



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

**Corpus Christi (b)
June 2nd 2024**



*Receive Lord my entire freedom.
Accept the whole of my memory,
my intellect and my will.
Whatever I have or possess
it was you who gave it to me;
I restore it to you in full,
I surrender it completely
to the guidance of your will.
Give me only love of you
together with your grace,
and I am rich enough
and ask for nothing more.
Amen*

O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 2nd	CORPUS CHRISTI 9.15 (BB) for the parish <i>with Blessed Sacrament procession</i> 11am (HAD) foundation Mass <i>Emins gathering, 5-6pm, HAD</i>	
Mon 3rd	St Charles Lwanga & comps, martyrs 9.30 (HAD) Gebbett family intentions (VG)	
Tues 4th	feria 9.30 (HAD) H & J Midwood RIP (CW)	
Weds 5th	St Boniface 9.30 (HAD) Maureen Naughton	
Thurs 6th	St Norbert, bishop 9.30 (HAD) Dave Morrissey	
Fri 7th	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JEUS 9.30 (BB) Mary Becket RIP (NE) <i>First Friday visits today</i> <i>2pm BB Carney/Orchard wedding</i>	
Sat 8th	Immaculate Heart of Mary 9.30 (HAD) Val Cassidy <i>BB garden party at church</i>	
Sun 9th	Sunday X in ordinary time 9.15 (BB) Mary Davis (fam) 11am (HAD) for the parish <i>First Holy Communions</i>	

<p>CORPUS CHRISTI (B)</p> <p>Psalter Week 1</p> <p>Introduction: O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine!</p> <p>First Reading: Ex 24 : Moses consecrates the blood of the Covenant.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD`S NAME</p> <p>Second Reading : Hebr 9 : The blood of Christ purifies the sinner.</p> <p>Gospel : Mk 14 : This is my body; this is my blood.</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, Winifred Cook, Rita Dwyer, Una Wilkinson, Christine Wild, David Healey, Mike Lally, Eric Gebbett, Jacob Ibbotson, Beatrice & John Eaton, Keith Winston.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Revv Paul Klee, Neil; McLaughlin, Frank Gavin, Andrew Murdoch, Bishop McNulty; Patrick Kirwan, Bernard Regan, Cliff Yarwood, Helen McCarthy, Eleanor Brierley, Tommy Brickell, Jozef Kuczaj, Isabella Shirley, Anthony Bouchier, Elizabeth Jackson, Elaine Whitehead, Roger Butler: *May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them: Amen*

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND Corpus Christi Sunday is celebrated. It is a Eucharistic solemnity, or better, the solemn commemoration of the institution of that sacrament. It is, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest treasure. Holy Thursday, assuredly, marks the anniversary of the institution, but the commemoration of the Lord's passion that very night suppresses the rejoicing proper to the occasion. Today's observance, therefore, accents the joyous aspect of Holy Thursday. The Mass and the Office for the feast was edited or composed by St. Thomas Aquinas upon the request of Pope Urban IV in the year 1264. It is unquestionably a classic piece of liturgical work, wholly in accord with the best liturgical traditions. . . It is a perfect work of art.

THE GOSPEL The original, Old Testament covenant was sealed by a death and by the sharing of the blood between God (signified by the altar) and his people as a sign of new life. Israel broke that covenant by persistently refusing to keep true to the way of life which the covenant enshrined. Now Jesus' new covenant engages us in a new alliance and gives us new life. The story told in this reading is the warranty and guarantee that, each time we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we are bound anew into his covenant. The story is told in almost exactly similar terms in each of the first three gospels and in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. It must have been learnt and repeated by heart. There is just enough difference to show that Mark and Matthew reflect the tradition of the Hebrew communities, while Paul and Luke reflect the tradition of the Greek-speaking communities. It must have been repeated again and again from the very first years of Christianity. Each time we repeat these words we are entering again into Jesus' covenant. There should be a health warning. The Mass is dangerous: are you ready to commit yourself to the Kingdom, to engage in a new and personal alliance with Christ and to live with his life?

SAINTS ALIVE St Charles Lwanga and his companions (- 1885/7) Many Christians, Catholic and Protestant, were killed by the Ugandan king Mwangwa. Some of them were servants in the king's palace or even his personal attendants. Charles Lwanga and his twenty-one companions (the youngest, Kizito, was only 13) were executed for being Christians, for rebuking the king for his debauchery and for murdering an Anglican missionary, for "praying from a book," and for refusing to allow themselves to be ritually sodomised by the king. They died between 1885 and 1887. Most of them were burned alive in a group after being tortured. Within a year of their deaths, the number of catechumens in the country quadrupled. St Charles Lwanga is the patron of Catholic Action and of black African youth, and the Ugandan martyrs' feast day is a public holiday in Uganda. **St Boniface (675? - 754)** For the first forty years of his life Boniface was known as Wynfrith. He was born in Devon and educated at the monastery at Exeter, and then joined the Benedictine abbey at Nursling, near Southampton. He was a teacher and preacher, but he desired to preach the gospel in a foreign land. In 718, Pope Gregory II commissioned him to do so, at the same time changing his name from Wynfrith to Boniface. He left England, never to return, and took the gospel to the heathen tribes of Germany, where he had great success. He himself was created Bishop of Mainz, and he founded or restored dioceses in Bavaria, Thuringia, and Franconia. In his later years he worked with King Pepin the Short to reform the Frankish church, and then, over seventy years old, set out to evangelize Friesland (part of modern Holland) where he was set upon and murdered, on 5 June 754. He is buried at Fulda, near Frankfurt, in the monastery he founded himself, and is honoured as the apostle of Germany. **Saint Norbert (1080 - 1134)** was born in Xanten in the Rhineland. He came of a noble family and lived a worldly life at the courts of the Archbishop of Cologne (where he held some minor benefices) and of the Emperor Henry V. At the age of 35 he had a narrow escape from death and his life changed. He became a priest and was full of reforming zeal, which so antagonized the clergy of Xanten that they denounced him as a hypocrite. So he sold or gave away all his possessions and made

his way to the Pope (who was then in southern France). The Pope gave him permission to preach wherever he lived, and he travelled through France and Germany preaching. Others joined him, and a community was started in the valley of Prémontré near Laon, which developed into an order (the Premonstratensian Order) with a number of abbeys. Meanwhile Norbert continued travelling and preaching, until he was consecrated Archbishop of Magdeburg. He threw himself into his new task with his usual enthusiasm, reforming what had been a rather corrupt diocese, antagonizing the clergy (who had established a comfortable life for themselves) and some of the laity, who had quietly taken possession of unwatched church properties – several attempts were made to murder him. He also preached the gospel to the pagans of the district, and died (of natural causes) in 1134.

THE OPEN ANNUAL MEETING of St Charles parish PPC meeting is to take place in the Oratory after 11am Mass this Sunday.

WEDDING BELLS next Friday at Immaculate Conception church at 2pm there will be the wedding of the year, when I look forward to solemnising the holy sacrament of matrimony with and for Rachel Orchard and her husband-to-be Richard Carney.

SPRING FAYRE next Saturday, whether in the church or outside at Immaculate Conception, there will be the spring fair. Contributions and helpers will be most welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY is celebrated at St Charles next weekend. The handful of candidates will make their second confession God willing on Saturday morning and be properly prepped to receive Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday. I know that our regular parishioners will want to make the visiting families of the candidates a welcome.

However, given that the number of candidates is few, the family contributions for flowers on the sanctuary and around the church will necessarily be limited. At the back of St Charles church at Sunday Mass this weekend there will be a basket for those who wish to contribute to **church flowers** for next weekend.

FIRST FRIDAYS I hope to make at least some of my usual visit with the Blessed Sacrament on Friday of this week. However given that there is a wedding that I may have to delay one or two visits to a later occasion.

MY THANKS AND YOURS to all those who contributed to the preparation for and celebration of quadrant or a. A particular thanks to those who prepared our sanctuaries with such luminous delight.

THE FUNERAL RITES for **Gerardine Nora Cox** RIP, are timetabled for 9:45 on Friday the 14th of June at Saint Charles, prior to committal at Dukinfield crematorium.

SCHOOLS BACK The unseasonably cool weather of this week I hope will give way to warm and sunny weather soon. I hope that our school children had a pleasant break despite the rain and the coolness of the north wind. Welcome back!

THE BB CHURCH GARDEN FAYRE takes place on Saturday 8th June at church.

THE WHY? COURSE will be running at Bradbury House during Monday evenings: 10th, 17th and 24th June from 7.00 – 8.30pm. **Admission to the course is free.** The three sessions, 'WHY God?', 'WHY Christ?' and 'WHY the Church?' starts with a light meal and are open to everyone. Whether you are new to the church or a regular attender, you will find something of interest here.

NEW HYMNALS 25 years ago we took delivery of new hymnals in both our churches. These books are now somehow dated and very dog-eared. I was asked if it would be possible to replace them with the revised and updated version of the Celebration hymnal. The new hymn books have arrived and are plentiful and have somewhat more variety of hymnody.

NEW LECTIONARY from the 1st Sunday of Advent this year (1st Dec) we will be using a new translation of scriptures in all public liturgies. We have been using the Jerusalem Bible version these many years. The new version the 'English Standard Version' is proclaimed to be more faithful to the original languages. However the investment in new lectionaries which come in four volumes is significant. For the basic lectern edition will be in the region of £800 for the four volumes. In past years we were lucky enough to have anonymous benefactors who sponsored a particular election known ray. If anyone is so minded then please let me know.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles : £40: A Marsden; £20 : N Garlick. **Immaculate Conception**: £40: C Norton; £20 : P Thackeray.

PARISH BBQ to be held in St Charles church grounds on Saturday 15th June from 1pm. Tickets are £3 each and £10 for families, which include a burger (& bun) or hotdog plus a soft drink. Please contact Christine James 07828 703200.

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.

WELCOME BACK to Fr Frank Carvill and his housekeeper Miriam. Fr Frank is a retired priest of our diocese who spent a number of earlier years as parish priest in Marple Bridge. He has returned to an apartment there. We wish them both a hearty welcome and the best of God's blessings.