



**CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE**



**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**SUNDAY XXXIII (b)  
(Celebration of St Hugh of Lincoln)  
17th Nov 2024**



*Fidelis  
Servus!*

***I am the Good Shepherd!***

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>MASS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
Sun 17th	<b>(Sunday XXXIII) Mass texts: St Hugh of Lincoln</b> 9.15 (BB) Fr B Choyce RIP (DW) 11am (HAD) Brother Philip's welfare (Weds Gp) <i>(First Holy Communion enrolment during Mass)</i>	
Mon 18th	<b>Dedication of Basilicae of Ss Peter &amp; Paul</b> 9.30 (HAD) for the parish	
Tues 19th	<b>feria</b> <i>No parish Mass today</i>	
Weds 20th	<b>feria</b> <i>No parish Mass today (Mass elsewhere for J Eaton RIP (VG))</i>	
Thurs 21st	<b>Presentation of Our Lady</b> 9.30 (HAD) Colin Brazier RIP (fam)	
Fri 22nd	<b>St Cecilia</b> 9.30 (BB) Fr Denis Maher RIP (D&CN)	
Sat 23rd	<b>St Clement / St Columban</b> 9.30 (HAD) J Eaton RIP (D&CN)	
Sun 24th	<b>CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE</b> 9.15 (B) dec'd of the Dunne & Thackeray fams (fam) 11am (HAD) Madge & Derek Garlick RIP (fam) <i>after Mass HAD parish council; 3.30 Lectors' meeting</i>	

  

<p><b>ST HUGH OF LINCOLN</b></p> <p>Psalter Week 1</p> <p><b>Introduction to the Word</b> : We celebrate a true shepherd who in trying times led the Lord's flock in the diocese of Lincoln.</p> <p><b>First Reading</b> : Ezek 3 : We must warn the wicked away from their wrongdoing.</p> <p><b>Second Reading</b> : 2 Cor 4: God's power shines through poor earthenware jars</p> <p><b>Gospel</b> : Mt 9 The dangers of the sheep without a true shepherd.</p> <p><b>COMM. ANT</b> : <b>THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL, BUT THE LABOURERS ARE FEW.</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, Jean Ashton, Bro Philip Revell, Beatrice Eaton, Keith Winston.

**Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time;** Revv Bill Purdy, Joe Neary, John Dewar; Kieran Grogan, Michael Fernley, Michael Wenner. May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen

## PARISH NOTES

**THIS SUNDAY** our diocese in honouring St Hugh of Lincoln, the secondary patron of our diocese. I'm sure you know who is the principle patron—or should that be 'matron'? St Hugh was an outstanding Bishop, who did much to resist bigotry and the persecution of Jewry in that city.

**POPE FRANCIS** has declared Sunday 17 November 2024 to be the eighth **World Day of the Poor**, with the theme of "The prayer of the poor rises up to God."

**THE GOSPEL** The Good Shepherd needed to be on the alert to save the sheep from hurting themselves. So Jesus as the good shepherd is kept well occupied by our foibles, our stubbornness, our mistakes and our fears. It is questionable whether in real life a shepherd should lay down his life for his sheep: what would happen to the remainder of the flock? But it is an expression of his whole-hearted devotion to the sheep, and an assimilation to the case of Jesus.

**SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION** is taken this Sunday to support our hospices in or near the diocese. This commitment comes in the wake of the Catholic opposition to The Assisted Suicide bill. Please be generous!

**WEEKDAY MASS-ATTENDERS** should note that there will be no public parish Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. There is an important meeting of clergy in Nottingham on Tuesday. On Wednesday I hope to concelebrate the 11am Requiem Mass for John Eaton RIP at All Saints.

**SAINTS ALIVE St Hugh of Lincoln (1140 - 1200)** was born near Grenoble in France and entered the Carthusian monastery of La Grande Chartreuse at the age of 25. In 1175 he was asked by King Henry II of England to become prior of a Carthusian house in England, and a decade later he was appointed bishop of Lincoln, a post which he accepted only when directly commanded to do so by the prior of La Grande Chartreuse. His diocese was the largest in England, and he spent the rest of his life in ceaseless work there. He delegated much authority. He was a friend (and critic) of successive kings, but also worked with his own hands on the extension of his cathedral. He gained a great reputation for justice, the care of the sick, and the support of the oppressed: he risked his life to help the Jewish community. He died in London on 16 November 1200 and was declared a saint in 1220, the first Carthusian to be canonized. **The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul** Already in the twelfth century there was being celebrated today the anniversary of the dedication of the basilicas of St Peter at the Vatican and St Paul in the Via Ostiense by Pope St Silvester and Pope St Siricius in the fourth century. More recently this commemoration has been extended to the whole Church, honouring the two greatest apostles of Christ just as the anniversary of the dedication of St Mary Major (5 August) celebrates the motherhood of the Virgin Mother of God. **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** In unity with Eastern Christianity, and commemorating the dedication in 543 of the New Basilica of Saint Mary, built next to the Temple at Jerusalem, this feast celebrates Mary's "dedication" of herself to God from her infancy, inspired by the Holy Spirit, whose grace had filled her ever since her immaculate conception. **St Cecilia** Devotion to St Cecilia, in whose honour a basilica was constructed in Rome in the fifth century, has spread far and wide because of the Passion of Saint Cecilia, which holds her up as a perfect example of a Christian woman, who embraced virginity and suffered martyrdom for the love of Christ. Her association with music is also a mystery. It may be real, or it may come from the description in the Passion of Cecilia singing to God "in her heart" while the musicians were

playing on her wedding day, or it may come from a linguistic confusion: where the Passion describes her being stifled to death *candentibus organis*, "with the pipes glowing red-hot," this could have been misread as *cantantibus organis*, "with the organ playing." Her patronage of church music allows us to give thanks to those who support our worship with their musical skills. God Bless you all!

**ST CHARLES PARISHIONERS** welcome this weekend the enrolment of the first Holy Communion candidates. They come with their families, catechists & teachers. Thus they begin their journey of faith towards receiving our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time in June 2025. We shall surely support them in their journey of faith, asking them to pray for us as we pray for them.

**THE ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL.** We have received much information from bishops as to how best to encourage our MPs to vote against this legislation. On the Catholic Bishops conference for England and Wales website you will find comprehensive statements setting out the reasons for our opposition. I hope you will find your way too that website and make contact with your MP. Additionally we have received cards and entitled "Assist us to live not to die" which contain a postcard to be sent to MPs registering our defence of human life from womb to tomb. These cards are available from the back of the church.

**WORSHIPPERS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** will discover information sheets encouraging use of Gift Aid in support of parish funds. Please feel free to take home a copy and follow the guidance given there.

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST** My thanks to those parishioners who handed in November dead lists. Those who have included Mass intentions will have those Masses offered either during November or later during the year. There are still envelopes and intention sheets to be found at the back of church; the list will be extended as needful.

**JOINT PARISHES GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW** tickets are available now to share with family and friends. Please support this essential fundraiser. Donations of prizes and 'small, special, luxury long life food items towards luxury hampers' will be welcome. The draw will take place on Sun 15th December 2024. Your representatives are Carole Wardle (HAD) and Sue Hickinson (BB).

**ST CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** Next Sunday 24th after 11am Mass.

**WITH THE ARRIVAL** of the new **Lectionaries for Mass** in parishes, please consider watching this helpful video, produced by the Archdiocese of Saint Andrew's and Edinburgh: Fr Paul Denney on "The New Lectionary" : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OjCcYGD5Mk>

**CALLING ALL LECTORS** Please note that next Sunday afternoon **24th of November at 3:30** there will be a meeting of all lectors whether actual, prospective, hopeful or just interested. This meeting will allow chance to discover the new Lectionaries and take time to become familiar with the text and the proclamation of the readings. Lectors from both parishes should come to St Charles oratory for that meeting.

**HADFIELD CHURCHES TOGETHER AFTERNOON TEA** Tickets for the November 30th event at Hadfield Methodist Church are available to purchase after Sunday's Mass today at £7 each. The event, organised by "Churches Together in Hadfield" is to support local charities, in particular those in our community who are struggling to put food on the table. Tickets from either Sue Hoolahan or Rob Cranston.

**RECENT TOTE WINNERS** St Charles : J Ashton (£40); A Wilkie (£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.

**SEASONAL FAYRES** Sat 30th Nov : BB church; Fri 6th Dec, St Charles school, 3.30pm. Helpers are welcome at both occasions.

**MYSTIC MOMENTS** Monday's funeral at St Charles was memorable for many reasons. We were celebrating the funeral rites of Lynn Langton who died aged 60. Being a lady with Downs Syndrome she had spent her life "in care". The heartfelt tributes of those who loved her and cared for her were very touching. These tributes and fond memories came at the time when much consideration is given to assisted suicide. Some of the most vociferous voices against this bill come from the disadvantaged of the human family, the disabled or handicapped. Many of Lynn's friends were in the congregation. They too would be classed as disabled. But they were certainly able to pray and to sing – in their own way, and in their own time and tune. They joined in heartily with the responses and the prayers. It was a joy for us to share cheerful memories of Lynn with them and with those who loved her. Special people! Holy people! Joyful people!

