



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



PARISH NEWSLETTER

Easter II (b) (Divine Mercy)
7th Apl 2024



Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless
and the treasury of compassion
inexhaustible,
look kindly upon us
and increase your mercy in us,
that in difficult moments
we might not despair
nor become despondent,
but with great confidence
submit ourselves to your holy will,
which is Love and Mercy itself.

Amen.

Doubt no longer, but believe!

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| DATE | MASS | OTHER |
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| 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> | |
| Mon 8th | THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD 9.30 (HAD) Maltby family <i>(See the note about morning liturgies on p.4)</i> No parishes Mass until | |
| Sun 14th | EASTER III (B) 11am (HAD) Claire Fletcher RIP (M&CW) No parishes Mass until | |
| Fri 19th | Easter feria 9.30 (BB) DCA | |
| Sat 20th | Easter feria 9.30 (HAD) for the parish | |
| Sun 21st | EASTER IV (Good Shepherd Sunday) 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) D James (sp int) (P&CJ) | |
| EASTER II (B) | | |
| Psalter Week 2 | | |
| Introduction: We proclaim with Thomas that the risen Jesus is` Our Lord and Our God`. | | |
| First Reading: Acts 4 : The community of earliest Christians was united in heart and soul. | | |
| Responsorial Psalm : GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD, FOR HIS LOVE HAS NO END | | |
| Second Reading : 1 Jn 5 : The man who believes that Jesus is risen Lord and God can overcome the world. | | |
| Gospel: Jn 20 : The first gift of the Risen Lord is forgiveness - even for doubting Thomas. | | |

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 Peter Dooling, Bernard Allen, Owen O'Neill, Francis Horvath, Stephan Foster, Joe McGovern, Laurence Hill, Robert Thornhill, Ken Bennett, John Abbott, Tony Colebrook; Wilfred Chappell, Annie Ackers, Mary Simpson, Anthony Murphy, Paul Reape, Donald Bunner, Lillian Simpson, Claire Fletcher, Kathleen Dugdale, Rachel Naughton, Christine Elliott, Joan Grimshaw, James Tierney, Josephine Fallon, Patricia Wells, George Swift, Doreen Leeson, Sheila Doyle : Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them: may they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH NOTES

ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN AND IS WITH US STILL!

THIS SUNDAY we come the end of the Easter Octave. We keep company with the apostles as Jesus comes among them again. 'Doubting Thomas' becomes 'believing Thomas', and teaches us the value of faith in the risen Lord.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY the second Sunday Easter falls nine novena days after Good Friday. The late Holy Father St. John Paul II declared this Sunday to be 'Divine Mercy Sunday'. This is in response to our Lord's apparitions to St Faustina Kowalska in Poland during the middle of the 20th century. Many people support this devotion and pray the three o'clock prayer regularly. You can find that prayer and other connected devotions on many websites and learn much more about this devotion.

Pope Saint John Paul II offers an extended meditation on the mystery of God's mercy, which he calls "the greatest of the attributes and perfections of God" (Dives in misericordia, 13). He returned to this theme throughout his pontificate: 'As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy!

Lord, who reveals the Father's love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world.'

IN THE GOSPEL This passage from John's Gospel has all the more significance because it brings the Gospel to a close. The story of the breakfast-party with the Risen Christ on the

shore of the Lake of Galilee is a sort of appendix. The story-line of the main Gospel ends with Thomas blurting out 'My Lord and my God'. The Gospel therefore ends, as it began with the only two unmistakable declarations in the New Testament of the divinity of Jesus. 'The Word was God' and 'My Lord and my God' bracket the Gospel, showing the purpose and angle of the whole, to show that Jesus is God. It complements the other Gospels: they show a man who is also God, whereas this Gospel shows a God who is also man. It is with the divine authority that Jesus confers on his Church the divine power to forgive. Real forgiveness is indeed Godlike. It is not simply 'forgive-and-forget', but forgiveness in the knowledge that a hurt has occurred. Just as a bone, broken and merged together again, can be stronger than it was before it was broken, so forgiveness can create a real link of love on both sides, a treasured secret of divine graciousness between giver and forgiven.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Antoni Jacob Madej, and Henry George, Pippa Grace & Susan Margaret Allen, baptised this weekend at St Charles.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION, which is ordinarily celebrated on 25th March, Lady Day, fell this year during Holy Week. Its liturgical celebration is transferred to the first date after the Easter Octave—this Monday.

LOOKING AHEAD Next 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 next Sunday.

There will be no Mass at Immaculate Conception next Sunday. Details of weekend Masses in our area : Saturday evening, All Saints Glossop 6pm; Marple Bridge 6.30pm. On Sunday, New Mills & St Mary's Glossop 9.30; Marple Bridge, noon. And of course, 11am at St Charles.

DIVERGENT PRIESTS By an unplanned coincidence both local priests (Fr Martin and myself) are away this week. In an emergency Fr Emmanuel is contactable at Marple Bridge.

DEACON OWEN has kindly agreed to come to St Charles at 10am to lead a short liturgy of prayer and Holy Communion: Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th inclusive.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY is honoured on Sun 21st April. This is the day of prayer for more vocations to ordained ministry in the church. There will be a second collection for the clergy training fund that day.

LOURDES REMINDER we have had a reminder of the Lourdes pilgrimage (15-19th July). You can find booking forms at the back of church.

A VIRTUOUS DELILAH Congrats to Liara who sacrificed her lovely hair on Friday in support of those cancer victims whose treatment requires them to wear wigs. You can still support her cause. Details were in a recent newsletter - or leave a donation in a clearly-marked envelope.

GOOD NEWS Record numbers of adults were received into the church in the Westminster and Southwark archdioceses last weekend - well over 500 converts. And another good news moment on Good Friday when Westminster Cathedral and Brompton Oratory had to close the doors because so many folk wanted to be present for the liturgy.

THIS NEWSLETTER has two weeks currency. There will be no newsletter next weekend. The next publication is planned for 21st April DV.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles : £40: N Collins; £20 : B Callon.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS I hope to offer Mass for the following intentions elsewhere during the next ten days: J Sheader RIP (NE); K Laidlaw RIP (fam); M&P Revell RIP; E Fletcher RIP; birthday wishes (CF); Lilian Simpson RIP (fam); E Hockey RIP.