



## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**EASTER IV (Good Shepherd)**

**May 8th 2022**



### *PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS*

Eternal God, Bless your Church with holy and faithful priests & deacons, religious brothers & sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in him, with him and through him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

# *I am the Good Shepherd*

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>MASS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
Sun 8th	<b>EASTER IV</b> <i>GOOD SHEPHERD / VOCATIONS SUNDAY</i> 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) for Brother Philip CFX ( <i>parish</i> )    2pm BB council meeting	
Mon 9th	<b>Easter feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) R Smith & DM Fitzsimmons (CF)	
Tues 10th	<b>Easter feria / St John of Avila</b> 9.30 (HAD) Alan Sherlock RIP <i>1pm (BB) funeral service for Janet Parker RIP</i>	
Weds 11th	<b>Easter feria / St John Houghton &amp; fellow Notts martyrs</b> 9.30 (HAD) Pauline's welfare (CF)	
Thurs 12th	<b>Easter feria / Ss Nereus &amp; Achilleus; St Pancras</b> 9.30 (HAD) Bea Murphy RIP	
Fri 13th	<b>Easter feria / Our Lady of Fatima</b> 9.30 (BB) Margaret Greene RIP	
Sat 14th	<b>Easter feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) P M Flaherty RIP	
Sun 15th	<b>EASTER V</b> 9.15 (BB) M Flaherty RIP 11am (HAD) for the parish	<i>5.30 (HAD) joint parishes meeting</i>

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER (C)

Psalter Week 4

**Introduction:**    *The Lamb will be our shepherd, who will lead us to the waters of eternal life.*

**First Reading:** Acts 13 : Paul and Barnabas set out to bring the Gospel to the pagans

**Resp Ps:**    **WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK.**

**Second Reading :** Rev 7 : the Lamb leads the flock to clear waters.

**Gospel:** Jn 10 : Jesus the Good Shepherd gives eternal life to those who follow him.

## **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, Joe Singleton, Joan Killeen, Una Wilkinson, Christine Wild, David Healy, Josie & Peter Cowden, 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 Joe Wakefield, Philip Morris, Tom Godley, Augustine White; Brian Ellison, Colin Pitchford, Eileen Metcalfe, Madge Garlick, Sheila Keegan;

**Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them: may they rest in peace. Amen**

## **PARISH NOTES**

**THIS SUNDAY** is known as 'Good Shepherd' Sunday. The gospel reading tells us of the gentle guardianship of Christ for his flock. That pastoral guardianship he entrusted to those who serve in ordained or consecrated ministry in the church. It is a time for us to give thanks so those holy priests and dedicated deacons who along with the religious sisters & brothers have helped us in the ways of faith and love for our church and its Lord. At the time when vocations to ordained ministry are few and far between in our country, we are encouraged to pray also for a renewal of family faith which is the wellspring of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. There is a second collection today to support the funding all those training for ministry as priests in our diocese.

**LATER THIS WEEK** we honour Our Lady of Fatima. Many will be familiar with the prayer recited at the end of each mystery of the rosary "Sweet Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to heaven especially those who are in most need of your mercy." That prayer was dictated to the children by Our Blessed Lady during the Fatima apparitions, asking that it be recited during the rosary.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE** we pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Janet Parker** (72) (Old Rd, Tintwistle) recently deceased, and also **Stella Thams** (94) (Risings Care home) Janet's funeral his diaried for Tuesday at Immaculate Conception church at 1:00 o'clock. Stella's funeral arrangements are in the planning stage. May they rest in peace and their relatives and friends be comforted at their time of loss.

**FAITH AFFIRMING.** A welcome this weekend to those families presenting their First Holy Communion children for the St Charles Mass of affirmation, as they journey towards the big day in June. It was good during the week in the church's lectionary to read Our Blessed Lord's words proclaiming that he was the 'bread come down from heaven'. 'Unless you eat my body and drink my blood you will not have life in you'. We pray for that new life of grace in this year's first Holy Communion candidates.

**PARISH EASTER RAFFLE** There are still some unclaimed prizes awaiting collection from the back of church. If unclaimed soon, they will be donated to local charities.

**PARISH TOTE** Recent winners: **St Charles** : 1st : £40 - T Berry, P Cowden; 2nd : £20 - L King, C Brazier. Thank you to all who support our parishes through the totes, and greater thanks to those who administer them.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** Parish council meeting is at 2pm at church this Sunday.

**GARDEN PARTYING** Come along to the Immaculate Conception church grounds on Saturday 21st May between 11pm and 3pm for a fund-raising gathering. The attractions will include refreshments, home-bake, crafts, raffle, tombola, bric-a-brac, games and plants-sale. All welcome to help and attend. And please pray for good weather!

**BISHOP PATRICK** in a recent message to all parishes, has asked us to call general meetings of parishioners to look into the future of our parishes' administration. The proposals for parishes-amalgamation mooted a few years ago are now at the top of the agenda. The vicar general is due to visit the area soon to progress this process. It would be helpful to formulate some notes ahead of that meeting. Please come from both parishes at 5.30 next Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> to St Charles for an hour's meeting to think through these proposals. All welcome! If you are unable to attend, but have a point of view, make sure I get it to me in writing (or email) ahead of the meeting.

**MAY DEVOTION** we find ourselves in the delightful month of May, when our Almighty creator bedecks our woods and gardens with May loveliness. It is fitting that during this month we pay special regard to Our Lady. Today (8<sup>th</sup>) at Immaculate Conception we will honour the patroness of our church with a crowning moment. We hope for a similar May procession and crowning of Our Blessed lady on the 22nd at Saint Charles.

**THE HOLY ROSARY** is recommended most particularly during the month of May. This truly Catholic devotion, so much favoured by the Reformation martyrs of our country, is at the heart of Catholic prayer life especially this month. Where possible the rosary is prayed before every public Mass. I hope that you will find chance, whether privately or publicly, to honour Our Blessed lady in this wonderful way.

**REACH FOR THE SKIES.** Worshippers at Immaculate Conception will notice the construction of scaffolding along the side of the church. Six months ago, there was a small falling of plaster within the church from the roof apex in the church. Investigation showed that the ridge tiles atop the church were separating and deteriorating – not too surprising after 125 years! This allowed water penetration. This clearly damaged (mercifully only a small section) of plaster. Work is underway to replace the ridge tiles and to make the top of the roof once again waterproof. As you may imagine the cost of scaffolding is three times the amount of the actual work atop the roof. Please be cautious as you manoeuvre around the church.

**MOOR AND MOOR** It was good to spend recent time near a hamlet called Danby in the N Yorks moors. Having had the virtue of patience tested to the limit on Mottram Moor, it was a delight to sing God's praises for a more tranquil moor. Congestion there was however—of lambs and their mothers inviting us to be patient as they claimed the moorland roads. And the railway line! The Esk Valley train line runs through the most delightful scenery between Middlesborough and Whitby. Deer aplenty, - and errant sheep briefly bringing the train to a patient standstill. Bewitching to watch parent plovers guarding their chicks against raiding corvids, angrily flying up to defeat the would-be predators. And every day the haunting sound of the cuckoo moving along the valley below. Good also to climb the 199 (or CXCIX) steps as highlighted in ancient brass markers) on the steep ascent to Whitby Abbey and the aura of St Hilda. Interesting notice on the door of the adjacent St Mary's church "Dracula is not buried in this churchyard". His Gothic followers were abundant on the busy streets among the fish & chip shops down below.

**GLOSSOP CHURCHES MISSION** The two Redemptorist priests are coming to Glossop next weekend for a week's mission centred on the Glossop Catholic parishes. Full details are found in literature at the back of the church. I do hope that those looking for time of spiritual refreshment and encouragement will find their way to the advertised venues and events.

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** comes upon us next week. We hope to leave envelopes at the back of church soon, which you can use for your donations.

**THE WEDNESDAY GROUP** members have spoken with much appreciation of last Wednesday's presentation by Claire Babington, and the delight in the cello music she played at the meeting. The Wednesday group was joined by others who came to savour this feast of delight. Thank you, Claire, for bringing much contentment into the lives of those who enjoyed your presentation.

**STANDING ORDERS:** Immaculate Conception : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "St Margaret's church/collection" 00510567 ; St Charles : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "Charles church/collection" 00269177.