



**CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE**



**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**SUNDAY XXIII (b)  
8th Sept 2024**



O Crux ave, spes unica,  
piis adauge gratiam,  
reisque dele crimina.

*O hail the cross our only hope  
grant increase of grace to believers  
and remove the sins of the guilty.*

*He chose the poor to be rich in faith*

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>MASS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
Sun 8th	<b>SUNDAY XXIII</b> 9.15 (BB) A Clayton RIP (PP) 11am (HAD) for the parish	
Mon 9th	<b>feria / St Peter Claver</b> 9.30 (HAD) welfare of T Smith (MG)	
Tues 10th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) D&M O'Brien	
Weds 11th	<b>feria</b> <b>11am (HAD) Requiem Mass</b> : E Gebbett RIP (J&CB)	
Thurs 12th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) J McNeill RIP	
Fri 13th	<b>St John Chrysostom</b> 9.30 (BB) Angela Clayton RIP (D&CN)	
Sat 14th	<b>EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> 9.30 (HAD) Dunne family <b>4.30 (HAD) Holy Hour</b>	
Sun 15th	<b>SUNDAY XXIV</b> 9.15 (BB) welfare of the Hambleton family 11am (HAD) E Gebbett RIP (SL)	

  

<p><b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (B)</b> Psalter Week 3</p> <p><b>Introduction to the Readings</b> : Lord, show mercy when you judge me, your servant.</p> <p><b>First Reading</b> : <b>Is. 35</b> : The tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.</p> <p><b>Resp Ps</b> : <b>MY SOUL GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD</b></p> <p><b>Second Reading</b> : <b>James 2</b> : God chose the poor to be the heirs to the kingdom.</p> <p><b>Gospel</b> : <b>Mark 7</b> : He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.</p> <p><b>Comm. ant</b> : <b>I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, SAYS THE LORD;</b> <b>WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL NOT WALK IN DARKNESS,</b> <b>BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE.</b></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, 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 Patrick O'Hanlon; Terry Grogan, Stanley Davies, Fred Fletcher: *May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen*

### **PARISH NOTES**

**THIS SUNDAY** is also dedicated as 'Education Sunday'. "This year marks the 176th celebration of Education Sunday for the Church in England and Wales. As we commence the beginning of a new academic year, let us entrust to Almighty God all who are involved in the provision of Catholic education in our schools, colleges and universities. We pray that Christ the Teacher will strengthen their faith and fill their hearts with courage and hope. Christ is the foundation of the whole educational enterprise in a Catholic school. As "the way, the truth, and the life" Christ is both the object and subject of Catholic education. A Catholic educational institution seeks to root the Gospel of Christ in the minds and lives of students, providing a holistic formation that promotes human flourishing, inspiring a lifelong love of learning, and fostering the virtues that will assist children and young people to discover in themselves and in others the Truth, Goodness and Beauty of God. On Education Sunday, it is important we give thanks to Almighty God for all who govern, lead, teach, guide, and support the children and young people in our Catholic schools, colleges and universities."

**THE GOSPEL** Jesus' activity as he goes around 'doing all things well' is the coming of God into the world, the Day of the Lord when the tongues of the dumb will sing for joy. Jesus is the sacrament of God. In him God is active in the world, bringing peace, healing and joy. In him people met and experienced God. His gestures of putting his fingers into the man's ears and touching his tongue with spittle are affectionate ways of showing that God is physically at work in him. In a modern hygiene-conscious world such gestures might be frowned upon. But if we are truly acting as the members of Christ's body in the world we cannot hold back, and from time to time will be involved physically and totally in helping others. We too can bring Christ's healing in countless simple, but often costly and courageous, ways.

**SAINTS ALIVE** **St Peter Claver (1581 – 1654)** was born in Catalonia and studied at the University of Barcelona. He became a Jesuit and arrived in Cartagena, in what is now Colombia, in 1610, and after his ordination six years later he became 'the slave of the Negroes forever', labouring on their behalf for 33 years, attending to both their spiritual and material needs. He brought fresh food to the slave-ships as they arrived, instructed the slaves and baptized them in the faith, followed their progress and kept track of them even when they were sent to the mines and plantations, defending them as well as he could from oppressive slave-owners. He organized teams of catechists who spoke the many languages

spoken by the slaves. He worked in hospitals also, looking after lepers among others, and in prisons. **St John Chrysostom (349 - 407)** was born in Antioch. After a thorough education, he took up the ascetic life. He was ordained to the priesthood, and became a fruitful and effective preacher. He was elected Patriarch of Constantinople in 397, and was energetic in reforming the ways of the clergy and the laity alike. He incurred the displeasure of the Emperor and was twice forced into exile. When the second exile, to Armenia, had lasted three years, it was decided that he should be sent still further away, but he died on the journey, worn out by his hardships. His sermons and writings did much to explain the Catholic faith and to encourage the living of the Christian life: his eloquence earned him the surname "Chrysostom" (the Greek for "golden mouth").

**A BIRTHDAY AND AN ANNIVERSARY.** It's been a week of birthdays. Which week isn't? It's been a week of anniversaries, so is every week. September 8<sup>th</sup> - this Sunday – we would be celebrating the birthday of Our Blessed Lady, were it not for the fact that it's the 23rd Sunday. But we are still delighted to celebrate somewhat in the shadows the birthday of our queen in heaven. And of course the birthday of Our Lady is also the anniversary day of the death of her late majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Can it be two years since she quietly headed off for her deserve place in the kingdom of heaven - another realm beyond her earthly one. So happy birthday to our queen in heaven and may our late majesty rest in peace.

**NEXT SATURDAY** is the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It is the day chosen for a national celebration of the Eucharist to be held at Oscott college Birmingham that afternoon. We can associate ourselves with that national celebration and Blessed Sacrament procession in our own local way. There will be a time of veneration, exposition and adoration from 4:30 on Saturday afternoon at St Charles. All of course are welcome.

**COMETH THE HOUR COMETH THE LIFE SAVER.** I'm delighted that Fr Daren Brown, the erstwhile curate of our parish back in the early 2000s has agreed to return to look after some of my duties whilst I'm away on holiday. I hope to depart on Monday morning the 16th Sept, and return on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. During that time from the Daren will be staying part time in rectory and celebrating some weekday and of course our Sunday Masses. More details next week.

**INTO THE DRUM** I went for a lumbar MRI scan during the week - for me a brand new experience. This was conducted in a trailer outside the NHS centre in Ashton. It was a busy place. The scan itself was brief and uneventful save only for the mystic music of the constant discordant melodies which accompanied the scan. Even supplied with their plugs and defenders it was still loud but discordantly melodic. Could have been written by one of our more daring contemporary music composers. Doubtless the results of the scan will not be as musical, but hopefully helpful and discovering the mysteries of lower back pain.

**NEXT SUNDAY** is celebrated as "Evangelii Gaudium" Sunday – honouring the joys of the gospel and its promulgation. Perhaps less joyful is that there will be a second collection that day.

**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.

**SECRET SERVICE** I often go to our churches & discover that unknown hands have cleaned, decorated, postered and in other ways enhanced these holy places. On behalf of us all, thank you and God Bless you!

**AND FINALLY** my personal thanks to the many who sent greetings and gave gifts on the occasion of the other birthday this week. I asked Radio 3 to play a particular piece of Bach on that day. They didn't, but the piece they did play was utterly delightful!