



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY XXI (b)
Aug 25th 2024



ADVICE TO HUSBANDS

To keep your marriage brimming
With love in the loving cup,
Whenever you're wrong, admit it;
Whenever you're right, shut up.

Ogden Nash

*(Discovered on a Newcastle
parish website)*

Lord, to whom should we go?

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 25th	SUNDAY XXI 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Joan Haley RIP (fam)	
Mon 26th	feria / Bl Dominic Barberi	BANK HOLIDAY
	9.30 (HAD) sp int (AM)	
Tues 27th	St Monica 9.30 (HAD) priest's int	
Weds 28th	St Augustine, bishop 9.30 (HAD) S Fielding RIP (SL)	
Thurs 29th	Martyrdom of St John the Baptist 9.30 (HAD) Margaret Selfridge (MW)	
Fri 30th	Dedication of St Barnabas Cathedral (feast) 9.30 (BB) Angela Clayton RIP (Cass fam)	
Sat 31st	St Aidan & Lindisfarne saints 9.30 (HAD) S Fitzsimmons (CF)	
Sun 1st Sept	SUNDAY XXII (World Day of Prayer for Creation) 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Margery Revell RIP (AM)	

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY (B)

Psalter Week 1

Introduction to the Readings : Christ gives us the freedom to stay or leave, but he has the words of eternal life so where should we go?

First Reading : Josh 24 : We will be faithful to our God.

Resp Ps : TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD

Second Reading : Eph 5 : Love in marriage.

Gospel : Jn 6 : Lord, to whom should we go?

Comm. ant : WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD HAS ETERNAL LIFE, SAYS THE LORD, AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP ON THE LAST DAY.

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, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Beatrice & John Eaton, Keith Winston.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Revv Brian Welsh, John Feeley, Mark Swaby, Sydney Heald; Francis Pollitt, Patrick Clarke, Alan Yardley: *May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen*

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY *In today's readings, the choice is being put before us: how deep is our faith, how firm our commitment? It is the ultimate choice in life; there is no sitting on the fence. And the choice must be renewed from day to day.*

THE GOSPEL *Throughout the Gospel of John a great division is taking place between those who accept Jesus as the Messiah, the Wisdom of God, the Light of the world, the Good Shepherd, the King of the Jews, the Lamb of God, and those who do not accept. Now, as the conclusion of the revelation of Jesus as the Wisdom of the Father and the Bread of Life, comes the sad moment of the division between the disciples, when some find the message too fierce and walk away, while Peter in the name of the faithful disciples makes his moving and loving act of faith, 'you have the words of eternal life'.*

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE *we heard recently of the death of David Healey (86) late of Hadfield Rd and St Charles church. His funeral rites are planned to take place at Dukinfield crematorium on the 29th of August. May he rest in peace and his relatives be comforted.*

FAREWELL VALIANT FRIEND *we noted also the death on the 20th of August of Eric Gebbett (92) of St Charles church and parish. He was a great friend of and supporter of parish doings. His assistance in what I would call the 'Treasury Department' over many, many years was gratefully appreciated. We offer our sympathy & prayerful regard to Val and the family members. May he enjoy a well-deserved eternal rest.*

ANGELA'S FAREWELL *the requiem Mass on Monday for Angela Clayton was wondrously well supported by friends, family and parishioners. It was a worthy sending off. Hearty thanks to those who attended to sanctuary, flowers, and funeral feasting. May she rest in peace.*

SAINTS ALIVE *Dominic Barberi was born near Viterbo, Italy, in 1792 and joined the Passionist Order, urged on by an inner assurance that God called him to work as a missionary in England. He was ordained a priest in 1818 and worked in Italy and Belgium before coming to England in 1841. He received many Anglicans into full communion, the most famous being the St John Henry Newman, who was received at Littlemore near Oxford on 9 October 1845. Blessed Dominic was noted for the personal warmth of his approach to non-Catholics and for his zeal in preaching; he drew crowds in spite of his strong Italian accent. He favoured a higher profile for the small Catholic body in England; he went around in his Passionist habit and, while at Aston Hall in 1844, organised a Corpus Christi procession through the streets of the neighbourhood, which is believed to have been the first public procession of its kind in England in modern times. Blessed Dominic died on Reading railway station on 27 August 1849 and was beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1963. Saint Monica (331 - 387) was born at Tagaste in Africa of a Christian family. She was married young, to Patricius, and among her children*

was Augustine. He had a brilliant intellect and uncertain morals and his wayward spiritual career saw him at one time a Manichee and then a Neoplatonist. With many tears she prayed unceasingly to God for his conversion and her prayers were answered shortly before she died. She had a deep faith and outstanding virtue and is a wonderful example of a Christian mother. **St Augustine of Hippo (354 - 430)** was born in Thagaste in Africa of a Berber family. He was brought up a Christian but left the Church early and spent a great deal of time seriously seeking the truth, first in the Manichaean heresy, which he abandoned on seeing how nonsensical it was, and then in Neoplatonism, until at length, through the prayers of his mother and the teaching of St Ambrose of Milan, he was converted back to Christianity and baptized in 387, shortly before his mother's death. Augustine had a brilliant legal and academic career, but after his conversion he returned he returned home to Africa and led an ascetic life. He was elected Bishop of Hippo and spent 34 years looking after his flock, teaching them, strengthening them in the faith and protecting them strenuously against the errors of the time. He wrote an enormous amount and left a permanent mark on both philosophy and theology. His Confessions, as dazzling in style as they are deep in content, are a landmark of world literature. **St Aidan (- 651)**, a native of Ireland, was a monk on Iona. The Christian King Oswald invited the monks of Iona to provide missionaries to instruct his people in Christianity. After initial difficulties, Aidan was consecrated bishop and sent with a group of Irish monks to begin this task. He established a monastery on the island of Lindisfarne which became the centre of a major missionary effort in the North of England. The monastery also became a valuable centre of learning and an important training ground for the education of English boys who would continue the work of evangelisation. From Lindisfarne Aidan journeyed throughout Northumberland, usually on foot, and working closely with King Oswald who found him to be a wise adviser and a good personal friend. According to Bede, Aidan was a man of great gentleness and moderation, outstanding for his energetic missionary work. His influence on the North of England was enormous, and his wise promotion of Christian education among the native English laid the solid foundation for the spread of the Gospel in the centuries which followed his death.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles : Fr Don (£40); Jan Holland (£20). **Immaculate Conception**: £40: M&J Hambleton; £20 : Ralph Stocks.

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.

SEASON OF CREATION : 1 September - 4 October 2024. The Season of Creation, initiated by Pope Francis, is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting each year on 1 September and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4 October. "Hope and Act with Creation" is this year's theme of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

A NOTE FOR OUR EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS. I am required from time to time to countersign your pagella of faculty. If you have not had it countersigned recently please bring it to church sometime soon. If you wish to continue in service, I will countersign for another year.

PARISHIONERS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION will be happy to note that Emma Soper has had a long and fruitful conversation with Derek Handley, the parish treasurer & bookkeeper. She has kindly agreed to take over much of his day-to-day bookkeeping for the parish accounts. My thanks also go to Mary Pickford who has given assistance in the treasury area over a number of years.

"SAFEGUARDING The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the parish. If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact Karen

Proctor :email Karen.ProctorPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk; 07513 725411".

SEASON OF MELLOW FRUITFULNESS it has been a pleasure to discover at the back of our churches fruitful kindness. My deep freezer is well and truly stocked with blackberries, rhubarb and plums. I look forward to easing through autumn and winter days with summer crumbles and other delights. Best thanks!

YOUR CONCERN for my present battle with sciatica is appreciated. It is frustrating to be of limited mobility. The discovery of 'Ibuprofen' has helped somewhat. Renewed thanks!