



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

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*“This is our faith;
it is the faith of the Church;
we are proud to profess it
in Christ Jesus Our Lord
Amen”*

(from the Rite of Baptism)

This is my well-beloved Son

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 9th	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Eileen Berry RIP (fam)	
Mon 10th	feria 9.30 (HAD) DCA	
Tues 11th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Bert Marsden RIP (AM)	<i>2pm : crematorium service for Michael Deary RIP</i>
Weds 12th	feria / St Aelred of Rievaulx 9.30 (HAD) J & T & P Killeen (fam)	<i>2pm Glossop cemetery: burial of ashes</i>
Thurs 13th	feria / St Hilary 9.00 (HAD) Fr Rufus & Cistercian communities (EF)	
Fri 14th	feria 9.30 (BB) DCA	<i>11am (BB) funeral service for Maureen Axon RIP</i>
Sat 15th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Bernard Farnsworth RIP (fam)	
Sun 16th	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Paddy Seale RIP (NG)	

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Psalter wk 1

Introduction: The Spirit of God descends on Christ as he is baptised, to consecrate Him in the Father`s work.

First Reading : Is 42 : The Servant of God proclaims true faith, and suffers to atone for the people`s sin.

Resp.Ps. THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE

Second Reading : Acts 10 : Peter recalls the Holy Spirit at the time of the Lord`s baptism.

Gospel : Lk 3 : "You are my well-beloved Son".

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, Christine Wild, David Healy, 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 Theodore Fauvel, Bernard Shaw, Joe Phelan, Patrick Flynn, Peter Tierney; Alan Boland, Brigid Wiseman, Clare Hussell, Eileen Blomeley, John Smith, Christine Clayton, Margaret Dunk, Frances Churchman, Ian Mattimore: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. This is the second manifestation or epiphany given us in the gospels. We celebrated the first in the arrival of the Magi on Thursday and soon we will read the story of the third epiphany when Jesus works his first miracle, turning water into wine at the marriage feast at Cana.

Also, this Sunday marks the liturgical end of Christmastide. This coming week we return to ordinary time with green vestments and sanctuary dressing. But before long we will be entering into the season of Lent at the beginning of March. Whilst it was sad to see the disappearance of all the Christmas decorations and trees from our churches, we move on with the seasons both in nature and in church. The days are perceptively lengthening - I have seen busy activity by nuthatches and great tits preparing for nest building.

Again huge thanks to all those who put in such loving labours in our churches for the celebration of the Lord's birth.

NEXT SUNDAY is celebrated as the Second in Ordinary time. It is also celebrated as Peace Sunday. There will be a second collection for the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund. Furthermore, at next Sunday's Mass at St Charles, this year's group of candidates for First Holy Communion will be enrolled, please God. **THIS WEEK** is the first week in ordinary time. On Thursday: note that Mass at Saint Charles will be at 9am.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. We have noted recently the deaths of **Michael Neary** (75) (Platt St. Padfield) and also **Maureen Axon** (89) (Gamesley). Their funerals are taking place as indicated on p 2. Additionally, we heard late last week of the death after a protracted illness of **Kevin Cannon** (Bank Bottom); and also the death of **Marjorie Revell** (Stiles Close).

May they all rest in peace and may their family and friends be comforted.

PARISH TOTES Recent winners: St Charles: 1st - Lynn Hockey £30 & Kath Holtom £40 ; 2nd : £20 Ethel Farnsworth & Tom Berry. Thank you to all who support our parishes through the totes, and greater thanks to those who administer them.

SISTERLY RECONNECTION It was good during the week to have chance to chat with Sister Anita. Many will remember her dedicated years of service to Saint Margaret's school, and to Immaculate Conception parish and its Chapel of ease at the school. She was asking after many friends and parishioners of yesteryear. She is now living in the mother house of the Selly Park Sisters in Edgbaston, Birmingham, and longing to escape from the COVID cloud to continue her visiting work in care homes and hospitals. I phoned her on Jan 6th and wished her not only a Happy New Year, but also a Happy Birthday. She was very well and in wonderfully chatty form, sending greetings to all.

FATHER DANIEL became a victim of the omicron variant recently. As with many, his symptoms were very mild and he has escaped from the cloud, and back in service to his parishioners in Marple Bridge and New Mills.

CONGRATULATIONS are due to two parishioners of Immaculate Conception church. Bishop Patrick kindly agreed with my recommendation that they receive the diocesan award of St Hugh of Lincoln. Rose Thackeray was for many years the lead Eucharistic minister of the Immaculate Conception parish; Kate

Barnes was for the better part of half a century a gifted keyboard accompanist supporting the congregation's hymn singing and worship. Thank you both for your ministry and congratulations on a well-deserved acknowledgement. As with all and any who receive church awards and medals you are entitled to wear them on occasions of public worship and especially at major feast days and celebrations.

FESTIVE GREETINGS to parishioners from eastern rite Catholic churches. They celebrated their Christmas Day on Friday the 7th of January. I hope you enjoy your 12 days of celebration of the Lord's birth as much as we did in the western Latin church. *бажаю щасливого Різдва та здорового Нового року!*

THIS PROCLAMATION was solemnly sung for centuries after the Gospel at celebrations of Mass on the feast of the Epiphany:

KNOW DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection who is our Saviour.

On the 2nd day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 17th day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter day, the paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 25th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 5th day of June the feast of Pentecost. On the 19th day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 27th day of November, the first Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is glory and honour forever and ever. Amen

MEETING POINT renewed thanks to those parishioners who have facilitated this time of social gathering on Saturday mornings in the oratory at Saint Charles. It has been decided that we will pause during the winter weather and resume as spring approaches.

FIRST FRIDAY FRUSTRATION Winter returned last Friday, the first Friday of January. Travelling early to Immaculate Conception church for morning Mass—no problem. The arrival of a snowstorm soon after 8.30 betokened later confusion. The four valiant parishioners who battled against the elements to come to Mass were rewarded with treacherous Long Lane conditions as vehicles slid to a standstill and logjammed the road. Happily the devout worshippers travelled carefully and slipily homewards. I wasn't quite so lucky. After three frustrating attempts to get off the carpark I managed to slide out and cautiously uphill. Further up the Lane, another traffic-jam. Another standstill. Another frustrated attempt to get going. A tap on the Smart window from a young lady: "get into 2nd & I'll give you a shove." It worked! and somehow I managed to get back to the rectory unscathed. Thank you, kind friend for such helpfulness! And apologies to the First Friday folk whom I was unable to visit.

POPE FRANCIS on Boxing Day issued a letter to all families at the outset of a 'the family year'. Here are a few fragments:

Dear married couples throughout the world!

In this "Amoris Laetitia Family" Year, I am writing to express my deep affection and closeness to you at this very special time. Families have always been in my thoughts and prayers, but especially so during the pandemic, which has severely tested everyone, especially the most vulnerable.

Dear spouses, know that your children – especially the younger ones – watch you attentively; in you they seek the signs of a strong and reliable love. "How important it is for young people to see with their own eyes the love of Christ alive and present in the love of spouses, who testify by the reality of their lives that love forever is possible!" Children are always a gift; they change the history of every family. They are thirsty for love, gratitude, esteem and trust. Being parents calls you to pass on to your children the joy of realising that they are God's children, children of a Father who has always loved them tenderly and who takes them by the hand each new day. As they come to know this, your children will grow in faith and trust in God. I encourage you, dear married couples, to be active in the Church, especially in her pastoral care of families. Never forget that the family is the fundamental cell of society. . . May Saint Joseph inspire in all families a creative courage, so essential for these times of epochal change. May Our Lady help you to foster in your married lives the culture of encounter that we so urgently need in order to face today's problems and troubles. No amount of difficulty can take away the joy of those who know that they are walking with the Lord ever at their side. Live out your vocation with enthusiasm. Never allow your face to grow sad or gloomy; your husband or wife needs your smile. Your children need your looks of encouragement. Your priests and other families need your presence and your joy: the joy that comes from the Lord! And please, do not forget to pray for me, even as I daily pray for you.