



**CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE**



**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

*Tenth ordinary (b)  
June 9th 2024*



*“Compassion toward our neighbours ought to be threefold:  
if they sin against us, we ought to forgive them.  
If they stray from the path of moral integrity and truth, we should instruct them.  
If they are in need, we must help them.”  
– St. Anthony of Padua*

*Who does my will is my brother or sister*

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>MASS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
Sun 9th	<b>Sunday X in ordinary time</b> 9.15 (BB) Mary Davis (fam) 11am (HAD) for the parish	<i>First Holy Communions</i>
Mon 10th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) private int (PL)	
Tues 11th	<b>ST BARNABAS, apostle</b> 9.30 (HAD) Tess McGhee RIP (SL)	
Weds 12th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) T McGlachan	
Thurs 13th	<b>St Anthony of Padua</b> 9.30 (HAD) John Brown	
Fri 14th	<b>feria</b> <b>9.45 (HAD)</b> Requiem Mass for Gerardine Cox RIP	
Sat 15th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Val Cassidy	<i>1pm HAD BBQ at church</i>
Sun 16th	<b>Sunday XI</b> 9.15 (BB) Mary Davis (fam) 11am (HAD) for the parish	

  

<p><b>TENTH SUNDAY (b)</b></p> <p><b>Psalter Week 2</b></p> <p><b>Introduction:</b> I came to that you may have life to the full.</p> <p><b>First Reading :</b> <b>Gen 3</b> : The original sin.</p> <p><b>RESP. PS:</b> WITH THE LORD THERE <b>IS</b> MERCY AND THE <b>FULNESS</b> OF REDEMPTION</p> <p><b>Second Reading :</b> <b>2 Cor 4</b> : Our true home is in Heaven.</p> <p><b>Gospel :</b> <b>Mark 3</b> : They thought he was out of his mind.</p> <p><b>Communion ant:</b> <i>THE LORD IS MY ROCK, MY FORTRESS, AND MY DELIVERER</i></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 Peter Coyle, Garrett Daniel Sweeney, Frank McNicholas; *Catherine Millington, Ronald Bailey, David Wiedemann, Margaret Biddle, Joan Drabble, Jim Hampson, Charles Wild:* May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them: Amen

## **PARISH NOTES**

**THIS SUNDAY** we return to the 'wearing of the green' - God's own colour, the colour of nature. We continue with green of ordinary time until the leaves are falling into autumn golden glow. Grace builds on nature!

**THE GOSPEL** The first stage of Jesus' ministry comes to an end. He is rejected as 'out of his mind' by his own family. Then he is rejected by the scribes as being in league with Beelzebul. Finally his family again arrive, looking for him, and he turns to those who are listening to him as his true family. This all leads into the Parable of the Sower, which seems to be Jesus' reflection on his rejection by most people, and his fruitful acceptance by a small number of disciples. It is, of course, significant that the scribes cannot deny that he drives out evil spirits. If even his enemies are forced to admit it, it must be true. The best they can do is sarcastically to ascribe his powers to the chief of evil spirits, here named 'Beelzebub' or 'Beelzebul' (two different versions of the text). The former name means 'lord of the flies', probably a mocking corruption of the latter, which means 'lord prince', the title of a local deity. The whole scene presents an agonizing picture of the isolation of Jesus. In Luke's version of the scene, by a very slight adjustment, Jesus' mother and brothers are the prime example of those who hear the word of God and keep it.

**SAINTS ALIVE** **St Ignatius of Antioch (- 107)** was the second bishop of Antioch after St Peter (the first being Evodius). He was arrested (some writers believe that he must have been denounced by a fellow-Christian), condemned to death, and transported to Rome to be thrown to the wild beasts in the arena. In one of his letters he describes the soldiers who were escorting him as being like "ten leopards, who when they are kindly treated only behave worse." In the course of his journey he wrote seven letters to various churches, in which he dealt wisely and deeply with Christ, the organisation of the Church, and the Christian life. They are important documents for the early history of the Church, and they also reveal a deeply holy man who accepts his fate and begs the Christians in Rome not to deprive him of the crown of martyrdom. He was martyred in 107. **St Barnabas the Apostle** was born in Cyprus. He was one of the early converts in Jerusalem and vouched for St Paul when he appeared before the elders there. He accompanied Paul on his first missionary journey and later went to Cyprus with his cousin John Mark (Mark the evangelist) to preach the gospel there. He was probably martyred at Salamis in Cyprus, some time before the year 61. **St Antony of Padua (1195?)** - was first of all an Augustinian monk, but he was so impressed by the martyrdom of five Franciscans who had been spreading the faith in Morocco that he became a Franciscan friar himself, so that he could preach the gospel in Africa too. Illness obliged him to leave Morocco, and a storm then drove his ship to Sicily, so that he found himself taking part in the General Chapter of the Franciscans in 1221, where he met Saint Francis of Assisi himself. His preaching career then took him to northern Italy and southern France, then a stronghold of the Albigensian heresy. Later he returned to Italy, to Padua, where he

was an outstanding preacher and the first Franciscan theologian. His sermons are full of gentleness, but he reproved the wicked with fearless severity – especially backsliding clergy and the oppressors of the weak. His shrine is a centre of pilgrimage, and he is also the patron saint of the lost and found.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY** is celebrated at St Charles this weekend. I know that our regular parishioners will want to make the visiting families and the candidates welcome.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Richard and Rachel Carney, married on Friday at Immaculate Conception church. A gladsome and grace-filled occasion!

**NEXT SUNDAY** is designated “Day for Life”, and there will be a second collection at both Masses.

**PUBLICATIONS** My thanks to the parish Apostolate of the Sea supporters for bringing along the annual ‘Stella Maris’ report, copies of which are freely available. And the latest diocesan newspaper is also found at the back of the church - with news of an important episcopal occasion recently in Buxton.

**THE WHY? COURSE** will be running at Bradbury House during Monday evenings: 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles** : £40: J Ashton; £20 : J Allison.

**PARISH BBQ** to be held in St Charles church grounds next 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.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISHIONERS** will note that there is no Mass in church next Friday. Please note p. 2 of the newsletter, and advise any who may have overlooked this info (which was not publicly announced).

**MY THANKS AND YOURS** to the members of our parish councils, who serve us with great assiduity. Last Sunday’s open parish meeting at St Charles was well-supported, and good discussions were held on a variety of topics. You can find the minutes posted on the parishes’ website. This posting allows me to thank Paul Scullion, the website designer and up-keeper. He is helping to get the website more informative and ‘contemporary’.

**BUSY DAYS** There has been an abundance of busier days recently. The May Processions were celebrated with style and fervour - but needed many willing hands to prepare and assist. The devout honouring of the Blessed Sacrament during Quarant’Ore was a major annual enterprise - again requiring many more helpful hands; the Corpus Christi celebration and procession was likewise demanding of generous volunteers. And as an unwelcome surprise, Wednesday’s two cloudbursts virtually sealed off access to Immaculate Conception church with the torrent of mud & debris washed down the hill to the church door. It didn’t shift itself: it took labouring volunteers. Additionally it was good to acknowledge and thank our corps of Eucharistic Ministers last Sunday evening. So many bouquets of gratitude from us who too often take such commitments and service for granted.

**MEMBERS NEEDED** Both councils need at least one new member each. If want to play a helpful conciliar part, let me know. If you want to suggest a fellow parishioner who might be approached—ditto.

**ST CHARLES PARISHIONERS** will want me to acknowledge the seminal work done by council member Nick Collins over many years. Always reliable and proactively helpful. Nick is stepping down as a councillor, but will continue as ‘chief engineer’, thank God!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** You will note an addition to the box at the bottom of p.2. This is the day’s Communion Antiphon for that Mass. Ideally this should be announced and led by that day’s lector, after the priest has consumed the precious blood from the chalice.

**BIDDING PRAYERS** A council request that we invite parishioners to submit Bidding Prayers ahead of the Sunday Mass. An excellent idea! Get them to me by Thursday evening, ideally by e-mail. I will then ‘moderate’ them.

**HAPPY OCCASIONS** It is good when folk ask me to remember in some way a particular anniversary, and perhaps seek a blessing. I am happy to oblige. This week a silver lining appears in the married life of Anne-Marie and Alistair. Congrats on your 25 years of matrimony!