



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

**SOLEMNITY OF
CHRIST THE KING
24th Nov 2024**



*Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb,
the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall
never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.*

*Angels, saints and nations sing :
“Praise be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!”*

So you are a King, then?

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 24th	CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE 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 (HAD) Lectors' meeting</i>	
Mon 25th	St Catherine of Alexandria 9.30 (HAD) Gerry Phelan RIP	
Tues 26th	feria 9.30 (HAD) for the parish	
Weds 27th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Eric Gebbett RIP (CB)	
Thurs 28th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Mary Conneely RIP	
Fri 29th	feria 9.30 (BB) Kenneth Rogan RIP	
Sat 30th	St Andrew, apostle 9.30 (HAD) Carmel RIP	<i>Seasonal Fayre at BB church)</i>
Sun 1st Dec	Advent I 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) JF Ghibaut RIP (MD)	

CHRIST THE KING (B)	
Psalter Week 2	
Introduction: Christ, crowned with kingly thorns, is King of Heaven and earth.	
First Reading : Dan 7 : His reign is eternal.	
Resp.Ps. THE LORD IS KING, WITH MAJESTY ENROBED	
Second Reading : Rev 1 : Jesus Christ, the rule of the kings of earth.	
Gospel : Jn 18 : It is you that say I am a king!	
Comm ant:	THE LORD SITS AS KING FOREVER: THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE.

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 Peter O'Dowd, Cyril Gryce, Joe Neary, Michael Lynch; John Atherton, Gordon Williamson, Barbara Burwood, William Farrell, Lucy Cox: May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY *The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe* was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, and celebrated on the final Sunday of the liturgical year. The Pope asserted that the most effective defence against the destructive forces of the age is the recognition of the kingship of Christ; and, furthermore, a feast which is celebrated every year by everyone is a far better way of deploying that defence than any number of books written by learned people. This Sunday is also declared **World Youth Day**. A happy coincidence is that the Holy Father has accepted a miracle wrought through the intercession of the teenager Blessed Carlo Acutis. He is to be canonised in April. Deo Gratias!

THE GOSPEL READING In some ways this dreadful scene is part of the climax of John's Passion Narrative. Throughout the narrative John stresses the ultimate significance of the events, taking the stress off Jesus' suffering and humiliation, and laying it on his triumph. Finally Jesus will die only when he has completed his mission, and hands over his Spirit to the newly-formed Christian community of Mary and the Beloved Disciple. In this scene the Jewish authorities have denounced Jesus as claiming to be king of the Jews, not knowing how true that claim is. Jesus declares that his kingdom is no earthly kingdom, but far more powerful and meaningful. By his statement he invites Pilate to declare himself for the truth, as any judge should do. Now Pilate three times declares Jesus innocent, but at the same time makes a mockery of himself, as he stands before Truth itself, and asks what is truth. Then he seats Jesus on the Judgement Seat, robed and crowned as a king. Before this Jesus, enthroned as judge and king, the Jewish authorities deny themselves and their faith by declaring, 'We have no king but Caesar'. If God is not king, Judaism has no reason to exist.

SAINTS ALIVE *St Catherine of Alexandria (d. 305)* Legends coming from a number of sources say that St Catherine was very outspoken at the time of the persecutions of Christians. She even protested openly to the emperor Maxentius who had her arrested, tortured on the wheel and decapitated in 305. St Catherine's courage is a great challenge to all African Christians in their struggle for justice and peace. The witness of her life and her readiness to die for the faith encourages us to be brave witnesses to the Lord and to speak out on behalf of all those who suffer. **St Andrew the Apostle** was born in Bethsaida, in Galilee, and worked as a fisherman. He may have been a disciple of St John the Baptist. He became one of the first to follow Jesus and introduced his brother, Simon Peter, to him. As one of the twelve Apostles he was widely venerated in ancient times, and became patron saint of Scotland because according to legend some of his bones were brought there and buried at the place where the town of St Andrew's now stands.

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 This Sunday 24th after 11am Mass.

CALLING ALL LECTORS The new translation comes into use next Sunday. Please note that this 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.

NOTES FROM THE DIOCESE

***PRIESTLY VOCATION** Do you feel that God might be calling you to the priesthood? If so, please contact Father Neil Peoples, Vocations Director, at vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk to book a place at the next discernment meeting, taking place in Cathedral House, Nottingham, NG1 5AE after 10.00am Mass on Saturday 7th December.

***TAKE TIME IN ADVENT**, an afternoon of **prayer and reflection for Advent on Sunday 8th December** between 2.00pm and 4.30pm in the Presentation Convent, Matlock DE4 3FT. The afternoon will be led by Sister Angela Murphy and Friends of Nano. The suggested donation is £5; please contact Sister Susan religious@dioceseofnottingham.uk for more information, or to book a place.

***MEN'S SPIRITUAL EXERCISES, Monday 31st March – Saturday 5th April 2025** A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, by the Benedictine Monks of Saint Joseph's Abbey, France. Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>
A WORKING WEEK it has been a busy time both at Immaculate Conception church and St Charles. During the week a new flooring and carpeting has been laid at Immaculate Conception. This work has been carried out very professionally and more than satisfactorily. At St Charles a gifted decorator has come and restored the rather weary oratory with a superb painting job. All thanks to them both, but also to those dedicated parishioners who came and prepared and tidied up and cleaned after everything had been done.

PUBLICATIONS As we approach the month-end, our usual publications are at hand: The Diocesan Newspaper; a booklet for the 'Jubilee Year of Hope' (which begins in December); "Magnificat" for December (now costing £6.50!); "My Day by Day" for Advent (starts next Sunday) - Free!

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL is being debated and voted-upon next Friday. Please make sure your MP knows you encourage him/her to vote against this bill

HADFIELD CHURCHES TOGETHER AFTERNOON TEA Tickets for the November 30th event at Hadfield Methodist Church (2-4pm) 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** : P James (£40); N Garlick (£20); **BB**: M Blackburn (£40); B Eaton (£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 Whilst waiting on Wednesday for the late John Eaton's cortege to arrive outside All Saints church: to see the gentle falling of the frost-freed leaves from a couple of trees nearby. A fitting tribute to a mighty man, and somehow symbolic of death and new life. Those trees will spring back to life & loveliness next spring. John's fullest life of grace began with help of our prayers. And on frosty Friday morning, reluctantly drawing back the curtains at 6.15 to see how much snow had fallen overnight to see a cheeky fox striding purposefully across the rectory lawn towards the garden gate. Preying rather than praying perhaps.