



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



PARISH NEWSLETTER

**SUNDAY II in ordinary time (C)
19th Jan 2025**



*In his message, for Peace Sunday
Pope Francis talks about
“hearts not set on
calculating what is mine and what is yours;
hearts that turn
selfishness into readiness to reach out
to others; hearts that see
themselves as indebted to God
and thus prepared to forgive the
debts that oppress others;
hearts that replace anxiety about the
future
with the hope that every individual
can be a resource for
the building of a better world”*

Do whatever he tells you!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 19th	Sunday II in ordinary time 9.15 (BB) Ellen Storey RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) E Hockey RIP	
Mon 20th	Ss Fabian & Sebastian; Bl Cyprian Tansi 9.30 (HAD) for the parish	
Tues 21st	St Agnes, martyr 9.30 (HAD) Holy Souls	
Weds 22nd	St Vincent, deacon 9.30 (HAD) Dead List <i>Noon (BB) funeral of Patrick Gogarty RIP</i>	
Thurs 23rd	feria 9.30 (HAD) P&S Burke	
Fri 24th	St Francis de Sales 9.30 (BB) A&T Robinson <i>5pm (HAD) Evening Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	
Sat 25th	CONVERSION OF ST PAUL 9.30 (HAD) Dead List	
Sun 26th	Sunday III (Sunday of the Word of God) 9.15 (BB) thanksgiving (SQ) 11am (HAD) for the parish	

SECOND SUNDAY Psalter Week 2

Introduction: Christ's third epiphany - at the Cana wedding feast.

First Reading : **Is 62** : The groom's love for his bride.

**Resp.Ps. PROCLAIM THE WONDERS OF THE LORD AMONG
ALL THE PEOPLES**

Second Reading : **1 Cor 12** : One Spirit, many gifts.

Gospel : **Jn 2** : Mary said : 'Do whatever he bids.'

Comm ant: **WE HAVE COME TO KNOW AND
TO BELIEVE IN THE LOVE THAT GOD HAS FOR US.**

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, Maura Farrell, Joan Killeen, Winifred Cook, Rita Dwyer, Una Wilkinson, Christine Wild, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Gordon Handley, 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 Emil Puttman, Dennis Higgins, Austin Williamson, Philip O'Dowd; *Veronica Gray, Eileen Goddard, Margaret Chatterton, Monica O'Hare, Julian Churchman: May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen*

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY There are three Epiphanies in the early part of Christ's earthly life. Firstly, the visit of the Magi to worship and endow the infant in the manger. Secondly the revelation of Christ's identity at his Baptism, with the Father's voice telling "this is my Son". And finally, as heard in today's Gospel, the first miracle/sign publicly worked by Jesus, as his mother's instigation. All the epiphanies seek to answer the question "who on earth is He?". We come to Mass to another Epiphany in his word and sacrament.

PEACE SUNDAY is the designation given to the second Sunday in Ordinary time. Since its establishment in 1967 by Pope St Paul VI, the Popes have taken the World Day of Peace on 1 January as an opportunity to offer a message on peace-related topics. Every year, with Pax Christi, we promote Peace Sunday on the second Sunday in Ordinary Time as a way of observing the World Day of Peace and promoting the Pope's message for that year. Pope Francis' message for the World Day of Peace has been published and his theme is '**Forgive us our trespasses: Grant us your peace**'. The message speaks of how we must listen to the 'pleas of an endangered humanity', how the year of Jubilee inspires us to seek the liberating justice of God in our world and how by '**opening our hearts to our brothers and sisters, we will restore God's justice on earth**' and '**move forward to achieve the goal of peace**'.

FURTHERMORE this Sunday has a "Jubilee 2025" designation. The world Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity began yesterday, Sat 18th. Our diocese has sent this information on to us: '**JUBILEE OF ECUMENICAL INITIATIVES**'. The Sunday during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an opportunity to celebrate all the various initiatives which happen across our diocese allowing Christians of different traditions to come together more closely, both in pastoral service and in prayer. Alongside the various Week of Prayer activities happening in the diocese, there are particular intercessions which might be prayed at Masses on the Second Sunday of the Year, and can be used in parishes and schools are any other time during the Week, between Saturday 18th and Saturday 25th January 2025.

THE GOSPEL Year C is the year of Luke's gospel, but we start with this reading from John, the symbolic beginning of Jesus' ministry. It is full of riches. After the first reading from Isaiah it is impossible not to see this 'sign' (as John calls it) as a sign of that final wedding-feast of God and his people. Furthermore, in Jewish thought water represents the Law: in an arid land water is the sign of life and is precious – just so the Law of God is precious and gives life. Jesus transforms this water of the Law into the wine of the New Covenant – and in such generous quantities, over one hundred gallons of wine! Then there is Mary's part:

Jesus says his Hour has not yet come (and the reader knows that the Hour of Jesus will be the moment of his exaltation at the Cross and Resurrection), but Mary's confident plea is a reminder to us of the power of her intercession. She will be mentioned no more in this gospel till she is present at the Cross, sharing the passion of her Son and joined to the Beloved Disciple to form the first Christian community.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY began on the 18th, and continues until the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul on the 25th of January, next Saturday.

At St Charles next Friday 24th, we are having a celebration of Vespers for the Octave of Christian Unity at 5:00pm at St Charles. We have invited fellow-Christians from our area to join us. All are welcome to this inter-church time of prayer.

NEXT SUNDAY (26th) is dedicated as **Sunday of the Word** during which we give thanks to the gift of Sacred Scripture. **THE SECOND COLLECTION** for the sick and retired priests fund will be taken next Sunday.

ST CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL plans to meet after today's Sunday's 11am Mass.

USED STAMPS Used stamps are being collected in supported Reuben's Retreat, a local charity. Doubtless many people are receiving Christmas messages by post these days. Please remember to keep those used stamps to church.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles 1st, (£40) : M Stevenson, J Killeen; 2nd, (£20) C Brown, J Bradley.

CRIB DONATIONS will be sent to the Holy Childhood mission charity, to help needy children in Catholic parishes in the developing world.

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.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER given to the universal church by Pope Francis for this special year:

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.*

Amen

