

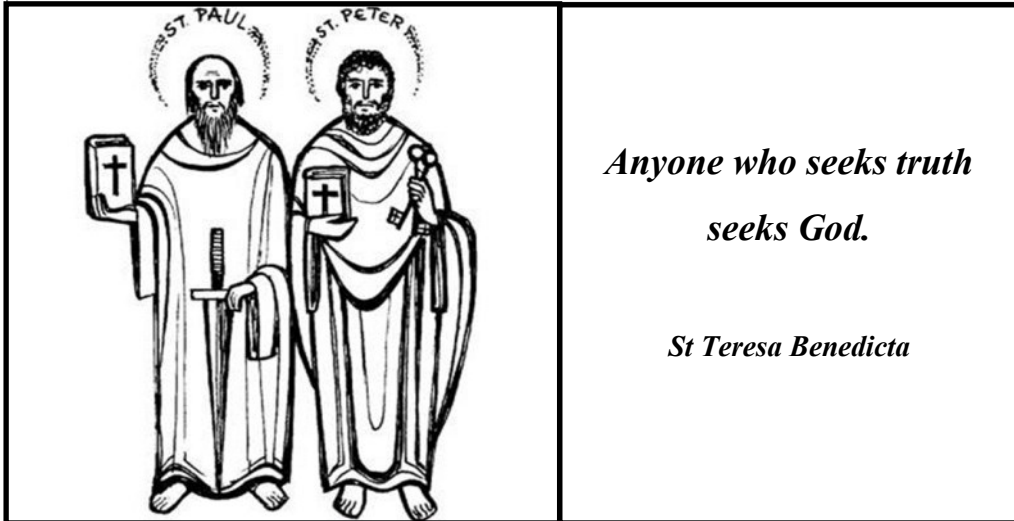


CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



PARISH NEWSLETTER

Ss PETER & PAUL, apostles (b)
June 30th 2024



*Anyone who seeks truth
seeks God.*

St Teresa Benedicta

You are the Christ!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 30th	SOLEMNITY OF Ss PETER & PAUL, apostles 9.15 (BB) Sheila Thornton RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) for the parish	
Mon 1st July	feria / St Oliver Plunkett 9.30 (HAD) Sp int	
Tues 2nd	feria 9.30 (HAD) P Urquhart RIP (fam)	11am (BB) funeral for A Williams RIP
Weds 3rd	ST THOMAS, apostle 9.30 (HAD) G Cox RIP (fam)	Weds Group after Mass 6.45 (HAD) bereavement service
Thurs 4th	feria / St Elizabeth of Portugal 9.30 (HAD) Sp int	
Fri 5th	feria / St Anthony Zaccaria 9.30 (BB) Mass bouquet	First Friday visits today DV
Sat 6th	feria / St Maria Goretti 9.30 (HAD) Mass bouquet	noon (HAD) Parkins baptism
Sun 7th	Sunday XIV in ordinary time 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) C Brazier RIP (fam)	St Charles' F&F mtg after Mass 3pm Padley pilgrimage

<p>Ss PETER & PAUL (B) Psalter wk 1</p> <p>Introduction: Peter and Paul died so the good news could live.</p> <p>First Reading : Acts 12 : The Lord saves St Peter from Herod.</p> <p>Resp. Ps. THE ANGEL OF THE LORD RESCUES THOSE WHO REVERE HIM</p> <p>Second Reading : 2 Tim 4: Righteousness comes to those who remain faithful.</p> <p>Gospel : Mt 16 : You are Peter: to you I give the keys of the Kingdom.</p> <p>Communion ant: PETER SAID TO JESUS: YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD. AND JESUS REPLIED: YOU ARE PETER & UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH.</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 Jim McCarthy, John Foley, Kevin Gradwell, John Atthill, Joe Finneran, Bob Rutledge, Bishop Ellis; *Annie Kane, Stan Slugocki, Lindsey Doran, Lindsey Millington, Lesley Serrette, Elizabeth Wardle, Monica Krommendijk, Angela Kelly, Michael Doran, Cyril Haley;* *May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them: Amen*

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY We divert from Sunday XIII to celebrate the lives and death of the first and greatest apostle-martyrs, Ss Peter & Paul. St Peter takes the limelight, giving us pause for thought and prayer for his successor as our leader in faith, Pope Francis.

THIS SUNDAY we have the **second collection for Peter's Pence.**

THE GOSPEL At last Peter recognizes that Jesus is the Messiah, the Christ. At last he realizes that in Jesus they can see the action of God. The disciples followed Jesus as soon as he called, but for a long time they were puzzled what to make of him, of his wonderful teaching and his godlike personality. Now comes a shaft of light and understanding. We too often take some time to appreciate the true worth of someone we know well: a little gesture can sometimes reveal just how generous and thoughtful they are. Peter suddenly grasps that there is God, acting among them, a daunting or even terrifying thought. Jesus replies to Peter's recognition with his own generosity, giving him a new name, 'Rock', for this is what 'Peter' means. If you name something, you make it your own, take it to yourself. This is just what Jesus does with Simon who becomes his own Peter. That is the importance of the naming of a child at Baptism: Jesus takes us to himself and we become his. The early Christians called themselves 'Those over whom the name of Jesus has been called.' We may have been named Mary or John, but the name of Jesus has been called over us and we have become his.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE I recently conducted the funeral rites at Stockport Crematorium for **Sheila Thornton RIP**, who recently died aged 82.

On Tuesday this week the funeral rites for the late **Anne Williams RIP (84)** are planned at Immaculate Conception.

We also pray for the later **Jeremiah Naughton RIP (92)** whose funeral rites are indicated for St Charles church on Mon 8th July at 11am. God grant them all eternal rest.

SAINTS ALIVE **St Oliver Plunkett (1625 - 1681)** was archbishop of Armagh and primate of All Ireland from 1668, at a time when the country was in a state of civil and religious disorder after the interventions of Oliver Cromwell. He persevered for ten years in his effort to ameliorate this state of affairs, until the discovery of a non-existent "Popish Plot" against the English government (invented and revealed by Titus Oates, who implicated many before he was executed for his part in it) gave the authorities an excuse to act against many prominent Catholics. Plunkett was arrested in Ireland but taken to London for trial; one of his companions was saved by being appointed as Bavarian Ambassador to London and therefore acquiring diplomatic immunity, but for Plunkett there was no such escape, and he was hanged at Tyburn, cheating his executioners by dying before he could be ceremonially disembowelled. **St Thomas the Apostle** is famous for doubting the resurrection of Jesus

when his fellow apostles told him about it; but if he is the sceptical apostle, he is also the believing apostle, for having seen and touched a risen man, he made the immediate leap of faith and so became the first apostle to call Jesus God. Nothing is known about Thomas's later career. A well-known apocryphal document called the Acts of Thomas relates his missionary journeys to Persia and India. Although the document as it stands is not historical evidence (it was written to provide evidence for certain heretical Gnostic teachings), it still bears witness to the likelihood of a tradition that Thomas did go to India. **St Elizabeth of Portugal (1271 – 1336)** was the daughter of King Peter III of Aragón and was named after her great-aunt, St Elizabeth of Hungary. She was married to King Denis of Portugal, by whom she had two children. She set up hospitals, orphanages, and other institutions, patiently endured her husband's infidelities and provided for the education of his bastards, and acted as peacemaker in the quarrelsome and complicated politics of the time. On her husband's death in 1325 she retired from public affairs and devoted herself to prayer and the service of the poor. Throughout her life she was faithful and regular in prayer, and daily recited the Liturgy of the Hours. In 1336 her son, by now King Alfonso IV of Portugal, went to war against King Alfonso XI of Castile. Elizabeth followed the Portuguese army on the field in an effort to bring about peace. She succeeded, but the effort killed her.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles : £40: M Cowden; £20 : N Collins.

THE NEW LECTIONARY Thank you! To those who have so far contributed towards the copies of the new lectionary. The response has been very heartening. There is still an opportunity to help with the purchase of the various volumes at both churches.

THE WEDNESDAY GROUP meet on 3rd after morning Mass at St Charles. Is that the sound I hear of approaching schoolchildren singing?

NATIONAL BEREAVED PARENTS' DAY is declared for this Wednesday 3rd July. Many will know of people that have lost children, either through miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion or death in their earliest days. It is proposed to celebrate a Taize service from 6.45 to 7.45pm at St Charles church : half an hour devotion and gentle music; half an hour tea and cakes. So nothing too formal, simply a time to remember, reflect, listen & pray - and share company. All will be welcome! (Would anyone be willing to do a short reading at this 6.45 service please? Four readers are sought. Please Sue Hoolahan if you can help: suehoolahan@aol.com.)

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS are planned for Friday 5th. If you know of someone who would welcome the gift of the Blessed Sacrament at home, please let me know.

ST CHARLES SCHOOL FAYRE is on next Friday, starting at 3.30 pm. The church is having two stalls at this event:- a cake stall and a bric a brac stall. There is a need for items for both stalls plus volunteers to assist in manning the stalls.

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.

A CAKE SALE will be held after mass at St Charles next Sunday 7th July.

A PILGRIM PEOPLE This Sunday Bishop Patrick leads the pilgrimage to honour St Ralph Sherwin. Due to unforeseeable circumstances, this year's annual Rodsley pilgrimage to will still take place at Our Lady of Lourdes parish church, Mickleover. Mass will be preceded by a decade of the Rosary at 2.45 near the Marian Shrine, before processing into church for 3pm Mass. You are warmly invited to attend and celebrate the life of St Ralph Sherwin. Next Sunday afternoon we are invited to join the pilgrim band at Padley to honour Dinting martyr Nicholas Garlick, Robert Ludlam and companions.

INTER-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP Rob Cranston messages: 'There will be a meeting for representatives from four Churches in Hadfield. You are invited to attend at Hadfield Methodist Church on Friday 5th July at 3pm. The purpose of the meeting is for us all to discuss how we may all participate and help in the various events and initiatives taking place in our locality. Also an opportunity for us all to seek ways we can help those in most need in our community. Please feel free to pass this invitation on to anyone who would be interested.'

ST ANDREW'S ANNIVERSARY I found chance to visit our neighbours in Hadfield, and congratulate them on their sesquicentenary. A warm welcome, an excellent and varied flower display, and delicious delights at the cake stall. Congratulations!

AND FINALLY Amongst the blizzard of opinion polls ahead of Thursday's General Election, one caught my fancy. 39% of those who were interviewed said they deliberately avoided the news these days. So glad I'm not alone in my news-allergy!