



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



PARISH NEWSLETTER

EASTER VI
May 22nd 2022



PRAY TO ST RITA OF CASCIA

Dear St. Rita,

during your entire life on earth

you found your happiness by following
the will of our heavenly Father. Help me

to be as trusting of God in all His plans for me.

Help me this day to give myself to Him as you did,
without limit or fear, without counting the cost.

Help me to be generous in serving the needs of
others, patient in all difficulties,
forgiving toward all who injure me.

Help me to learn more deeply the great mystery
of the Cross of Jesus,

so that by embracing it as you did,

I may come to experience its power
to heal and to save. Amen.

Peace I bequeath to you

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| DATE | MASS | OTHER |
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| Sun 22nd | EASTER VI 9.15 (BB) Helen Heywood RIP (JM) 11am (HAD) for the parish | <i>May procession during Mass</i> |
| Mon 23rd | Easter feria 9.30 (HAD) A Sherlock RIP | |
| Tues 24th | Easter feria 9.30 (HAD) A Sherlock RIP | |
| Weds 25th | St Bede 9.30 (HAD) (<i>school Mass in church</i>) Anne Walsh RIP (D&KH) | |
| Thurs 26th | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 9.30 (HAD) W Chappell RIP (D&KH) 7pm (BB) Special intention (AB) | |
| Fri 27th | St Augustine of Canterbury 9.30 (BB) Elizabeth Heffron RIP (JM) | |
| Sat 28th | Easter feria 9.30 (HAD) thanksgiving to BVM (JA) | |
| Sun 29th | EASTER VII 9.15 (BB) David Barnes RIP 11am (HAD) for the parish | |

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER (C)

Psalter Week 2

Introduction: *The Holy Spirit is the radiant gift of God, bestowing the gift of peace.*

1st Reading: Acts 15 : The Holy Spirit guides the young church in its ways.

Resp Ps: **Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

2nd Reading : Rev 21 : The holy city (Jerusalem) is the city of peace.

Gospel: Jn 14 : The Spirit will guide the church with his gifts of peace and wisdom

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: Rev Gerard McSpirit, Derl Daly, Chris McKeown, Charles Wall, Thomas Drury, Philip Morris, John Mack, Joe Duggan; *Mary Brady, Joan Fawley, John Window, Anne Law, Marilyn Broome, David Barnes, Arthur Whittam, Bernard Regan, Cliff Yarwood, Helen McCarthy, Eleanor Brierley;*

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

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY *We hear the Lord's words at the Last Supper : "Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." We are not alone or without help in the life that we have embraced. The Church strengthens our faith and feeds our souls "with the pure milk of her teaching, with the bread of the Eucharist; she makes us witnesses of Christ's resurrection and of the victory which He won over the forces of evil."*

THIS WEEK *on Thursday finds us celebrating the **Ascension of the Lord**. Please note well the times of Masses.*

THIS STATEMENT WAS RECENTLY APPROVED BY THE PLENARY ASSEMBLY OF THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE : "THIS IS THE BREAD COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN (John 6:58)

A beautiful hallmark of the Catholic faith is the profound desire to participate in the Holy Mass and share in the Eucharist. We do so with deep gratitude and joy. The Eucharist gives the Church her identity – "The Eucharist makes the Church, and the Church makes the Eucharist." It enables us to worship Almighty God, to support each other on our journey of faith, and to be a visible sign of faith in the world. This hallmark is supported and strengthened by the precept that our fundamental Christian duty is to worship God by participating in the celebration of Mass. Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is the greatest of all privileges, sometimes referred to as "the Sunday Obligation."

Since the beginning of the Covid pandemic, until the present time, we have shared with you our judgement that the situation of the last two years has meant that the Sunday Obligation has been impeded and has needed to be fulfilled in other ways. We thank God that this situation has now changed. The pressing challenges of the pandemic have lessened significantly. Most people have resumed the wide range of normal activities, no longer restricted by the previous Covid measures. We therefore believe that the reasons which have prevented Catholics from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation no longer apply. We understand there will still be some members of our congregations who, for reasons of health, do not feel safe enough to return to Mass. It has always been the understanding of the Church that when the freedom of any Catholic to attend Mass in person is impeded for a serious reason, because of situations such as ill health, care for the sick or legitimate fear, this is not a breach of the Sunday Obligation. Our Catholic people and parishes have benefitted during these difficult times from the online streaming of Mass and other services. "Virtual viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may, however, be a source of continual spiritual comfort to those who cannot attend Mass in person, for example those who are elderly and sick, for whom the obligation does not apply. In this context, we gratefully recognise the ministry of those who administer Holy Communion to the elderly, sick and housebound. We are grateful to our clergy, religious and lay faithful who have served our parishes,

*schools and communities with dedication and distinction throughout this pandemic. Now we look forward with renewed faith and confidence. In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Lord Jesus entrusted to us the precious gift of Himself. With humility, we glory in being a Eucharistic people for whom attendance at Mass is essential. **Looking forward to the forthcoming feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person.** As the Church needs the witness of the presence of each person, so too each believer needs to journey in faith and worship with their fellow disciples. Nourished by our encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus, fed with His Word and His Body and Blood in Holy Communion, and supported by the presence of each other, we receive strength week by week, to serve the Lord and glorify Him with our lives."*

**Ласкаво просимо до нашої країни! Ласкаво просимо до нашої парафії!
Laskavo prosymo do nashoyi krayiny! Laskavo prosymo do nashoyi parafyi!**

Ukrainian refugees have started to arrive in our area, and this week we are welcoming our first guests into a St Charles family - and the parish. Central Methodist church is running support groups for guests and sponsors on Tuesday evenings. As promised, we will begin our own support group at St Charles church on Saturday at 10.45 on Saturday 28 May. If you can help in any way, please contact Sue Hoolahan on 07596 728633.

PUBLICATIONS the familiar monthly publications are now available for June at the back of church. 'My Day by Day' is of course free of charge; 'Magnificat' is priced at £5. Additionally at the back of Saint Charles church, brochures published by Saint Charles school can be found. Please help yourself to these publications.

ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY Next Saturday is the 96th anniversary of the Dedication of St Charles Church, i.e. when it was consecrated. Therefore for St Charles parish this is a Solemnity. Why not come to morning Mass that day and give God thanks for our ancestors who gave and sustained such a grand place of worship? And pray that in four years time we will throng together for the centenary.

PARISH POSSIBILITIES It was good last Sunday evening to meet with parishioners both from Immaculate Conception and Saint Charles. At our 90-minute meeting we delved into future proposals for our parishes. It was a wide-ranging, very thoughtful and helpful exchange of views. A transcript will become available very soon. That meeting was mandated by Bishop Patrick in preparation for another gathering. The recent Matlock 'roadshow' meeting was a prelude to a more detailed meeting with the vicar general. At a deans' meeting at Bishop's house in Nottingham on Tuesday, we determined dates for that follow-up meeting. It is proposed that parishioners from the Amber Valley and Peak deaneries will meet with the vicar general on the evening of Thursday the 23rd of June, once again in Matlock. This meeting will give chance to our parishes to present their considered thoughts on possible future amalgamations. It is hoped that a timeline might be agreed at that meeting. Those who met last Sunday will be happy to chat with other parishioners who may have opinions in this important matter. Please speak to any member of our parish councils to glean further information or give an opinion.

PRE-SYNOD CONSULTATIONS another series of meetings have been held in the last six months ahead of the Vatican synod in 2023. A summary of the diocese-wide consultations is published in booklet form. You can access it on the diocesan website. On Thursday the 9th of June at 6 pm at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel near Nottingham there will be a diocesan gathering to finalise our local responses to Pope Francis' invitation to 'dream about the future of the church'. This 3-hour meeting is open to any interested parishioner who may wish to attend. I hope that our parishes may be represented and offer a voice. If you are interested in joining with the rest of the diocese at that occasion, our parishes will reimburse transport costs. The event itself is free-of-charge. Please let me know if you have an interest and I'll furnish you with more detailed information for that evening **PARISH TOTE** Recent winners: **St Charles** : 1st : £40 - M Wild; 2nd : £20 - J Killeen. **Immaculate Conception** : 1st : £40 - J Ratcliffe; 2nd : £20 - M & J Hambleton. Thank you to all who support our parishes through the totes, and greater thanks to those who administer them.

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.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? Friday's gospel reading had a new resonance for me. I mused on how we greet those who are part of our lives. Christ never called his followers 'colleagues', 'Loved-Ones', 'clients' or even 'partners'. He certainly called them disciples, even 'beloved' disciples. But on the eve of his execution, at the last supper, he called them 'friends'. But he qualified that somewhat when he said 'you are my friends if you do what I command you'. Pause for thought.