino:  
Salus Regi nostro.*

Therefore, let our assembly  
Now sing in brightness  
Let it bless the Lord:  
Salvation to our King.

**AND FINALLY** Overheard from a parishioner this week:

"If I didn't have my church to go to I don't know what I'd do" . . .