



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



PARISH NEWSLETTER

***Easter Sunday (b)
31st Mar 2024***



*This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow
My Lord the Crucified,
has sprung to life this morrow*

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
not burst his three-day prison,
our faith would be in vain;
but now is Christ arisen,*

*He is risen!
Christ the Lord is risen!*

Resurrexit sicut dixit!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 31st	EASTER SUNDAY (B) 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Karin Beibl RIP (AU)	
Mon 1st Apl	EASTER MONDAY 9.30 (HAD) Private int (AM)	
Tues 2nd	EASTER TUESDAY 9.30 (HAD) Joe Singleton, birthday int. (D&JW)	
Wed 3rd	EASTER WEDNESDAY 9.30 (HAD) P Dann RIP (<i>Weds Group meets after Mass</i>)	
Thurs 4th	EASTER THURSDAY 9.30 (HAD) Keen brothers RIP	
Fri 5th	EASTER FRIDAY 9.30 (BB) D & R Howbrook RIP	
Sat 6th	EASTER SATURDAY 9.30 (HAD) foundation Mass	
Sun 7th	SECOND SUNDAY (Divine Mercy) of EASTER 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) R Revell / M Keane RIP (fam) <i>(Baptisms during Mass)</i>	

<p>EASTER SUNDAY (B)</p> <p>Psalter Week 1</p> <p>Introduction: Christ our hope is risen! He has risen indeed! Alleluia!</p> <p>First Reading: Acts 10 : The apostles rejoice to recall eating and drinking with him after the Resurrection</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!</p> <p>Second Reading : Col 3 : We are reborn into a new nature in Christ!</p> <p>Gospel: Jn 20 : He must rise from the dead.</p>
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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 Healey, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Beatrice & John Eaton, Keith Winston.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Revv Geoff Kitchin, David Everitt, Bishop James McGuinness; Kathleen O'Grady, Tim Killeen, Richard Cooke, Mary Bramhall, Barbara O'Neill, Ian Daniel, Peter Cranston, Philip Tweedie, John Thornton, Ken Dibble, Celia Draper: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them: may they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY *"Easter is the Solemnity of Solemnities, the centre and climax of the Church year. All the mysteries that we have commemorated from Advent until now have pointed toward Easter; all that we shall yet celebrate in the weeks that follow has its foundation in the mystery of Easter and receives its meaning and importance from this mystery." In the very centre of the Mass, the great prayer of thanksgiving, from the first words of the Preface, expresses the unrivalled motive for this joy: if it is right to praise You, Lord, at all times, how much more so should we not glorify You on this day when Christ our Passover was sacrificed, for He is the true Lamb who took away the sins of the world, who by His Death destroyed our death and by His Resurrection restored our life. Easter means, then, Redemption obtained — sin destroyed, death overcome, divine life brought back to us, the resurrection of our body which is promised immortality. With such a certitude, we should banish all trace of sadness.*

THE GOSPEL *There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each 'performance' is different. Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story stresses the proof that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that they will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee. It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen Christ were simply ghost-appearances. Apart from the proof that this was a real, living and bodily person, these meetings stress two factors, the power of the Risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples. They are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied by and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account Simon Peter is clearly the senior, authority figure, to whom the Beloved Disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which immediately brings him to faith.*

ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN AND IS WITH US STILL *We begin this weekend the 50-day season of Easter. We enter the Easter Octave, when we 'stop all the clocks' and rest in the Garden of the Resurrection for eight days. Hope you find chance to rest awhile!*

EASTER OFFERING *Thank you for your kindness to your priest in this weekend's collection - and for so many other kind gifts this season.*

EASTER THANKS *Holy Week is the busiest time of the year liturgically. Profound thanks to those many parishioners who have laboured so devotedly to serve the parish during Passiontide, Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum. May the Risen Lord shower you anew with his blessings.*

THE DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER *Copies are available from the back of church, free-of-charge.*

DIOCESAN YEARBOOKS are also available from the back of church.

NEXT FRIDAY is within the Easter Octave. Friday abstinence is put aside that day.

“MY DAY-BY-DAY” for the Easter season is available free-of-charge from the back of church.

THE WEDNESDAY GROUP meets this week on 3rd. Deacon Owen has kindly agreed to come along at 11am and tell us a bit something about his life & times, and talk about some of his favourite scriptural texts.

NEXT SUNDAY St Charles parish council meets after Mass.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles : £40: M Gee; £20 : R Cranston.

STANDING ORDERS: Immaculate Conception : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c “St Margaret’s church/ collection (or tote)” 00510567. St Charles : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c “Charles church/collection (or tote)” 00269177.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are available for collection from the back of church. The latest series begins next weekend. **If you take and use one of the spare boxes in either of our churches, you must leave a note of your name associated with the box-number so that a proper accounting can take place.**

FLOWERS FOR EASTER Thank you for your great generosity in supporting the floral decoration of our sanctuaries and churches. And even more thanks to the dedicated florists who labour long and late to decorate.

EASTER EGG HUNT This delight is being arranged for after Mass at St Charles on Easter Sunday.

SLEEPY HEADS I hope that (I and) most folk remember to spring forward an hour after the Saturday evening Vigil Mass! Clocks go forward early on Easter Sunday.

CARDINAL NICHOLS, as President of the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales, last week spoke about the new of the Princess of Wales’s cancer: ‘I salute the courage of the Princess of Wales in speaking so openly about her personal health. Not only does she give encouragement to all who carry the burden of ill health, but she also speaks so movingly of the importance of her family life. Her message will move many people to pray for her and her full recovery, as I certainly will do myself. Let us keep the Princess of Wales, and HM the King, together with the Royal Family in our prayers.’

BISHOP PATRICK recently messaged the clergy: ‘Monsignor Jonathan Moore is marking the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate in June by publishing reflections on each of the Sunday Gospels for the year of Saint Mark (Year B). The first book, Advent 2023 - Pentecost 2024, was published late last year, and the second volume, covering the remainder of Year B (Pentecost to Christ the King), is now available on Amazon in paperback (£5.22). I have copies of both volumes and thoroughly recommend them as insightful and prayerful resource preparing for Sunday. Thank you, Jonathan!’

OUR THANKS also to Monsignor Jonathan for his kindness in coming last Saturday to hear confessions and offer absolution for nearly two hours.

CONGRATULATIONS to Josie and David Smith, who this weekend celebrate sixty years of Marriage, and give thanks to God for that blessing. Our prayerful best wishes accompany them on this Diamond occasion!

LOOKING AHEAD On Sunday 14th April I plan to be away on a short Easter break. I have asked ‘the good Monsignor’ Jonathan Moore to offer Sunday Mass. He has kindly agreed to offer the 11am Mass at St Charles that Sunday. **There will be no Mass at Immaculate Conception that day.** Details of weekend Masses in our area that Sunday will be publicised next weekend.

