



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

**SUNDAY XV (b)
July 14th 2024**



O Saviour, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

Rev William Whiting, 1860

So they set off to preach repentance

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 14th	Sunday XV 9.15 (BB) Joan Bone RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) for the parish	
Mon 15th - Sat 20th : no public parish Masses (Lourdes Pilgrimage)		
Sun 21st	Sunday XVI 9.15 (BB) Joan Bone RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) for the parish	
Mon 22nd	ST MARY MAGDALENE (feast) 9.30 (HAD) Chrystal Burke	
Tues 23rd	ST BRIDGET patron of Europe 9.30 (HAD) Sp int	
Weds 24th	feria / St Sharbel 9.30 (HAD) Lilian Simpson RIP (fam)	
Thurs 25th	ST JAMES apostle 9.30 (HAD) t'giving	
Fri 26th	Ss Joachim & Anne, parents of Our Lady 9.30 (BB) t'giving	
Sat 27th	feria 9.30 (HAD) t'giving	
Sun 28th	SUNDAY XVII 9.15 (BB) holy souls 11am (HAD) for the parish	

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY (B)

Psalter Wk 3

Introduction: God chooses us all to go forth and proclaim His name.

First Reading : **Amos 7** : The young prophet is sent to proclaim to the people.

Resp. Ps. LET US SEE O LORD YOUR MERCY & GIVE US YOUR SAVING HELP

Second Reading : **Eph 1** : Before the world was made, God chose us.

Gospel : **Mk 6** : Jesus sends out his apostles to preach his Name.

Comm. Ant : **WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH & DRINKS MY BLOOD
REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM, SAYS THE LORD**

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 Rudolf Elwes, Chris Fisher, Herbert Quinn, Ken O'Riordan, Peter McDonagh, : Chris Turner, Tom Maloney; Josie Cowden, Mgt Mary Bailey, Mgt Slugocki, Kathleen Proudman,. Vivienne Murray, James Smith, Peter Fraser, Kathleen Laverty, Mary Lindley, Marie Lane, Monica Krommendijk, Derek Butt: *May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen*

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY Our Lord gives a timely warning to his disciples : *travel light!*

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 Bonaventure (1218 - 1274)** was born at Bagnoregio, Italy. He became a Franciscan in 1243 and studied philosophy and theology at the University of Paris. He became a famous teacher and philosopher; part of the extraordinary intellectual flowering of the 13th century. He was a friend and colleague of St Thomas Aquinas. At this time the friars were still a new and revolutionary force in the Church, and their radical embracing of poverty and rejection of institutional structures raised suspicion and opposition from many quarters. Bonaventure defended the Franciscan Order and, after he was elected general of the order in 1255, he ruled it with wisdom and prudence. He is regarded as the second founder of the Order. He wrote extensively on philosophy and theology, making a permanent mark on intellectual history; but he always insisted that the simple and uneducated could have a clearer knowledge of God than the wise. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1588 by Pope Sixtus V. **The St Swithin's day** (15th July) legend is an old one – the earliest surviving written reference dates back to the 14th century – although its roots are much disputed. **St Swithin** was an Anglo-Saxon bishop of Winchester who died in around AD862. He requested that his remains be interred among the common people outside the church, but in 971, after he had been made patron saint of Winchester Cathedral, his body was dug up and moved to a new indoor shrine. According to some writers, this caused sufficient displeasure in the heavens for a terrible downpour to strike the church and continue unabated for 40 days, hence the legend. **St Mary Magdalene** Mary of Magdala was healed of "seven devils" by Jesus. She ministered to him in Galilee and was present at his crucifixion. She was in the group of women who were the first to discover the empty tomb, and it was to her that the risen Jesus first appeared. The Western tradition is that Mary Magdalene is also "the woman who was a sinner" and the sister of Martha and Lazarus of Bethany. Mary Magdalene is a unique and important character in the story of the Resurrection, chosen by Christ as one of the first witnesses of the event that changed the world. **St James (? - 44)** was the brother of St John and, like him, a fisherman. He was one of the witnesses of the Transfiguration and one of those who slept

through most of the Agony in the Garden. He was the first of the apostles to be martyred, being beheaded by King Herod Agrippa I to please the Jewish opponents of Christianity. He was buried in Jerusalem, and nothing more is known about him until the ninth century. At this time we learn of a tradition that the relics of St James were brought to Compostela, Spain sometime after his martyrdom, became the greatest pilgrimage centre in western Europe. In every country there are churches of St James and known, well-trodden pilgrim routes. In Paris, the Tour St Jacques marks the start of the route and the Rue St Jacques points straight towards Compostela. In England, pilgrim routes lead from all parts of the country to the major ports that were used on the pilgrimage. This network of routes is a vital witness to the fact that the Middle Ages were not the static stay-at-home time that we often think them to be: everyone must have known someone, or known someone who knew someone, who had made the pilgrimage. The scallop-shell, the emblem of St James, has become the emblem of pilgrims generally. In 1987 the pilgrimage routes to Compostela were designated by the Council of Europe as historical cultural routes of international importance. The Confraternity of St James continues to work to restore and upgrade the refuges on a route which is still in active pilgrim use today.

SEA SUNDAY is honoured this weekend. Seafarers and fishermen play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you. There will be a second collection at our Masses today. Furthermore, gift-envelopes are found at the back of church. If you wish, take one home, fill it and return it next week.

A TIME TO GO ON PILGRIMAGE This Sunday afternoon I hope to begin the pilgrim journey to Lourdes. A bit last-minute-ish, but if you have petitions, Mass intentions or candle-requests, please get them somehow to me before 3.30 Sunday afternoon.

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 Group only meets during term-time. Can you help? Let Rob C or Sue H know if you can.

HADFIELD COMING TOGETHER is organising several free events throughout the summer holidays. All children from the area are welcome and will receive a free lunch. Please see the posters on the notice boards for details. The main event is Picnic in the Park (Bankswood) on Monday 19 August from 11am to 3pm. Children will have a free lunch and there will be music and activities to keep them occupied. As you can imagine, it is going to be hard work, so there needs to be as many hands-on deck as possible! Please would you consider giving at least a couple of hours of your time to help? Maybe to litter pick the park before or after the event so that our children are safe, help make sandwiches before the event, entertain with music or facilitate activities with the children, be a marshal to show people where to go? There will be lots of other things to do too, so please let us know if you can help. You will need to complete a volunteers registration form. Contact Rob Cranston, Sue Hoolahan 07596 728633.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles : £40: S Shaw; £20 : J Holland. Mike W advises that the summer (what's that?) Big Draw will take place soon, with prizes of £100, and two £50s. You've got to be in it to win it! The finance group which met last Sunday recommends good folk to double (or even triple) their numbers to enhance the tote.

CHORAL DELIGHT Monday's funeral for Jeremiah Naughton at St Charles had a very special atmosphere. The Chapel-en-le-Frith Male Voice choir came and sang the hymns and anthem during the service. A very moving and frankly delightful element of a well-prepared funeral.

CANON MICHAEL MOORE celebrates his Golden Jubilee of ordination Sat 20th July. Congratulations! Ad multos annos!

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 next Sunday 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.

NOTE: this newsletter has two weeks currency. The next publication is indicated for 28th July.