



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



PARISH NEWSLETTER

**SUNDAY XXX (b)
27th Oct 2024**



*For all the saints,
who from their labours rest;
who to the world by faith
their Lord confessed,
thy name, O Jesus,
be for ever blessed:
Alleluia, alleluia!*

Lord that I might see!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 27th	SUNDAY XXX 9.15 (B) for the parish 11am (HAD) Eileen Nestor RIP	
Mon 28th	Ss SIMON & JUDE, apostles 9.30 (HAD) Margaret Martin RIP	
Tues 29th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Margaret Martin RIP	
Weds 30th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Gerry Phelan RIP	
Thurs 31st	feria 9.30 (HAD) Peggy Keogh RIP (<i>foundation Mass</i>)	
Fri 1st	ALL SAINTS (Holyday of obligation) 9.30 (BB) Edmund Ashton RIP (fam) <i>1st Friday visits today DV</i> 6pm (HAD) for the parish	
Sat 2nd	ALL SOULS 9.30 (HAD) Bro Philip Revell, welfare (AB)	
Sun 20th	Sunday XXXI 9.15 (BB) J&B Eaton, welfare (DW) 11am (HAD) for the parish	

<p>THIRTIETH SUNDAY (B)</p> <p>Psalter Week 2</p> <p>Introduction to the Readings : We pray today for the gift of new sight of heavenly promises through faith.</p> <p>First Reading : Jer 31 : I will comfort the blind and the lame as I lead them back.</p> <p>Resp Ps : WHAT MARVELS THE LORD WORKED FOR US!</p> <p>Second Reading : Hebr 5 : You are forever a priest of the order of Melchizedek.</p> <p>Gospel : Mk 10 : Master let me see again!</p> <p>COMM. ANT : CHRIST LOVED US AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR US, AS A FRAGRANT OFFERING TO GOD.</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, Bro Philip Revell, Beatrice & John Eaton, Keith Winston.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Rev James Daly, Peter Sabela; Mary Whitham, Terence Curran, Ronald Howbrook, Jack Seale, Bernard O'Hare, Bernard Moran, Isabella Clarke, James Taggart May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY is the last in October. We are edging towards the year-end at hurtling speed. As we switch to GMT we may ponder the meaning of time. - and get lost in the vastness of the universe in so doing. God gives us time to discover his face, to worship him and accept his law - whether in BST or GMT! We have an extra hour of discovery this Sunday.

PASTORAL LETTER Bishop has sent a pastoral letter to be read throughout the diocese today, addressing the assisted suicide bill. I'm sure than many of you, like me, messaged your MP with your objection to this proposal. You have an extra hour to do it today!

THE GOSPEL Jericho is the last village on the way to Jerusalem, and the excitement of the great revelation of Jesus at the Passion is already upon them. The cured beggar dances on the way with them. He is the only person in Mark to call Jesus 'Son of David', drawing attention to Jesus' messianic ancestry, ready for his messianic entry into Jerusalem. Thirdly, in Mark Jesus says 'Your faith has cured you' only twice. The first time was to the woman with a haemorrhage, who had shown her faith with great courage by daring to touch Jesus' garment in the crowd. Now Bartimaeus shows the same stubborn courage in carrying on shouting despite the attempts to silence him. So they both show with courage that they really do put their trust in Jesus and are confident that he will help. If our faith is to save us, it needs to be real, courageous and stubborn. Lukewarm, tentative faith is not enough.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE I was sad to hear of the death of neighbouring priest and friend **Fr Denis Maher**. He died in hospital on 17th Oct. He had lived in retirement in the presbytery of his last parish, St Paul's, Newton (Hyde). A frequent visitor to our churches for talks and meditations, he was hugely respected & loved. He deserves his eternal rest.

SAINTS ALIVE **St Simon**, is eleventh in the list of the twelve Apostles. He is known as Simon the Zealot, but nothing else is known about him. His other name of "Simon Cananaeus" simply adapts another Hebrew word for "zeal" and has nothing to do with the town of Cana. **St Jude, Apostle** also called Thaddaeus, is the one who at the Last Supper asked the Lord why he showed himself only to the disciples and not to the world. For many centuries he was scarcely venerated because people confused him with Judas Iscariot. He is the patron saint of lost and desperate causes.

NEXT FRIDAY is the 1st of November, the feast of All Hallows or All Saints. It is a holyday of obligation. Morning mass will be as usual at Immaculate Conception. However a second mass will be at 6pm at St Charles. Being a major solemnity the fasting and abstinence that is

customary on our Fridays is put aside. Sausages instead of Dover sole? Some choice!

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS I hope to make my customary visits on All Saints Day, 1st Nov.

NEW TRANSLATION OF THE LECTIONARY The Catholic Truth Society (CTS) will present a webinar for our diocese on Tues 5th Nov at 7pm to help us explore the new lectionary translation. The CTS has overseen the publication of the new lectionaries and will explore the reason for the new translation, the translation chosen, how we can prepare to hear and proclaim the scriptures in Mass. For more information & registration: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/our-new-lectionary-explained.

AND MOREOVER! St Anne's parish in Buxton has invited Fr. Joe O'Hanlon, a retired scripture professor, to come and speak to us about this new translation on Mon 11th Nov at 2:00 pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

OCTOBER DEVOTIONS my thanks to those who faithfully prayed the rosary day by day during October. May Our Lady smile upon you!

REUBEN'S RETREAT is a Glossop-based charity which collects used postage stamps to help in fundraising. There is a small box at the back of church for any used stamps which will be gratefully received by the charity. If you can help, thank you.

OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS begin their half term break this weekend. We wish staff and students a restful time. The half term break coincides of course with the month-end. All the spooky tat we have seen in local shops since August will doubtless be on display on Thursday, if that display is not been already in place for the last month. We urge tricksters to prefer to be treaters.

THE QUIZ NIGHT last Sunday evening was considered a happy event. Even the inquisitor enjoyed the occasion. We welcomed to the oratory many friends from other churches and local places. Thanks to the organisers for the arranging for the food preparation and service and of course the prize-giving. It's worthy of note that the winners and runners up received generous cash prizes which they immediately donated back to our church's charities. Indeed a happy occasion which many have said we ought to repeat. Well you're inquisitor is ready and willing!

THE MONTHLY devotional booklets have arrived. 'My Day by Day' has been snapped up with the usual alacrity. 'Magnificat's have also arrived for November and December. With the delivery came a note regretting a significant price increase from December. Magnificats with the new translation of the lectionary included from December the 1st will cost £6.50 each. Much cheaper I think than investing and a very expensive new missal. From December the 1st, Universalis, Magnificat and of course My Day by Day will carry the new lectionary translations.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS **St Charles** : M Wild (£40); M Hockey (£20); **BB** : M Dyson (£40); A Cave (£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.

FORTHCOMING SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENT

* **A CHEESE AND WINE EVENING** will be held next **Sunday 3rd November**, from 5 until 7.30 pm in the Oratory. If anyone would like to help at this event, or if they would like to join us on the Social Committee at St Charles, please contact either Christine James or Anne Heard.

NOVEMBER AHOY You can find at the back of church the usual slips and envelopes for your family/friends dead lists for prayerful remembrance during the month of the Holy Souls.

FREE TO GOOD HOMES An unknown but welcome visitor came to the door this week and handed over two large framed images of the Sacred Heart. These came from the home of a deceased relative. These can be found at the back of St Charles. I would be happy to come and bless the homes in which they would be honoured.

PROLIXITY OF PUMPKINS Have noticed in many emporia huge numbers of pumpkins. Huge, big, medium, small; orange and yellow in hue. I guess hundreds, nay thousands, of them hither & yon - even in every shop. Still to be sitting and rotting mid-week.

Has anyone considered the sanctity of God's providence in offering sustenance for us : rice, pasta, spuds, veg, fish, viands. What happens to the hundreds of wasted pumpkins after Thursday? Fed to swine? Probably prohibited. Consigned to landfill? Foodbanks? Answers on a postcard, or a letter to the MP!