



**CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE**



**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**SUNDAY XXII (b)  
1st Sept 2024**



*THE SEASON OF CREATION*

*Laudato Si, o mi Signore!  
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*Thank you for the earth, our Mother  
She who feeds us and sustains us  
For her fruits, her grass, her flowers  
For the mountains and the oceans*

*This people honours me only with lip-service*

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

**Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time;** Rev James Monaghan; Patrick Clarke, Alan Yardley, Phyllis Byre, James Garlick: *May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen*

### **PARISH NOTES**

**THIS SUNDAY** *When Christ came on earth the Scribes and Pharisees were the religious leaders of the Jews. The Scribes, so called because of their knowledge of the Mosaic Law and the traditions added on to it, were the elite among the Pharisees who prided themselves on their strict, rigorous observance of the Law and the human traditions. The Pharisees had no time or no understanding for their fellow-Jews who often violated the scribal traditions — and even the Law of Moses itself sometimes.*

**THE GOSPEL** *Legal observance has its dangers, for it is sometimes easy to obey the law exactly while forgetting its purpose. It is no good driving doggedly just below the speed-limit while endangering life and limb. The more exact the laws, the greater the temptation to manipulate them to evade their purpose. The Pharisees were as aware of this danger of distortion as is the modern stickler for exact observance. But the Pharisees have a bad press in the gospels because, at the time the gospels were written, hostility between Christians and Pharisaic Judaism was at its height. During Jesus' own lifetime their opposition was not so obvious. For instance, they had no share in the Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus. In any case, Jesus' own final saying here, while it may apply to the Jewish ritual Law, has much wider application than the observance of Jewish rules for clean food. It is more akin to the saying in Matthew, 'A sound tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor a rotten tree bear good fruit. By their fruits you shall know them'. A person's true qualities are seen by that person's actions; their true intentions and character, what comes from the heart becomes visible in their words and actions.*

**SAINTS ALIVE** *Pope St Gregory the Great (540 - 604) was born in Rome and followed the career of public service that was usual for the son of an aristocratic family, finally becoming Prefect of the City of Rome, a post he held for some years. He founded a monastery in Rome and some others in Sicily, then became a monk himself. He was ordained deacon and sent as an envoy to Constantinople, on a mission that lasted five years. He was elected Pope in 590, the first monk to be elected to this office. He reformed the administration of the Church's estates and devoted the resulting surplus to the assistance of the poor and the ransoming of prisoners. He negotiated treaties with the Lombard tribes who were ravaging northern Italy, and by cultivating good relations with these and other barbarians he was able to keep the Church's position secure in areas where Roman rule had broken down. His works for the propagation of the faith include the sending of Augustine and his monks as missionaries to England in 596, providing them with continuing advice and support and (in 601) sending reinforcements. He wrote extensively on pastoral care, spirituality, and morals, and designated himself "servant of the servants of God". St Cuthbert (634? - 687) According to tradition, he was a shepherd boy. Certainly he became a monk, and later prior, at Melrose. After the Synod of Whitby in 664 he became prior of*

Lindisfarne and gradually won over the community to Roman ecclesiastical customs. He was zealous in preaching the Gospel but most attracted to living the life of a hermit, and in 676 he left the monastery and lived in solitude on the nearby island of Inner Farne. For the last two years of his life he served as bishop of Lindisfarne, but he returned to his island to die, on 20 March 687. His remains were removed from their resting place at Lindisfarne to escape Viking raiders and were eventually enshrined at Durham Cathedral. **THE REQUIEM MASS** for the late Eric Gebbett RIP is planned for Weds 11th Sept at St Charles at 11am.

**FIRST FRIDAY VISITS** are planned for Sept 6th. Please advise if any housebound parishioner would welcome a visit with the Blessed Sacrament.

**RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles** : M Brierley (£40); S Tetlow (£20).

**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.

**AVE ATQUE VALE** We have made sad farewells in recent days to a number of faithful parishioners. These folk have noted to me the affection in which our churches and friendly parishioners are held. This amazes and delights me.

However, we are also saying 'hello and welcome' to equal numbers at the same time. A further cause of delight!

**"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. Karen.ProctorPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk; 07513 725411".

**THE QUESTIONS GOOD FOLK ASK** What are the rules of the church? What do you have to do to be an observant Catholic? Well: certainly not the 670 laws accepted from the Torah by devout Jews. Today's Gospel has much to say on this matter.

We have the biblical precepts in the Ten Commandments; and the demands of our Saviour: twelve Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy and the eight Beatitudes. And the two greatest Commandments : Love God; love your neighbour.

And then the six law of the church:

- \* to keep the Sundays and Holy Days of obligation holy, by attending Mass and resting from servile work;
- \*to keep the days of fasting and abstinence appointed by the Church;
- \*to go to confession at least once a year;
- \*to receive the Blessed Sacrament at least once a year and that at Easter or thereabouts (from Ash Wednesday to Trinity Sunday);
- \* to contribute to the support of our pastors and parish;
- \*not to marry within a certain degree of kindred nor to solemnize marriage at the forbidden times.

Any more questions out there?

**TWILIGHT TWITTERINGS** A little delight some eventides is to sit outside the rectory door with my mug of Red Bush, and wait for the mystic moment when the birds stop their twittering and find their night-time roost. And seconds later watch the emergence of the bats from the belfry, and watch their balletic hurtling around the church & house. Simple delight! Laudato Si!

**SIT. VAC.** Our thanks to Chris H. who took over from John H as litter-picker and leaf-blower around BB church. Chris & wife are moving to another area. We need a replacement helper. If you know of someone who 'd be helpful, please let Sue Hickinson know. Thanks!