



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



PARISH NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY II in ordinary time (C)

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Prayer on Peace Sunday

O God of peace, who are peace
itself
and whom a spirit of discord
cannot grasp,
nor a violent mind receive,
grant that those who are one in
heart
may persevere in what is good
and that those in conflict
may forget evil and so be
healed.
Amen

Do whatever he tells you!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 16th	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Paddy Seale RIP (NG)	
Mon 17th	St Anthony, abbot 9.30 (HAD) Paul Farnsworth RIP	
Tues 18th	feria : no parish Mass today	9.30 (HAD) time to pray
Weds 19th	feria / St Wulstan : no parish Mass today	9.30 (HAD) time to pray Noon (HAD) funeral service for Margery Revell RIP
Thurs 20th	feria / St Sebastian & Fabian; Bl Cyprian Tansi no parish Mass today	9.30 (HAD) time to pray
Fri 21st	St Agnes : no parish Mass today	9.30 (HAD) time to pray
Sat 22nd	feria / St Vincent no parish Mass today	9.30 (HAD) time to pray
Sun 23rd	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Michael Campbell (Watson fam)	
Mon 24th	St Francis de Sales no parish Mass today	9.30 (HAD) time to pray
Tues 25th	CONVERSION OF ST PAUL no parish Mass today	9.30 (HAD) time to pray
Weds 26th	Ss Timothy & Titus no parish Mass today	9.30 (HAD) time to pray
Thurs 27th	St Angela Merici no parish Mass today	9.30 (HAD) time to pray
Fri 28th	St Thomas Aquinas 9.30 (BB) Sheila McGurk (Watson fam)	
Sat 29th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Stephen Francis & Christina (Perry) RIP (fam)	
Sun 30th	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Robert Neilan (fam)	

SECOND SUNDAY Psalter Week 2

Introduction: Christ's third epiphany - at the Cana wedding feast.

First Reading : **Is 62** : The groom's love for his bride.

Resp.Ps. PROCLAIM THE WONDERS OF THE LORD AMONG ALL THE PEOPLES

Second Reading : **1 Cor 12** : One Spirit, many gifts.

Gospel : **Jn 2** : Mary said : 'Do whatever he bids.'

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, Rob Cranston, Neil Appleton, Alice Canning.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Revv Emil Puttmann, Dennis Higgins, Austin Williamson, Philip O'Dowd, Bernard Kevill, Peter Brogan, Bishop Richard Roskell, ; Brenda Shaw, Meg Brickell, Anne-Marie Percy, Georgina Alexander, Veronica Gray, Beatrice Nelson, Margaret Chatterton, Julian Churchman, John Wells, Edith Cullen-Lawlor, Jacqueline Mason, Mary Howarth: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY is declared Peace Sunday. It follows the international World Day of Peace and is celebrated in the parishes of England and Wales on this the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. The theme is taken from Pope Francis' message for the 55th World Day of Peace: *Dialogue between Generations, Education, Work and Dialogue: Tools for Building Lasting Peace.*

Pax Christi, the international Catholic movement for peace, takes the lead in providing resources for Peace Sunday. Its National President, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon of Liverpool, says:

“This year has been one of unprecedented and continuing challenges. We are all conscious of the need to restore and rebuild our communities here and around the world, accepting that we need new ways of working and relating to each other.

“The Christian message of peace, through reconciliation, justice and nonviolence, can offer hope and direction in these times.”

Pax Christi provides parish resources, posters, podcasts, family activities, resources for children and more. Visit the Pax Christi website for more.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT *A particular welcome to those families presenting children for enrolment today. We join you in praying for the Lord's blessing on their journey of faith.*

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY *begins next Tuesday the 18th, and continues until the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul on the 25th of January. There is a lot of information about this time of prayer on the bishops' website. I hope you will take time to pray that the Lord's wish for the unity of Christendom.*

NEXT SUNDAY (23rd) *is dedicated as **Sunday of the Word** during which we give thanks to the gift of Sacred Scripture.*

*There will be a second collection that day for the **Sick & Retired Clergy** of the diocese.*

TIME TO PRAY *Please note that weekday Masses are in abeyance for the next 12 days.*

However, please see p.2 for the indication of “times to pray” at St Charles many mornings.

PARISH TOTES *Recent winners: St Charles: 1st - £40 : J Killeen; 2nd - £20 : P Pover. Thank you to all who support our parishes through the totes, and greater thanks to those who administer them.*

MAGNIFICAT *You will know that we have had great difficulty in securing proper and timely deliveries of the parish multi-copy subscription to this publication. My thanks and yours to the indefatigable Sylvia S who has fought the good fight with the publishers. They have apologised, and assured us of better service (and 3 free additional months' subscription). Palms joined*

rather than fingers crossed . .

FRIENDLY MESSAGE Fr Paul Porphyrius recently sent Christmas greetings too many in the parish. These greetings arrived all the way from Uganda well into January. His card shows him gathering coffee beans on one side and mangoes on the other! Not so much the Lord's vineyard, as delightful garden! Many parishioners hold Fr Porphyrius in high regard. I'm hoping to find his postal address so that we may return his greetings. You might try the last e-dress I have for him : paskikungwe@yahoo.com

BUCKET AND SPADE I am hoping to take a mini break starting this Monday the 17th. I hope to return on the Thursday the 27th. Next Sunday the 23rd of January I'm sure you'll welcome Canon Jonathan Cotton who has agreed to offer the two Sunday masses. He recently retired from full time ministry and also stood down from Provostship of the cathedral chapter. Fraternal greeting to him!

MASS INTENTIONS I am blessed that many people ask for Mass to be said in our churches for particular intentions. I try to the honour these assiduously. Whilst away I hope to say Mass each day. These are some of the intentions for which Mass will be offered during my break : Steve and Felix Perry RIP; for Bill Robinson RIP. Additionally

I hope to offer Mass for some singular anniversaries. On the 20th of January I will remotely be joining the wider family and giving thanks for 60 years of marriage for **Wilf & Josie Toole**.

Diamond congratulations to you both! On the 25th of January I hope to say Mass for David Townend on the occasion of a significant birthday! I hope it's a happy day.

My renewed thanks to all of those who ask for Mass to be celebrated for their intentions. This is a most generous & Catholic thing to do and I am honoured to pray my part.

REPOSITORY STALL Lola and Margaret have messaged to say thank you to all those who have supported the piety store even during these COVID times. Your support ahead of Easter and Christmas was very welcome. They report that the stall has done "very well" in difficult times. I echo their thanks to all who support this Parish enterprise, and to Lola and Margaret who worked so hard for it.

TWO FORTHCOMING FUNERALS The funeral for **Margery Revell RIP** is indicated to take place at St Charles church this Wednesday the 19th of January at noon. My thanks to Deacon Owen and to Brother Philip for their help in planning this celebration. The funeral for the late **Kevin Cannon RIP** is indicated for St Charles church on Tuesday the 1st of February at 10.30am. **THIS NEWSLETTER** has two weeks currency. The next publication is indicated for 30th January.

WINTRY WEATHER These days of clearer skies and star-lit dawns and dusks have been enchanting—so long as you are well-wrapped. To venture out in the early darkness and afternoon/evening gloaming might offer you a little sonata of birdsong. Too early in the year for blackbirds and thrushes, but never too early or late for the Erithacus rubecula, little robin redbreast - singing in the dark.. Not only is its breast as red as may be, but its song is a shaft of ethereal light piercing the dark..

WINTER

Clouded with snow
The cold winds blow,
And shrill on leafless bough
The robin with its burning breast
Alone sings now.

The rayless sun,
Day's journey done,
Sheds its last ebbing light
On fields in leagues of beauty spread
Unearthly white.

Thick draws the dark,
And spark by spark,
The frost-fires kindle, and soon
Over that sea of frozen foam
Floats the white moon.

Walter de la Mare