



**CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE**



**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**SUNDAY XIV (b)**  
**July 7th 2024**



Gracious and Holy Father,  
give us the wisdom to discover You,  
the intelligence to understand You,  
the diligence to seek after You,  
the patience to wait for You,  
eyes to behold You,  
a heart to meditate upon You,  
and a life to proclaim You.

Amen.

*a prayer attributed to Saint Benedict.*

*He was amazed at their lack of faith*

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>MASS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
Sun 7th	<b>Sunday XIV in ordinary time</b> 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) C Brazier RIP (fam)	<i>St Charles' F&amp;F mtg after Mass 3pm Padley pilgrimage</i>
Mon 8th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Nanna Betty RIP (PL) <i>11am (HAD) funeral service for Jeremiah Naughton RIP</i>	
Tues 9th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) DCA	
Weds 10th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) E & L Potter (CF)	
Thurs 11th	<b>ST BENEDICT, patron of Europe</b> 9.30 (HAD) F & E Finnerty RIP (fam)	<i>School-leavers' Mass in church</i>
Fri 12th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (BB) Sheila Thornton RIP (AS)	<i>(school children in attendance)</i>
Sat 13th	<b>feria / St Henry</b> 9.30 (HAD) DCA	
Sun 14th	<b>Sunday XV</b> 9.15 (BB) Joan Bone RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) for the parish	

  

<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY (B)</b> Psalter Wk 2	
<b>Introduction:</b> The followers of Christ are called to be prophets - even if the message is unwelcome.	
<b>First Reading :</b> Ezek 2 : The spirit sends Ezekiel to speak to God's people.	
<b>Resp. Ps.</b> OUR EYES ARE ON THE LORD TILL HE SHOW US HIS MERCY	
<b>Second Reading :</b> 2 Cor 12 : St Paul boasts of the Lord's strength shown through his frailty.	
<b>Gospel :</b> Mk 6 : Jesus the prophet is despised in his own country.	
<b>Communion Antiphon :</b>	TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD. BLESSED THE MAN WHO SEEKS REFUGE IN HIM.

### **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 Terence Nunn, Tim Shanaghan, Simon Nolan, Louis Kovacs, Joe Henry; *Olive Keily, Bernard O'Driscoll, Amy York, Mary Bowdren, Evelyn Matthewman, Doreen Williamson* : May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them: Amen

### **PARISH NOTES**

**THIS SUNDAY** we are reminded that Jesus was frequently made unwelcome. Our proclamation of his truth will often be unwelcome too!

**THE GOSPEL** The instructions for missionaries are shaped by the urgency of the Kingdom. They are to travel light for speed. They should wear sandals rather than go barefoot, also for speed and security. They are to rely for their provisions on the welcome they receive, and if they are unwelcome, they should not waste time on those who reject them. Did Jesus think that the Kingdom or Kingship of God would finally burst on the world in his own time, that there was so little time to spare? In one way it did – at his death and Resurrection, which fulfilled God's plan and restored us to friendship with God. In another way it is still in the future: the reign of peace and justice is not yet established. There is still sorrow, distress, enmity, fraud, jealousy and plenty of other evils which fracture God's Kingship. We are still imperfect reflections of the light of Christ, still pilgrim members of a pilgrim Church. Our efforts are feeble, even in Christ's footsteps. We cannot sit back complacently, any more than the missionaries of Jesus' own time, and the task of establishing the Kingdom is still imminent.

**SAINTS ALIVE St Benedict (480 - 547)** was born in Nursia, in Umbria, and studied in Rome; but he was unable to stomach the dissolute life of the city, and he became a solitary hermit at Subiaco. His reputation spread, and some monks asked him to be their abbot; but they did not like the discipline he imposed and tried to poison him. Benedict organised various small communities of monks and nuns in various places, including the great monastery of Monte Cassino. He drew up a set of rules to guide the communal life of monasteries. Although this was not the first monastic rule ever, the Rule of St Benedict has proved so wise and balanced that it has served as the foundation of practically every attempt at communal living ever since – and not only in religious communities. The Rule of St Benedict recognises that people aim at perfection but often fall well short of it, and aims to be a "rule for beginners" in which even the least perfect and least able can grow in spiritual stature. To visit a Benedictine monastery of almost any kind is to find oneself spending time among a group of people who, by their strivings to live and grow together, have become more and more themselves, as God intended them, instead of being crushed into false uniformity by some idealistic and authoritarian regime. For those of us in the world, too, the Rule of St Benedict has much to say: it drags our eyes up to the stars but keeps our feet firmly on the ground; it calls us to perfection but keeps us sane.

**WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH** Phoebe Jessica Parkins, baptised this

weekend at St Charles. You are welcome to our parish family. May God and his holy angels guard and protect you always.

**SCHOOL MASSES** On Thursday this week we welcome to St Charles church the year 6 leavers who will come with their friends and school family to seek God's blessing on them and their fellows as they prepare to move on to the next ladder of educational life.

On Friday this week we look forward to welcoming the schoolchildren from St Margaret's, who will come and celebrate Mass with us at Immaculate Conception church that day.

**TIME TO VOTE** both of our parishes need to supplement the membership of the parish councils. At St Charles you'll find nomination papers at the back of the church. If you wish to nominate yourself or another please follow the instructions on that information sheet. Furthermore you will find copies of the parish councils constitution for you to glance at. Please feel free to take copy or copies of these documents away with you and follow the instructions. For the spare place on BB council, please speak to Angie or Anne T, offering your name or the nomination of another.

**A TIME TO GO ON PILGRIMAGE** This Sunday afternoon the annual inter diocesan pilgrimage to Padley will take place. We meet together at 3pm at Grindleford rail station. We process whilst praying the rosary to the Chapel some 15 minutes away. In the Chapel grounds Mass will be celebrated at 3.30 in honour of the Padley martyrs, not least of course local hero Nicholas Garlick. Bishop Patrick is celebrating the Mass and preaching at this event. And the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place starting a week on Monday the 15th July. I hope to join that Pilgrim people.

**SEA SUNDAY** happens next weekend. We are invited to support the work of the Apostleship of the Sea, aka Stella Maris. There will be a second collection at our Masses that day.

**A CAKE STALL** is planned after Mass at St Charles this Sunday. After the delicious array of cakes in the oratory on recent occasions, this promises to be a welcome event. I hope you can give it your support.

**THE NATIONAL BEREAVEMENT REMEMBRANCE DAY** was honoured last Wednesday and a short service of words and music took place at Saint Charles followed by a convivial small party. My thanks and yours to those who organised and took part in this memorable event.

**IT'S GOOD TO VOLUNTEER** Some parishioners from St Charles went to a local inter-church meeting this week. They note: **The Repair Shop** is currently being held on the third Saturday of the month at Hadfield Methodist church, 10am to 1pm. They urgently need an electrician to volunteer an hour or so a month. They also need someone who could help repair clocks and watches. This really helps people struggling with the cost of living **The Toddler Group** meets at Hadfield Methodist on Friday mornings, 10 to 11.30. It has become a victim of its own success. Numbers have increased but they don't have enough volunteers to put toys out, tidy them away and serve refreshments. This is Group only meets during term-time. Can you help? Let Rob C or Sue H know if you can.

**THE CHARLESWORTH CARNIVAL** is due to take place next Saturday. Immaculate Conception parishioners enjoy fund-raising at a stall or two at this event. If you want to help please let Angie Cass know as soon as possible.

**SITUATION VACANT** thanks go to Annette S who for many years has coordinated the flower collections, the rotas, and much more in the church floral artistry area to the glory of God and our delight. Annette wishes to step back from this role but to continue to help with flower displays in church from time to time. Therefore we seek helpful parishioner to step forward and take on the coordinating role. Please let Annette know if you can help in this way.

**RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles** : £40: C Wardle; £20 : V Gebbett.

**THE TAMESIDE FESTIVAL CHORUS** have sent an invitation to us all to come to an evening of delightful choral and orchestral music. It's entitled 'Music of the Spheres'. It will take place at Albion URC church in Ashton on Sunday evening the 21st July at 7.30. Tickets will cost £10 at the door. Come one come all.

**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.