



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

**Sunday V (c)
9th Feb 2025**



A Blessing Prayer for Those Who Are Sick

All praise and glory is yours,
Lord our God,
for you have called us
to serve you in love.
Bless those who suffer illness
in union with your Son's obedient suffering.

Restore them to health,
and lead them to glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Put out into the deep

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 9th	Sunday V 9.15 (BB) C Bermingham RIP (D&CN) 11am (HAD) Larry Farrell RIP (fam)	
Mon 10th	St Scholastica 9.30 (HAD) for the parish	
Tues 11th	Our Lady of Lourdes 9.30 (HAD) Dorothy Ryan RIP (KH)	
Weds 12th	feria no parish Mass today (<i>clergy training, Newark</i>)	
Thurs 13th	feria 9.30 (HAD) V Wathey RIP (CW) (7pm Matlock meeting)	
Fri 14th	Ss CYRIL & METHODIUS patrons of Europe 9.30 (BB) Mavis Southern RIP (AU)	
Sat 15th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Rita Ryan RIP (KH)	
Sun 16th	Sunday VI 9.15 (BB) Patsie Dunne RIP (BC) 11am (HAD) for the parish	

FIFTH SUNDAY c

Psalter week 1

Introduction : With the apostles we hear the Lord say :Come, follow me, and be fishers of men.

1st Reading: Is 6 : Isaiah responds to the Lord`s invitation : *Here I am, Lord; send me!*

Responsorial Psalm: **BEFORE THE ANGELS I WILL BLESS YOU O LORD**

2nd Reading : 1 Cor 15: St Paul is in unity of faith and preaching with the original apostles.

Gospel : Lk 5 : The first apostles "left everything and followed Him."

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 parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Norman Mellor, Lisa-Marie Dineley, Sandra Murphy, Eileen Blomeley: May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY is the Fifth in ordinary time. We reflect on The Call of God, and our own calling as disciples by hearing of the call of Isaiah and the call of Peter. This is the earliest New Testament text about the resurrection, and Paul relates his own call to this.

AT ST CHARLES we welcome the First Holy Communion candidates coming for their 'Mass of Affirmation'. It is pleasing that the children and their families have help in preparing the reading and prayers for today.

THE GOSPEL There were obviously several different versions circulating in the early Church of the call of the first disciples. If you try, in your own family, to work out a single version of an important experience that affected you all, you will find the same phenomenon: the event itself is so bright that you are too dazzled to agree on the details that surrounded it. In Mark and Matthew Jesus is passing along the shore of the lake when he calls two pairs of disciples. In John it takes place where John the Baptist was preaching. The story in Luke has many similarities to the story at the end of John's gospel after the Resurrection, when the risen Christ commissions Peter: a night of failed fishing, followed by a huge catch in obedience to Jesus' instructions. The Church has always seen this as a sign of the need for obedience to Christ. Luke's version here combines the same play on words as in Mark and Matthew about fishing for people. Luke sets the story a little later: in Mark the fishermen have never seen Jesus and follow him blindly; in Luke Peter and his friends have already got to know Jesus before they are commissioned. A special feature in Luke is Peter's cry that he is an unworthy sinner. Luke often teaches us that no one can be a disciple of Jesus without first admitting their sinfulness: Zacchaeus the tax-collector, and the woman who wept at Jesus' feet (Luke 7.36-50) are other examples.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK St Scholastica (480 - 547) was born in Nursia, Italy. She was twin sister of St Benedict. She was dedicated to God from an early age and followed her brother to Cassino, where she died in about 547. **Our Lady of Lourdes** In 1858 the immaculate Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, near Lourdes in France, in the cavern called "de Massabielle." Through this poor, fourteen-year-old girl, Mary calls on sinners to change their lives. She has inspired in the Church a great love of prayer and good works, especially in the service of the poor and the sick. **St Methodius (826? - 885)** was born in Thessalonica. With his brother Cyril he went to Moravia to preach the faith. They translated liturgical texts into the Slavonic language and invented the Glagolitic and possibly also the Cyrillic alphabet. After his brother's death he went to Pannonia, where he was assiduous in the work of evangelization. In the complicated international politics of the time, he suffered much from attacks by his enemies, but he was always supported by the Popes. He died on 6 April 885.

ON WEDNESDAY OF THIS WEEK the diocesan clergy are summoned to Holy Trinity Newark parish hall to spend several hours in another tranche of safeguarding training. This is decreed to be mandatory and needful to continue in active ministry. May the guardian angels keep us safe on the journey hither & thither. **DEANERY ROAD SHOW** on Thursday evening at St Joseph's church parish hall in Matlock the peak Deanery is invited to come together for two hours of guidance on forthcoming diocesan initiatives. Doubtless we will hear much from the Bishop on Missionary outreach, from the chief operating officer who will speak more about the financial constraints of the diocesan budget. The VG perhaps will speak to the issue of more future parish amalgamations. And doubtless there will be a time to ask questions and gain further information. Sadly our Deanery HQ is 35 miles away in Matlock and the guardian angels will have to be on extra duty again to guide us safely hither & thither on a February night.

A CHANCE ENCOUNTER For countless years I was a frequent visitor at Oakford Manor care home - indeed even to celebrate Mass with the many Catholic residents in that place. It was a place to find many outstanding parishioners of yesteryear and keep company with them. That care home closed down a few years ago. After visiting folk in next-door Oakford Court apartments, I found myself in conversation with the two new proprietors of what will be a new care and nursing home, reviving as 'Hope Valley Care and Nursing Home'. They were very engaging, encouraging and welcoming. They invite all and sundry to come on Friday morning the 21st of February to tour the new development and meet them. That care centre is found next to Glossopdale Community School, Newshaw Lane. It plans to open before the month-end.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK comes into the liturgical calendar on Tuesday of this week, 11th of February. This is the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, our lady Queen of the Sick. We are invited to pause and bring to mind those amongst us who are sick in care homes at home or in hospitals and even spend time in their company. Holy Father Pope Francis has sent an encouraging message to guide us into and through this special day in the calendar. "We are celebrating the 33rd World Day of the Sick in the Jubilee Year 2025, in which the Church invites us to become "pilgrims of hope". The word of God accompanies us and offers us, in the words of Saint Paul, an encouraging message: "Hope does not disappoint" (Romans 5:5); indeed, it strengthens us in times of trial. These are comforting words, but they can also prove perplexing, especially for those who are suffering. How can we be strong, for example, when our bodies are prey to severe, debilitating illnesses that require costly treatment that we may not be able to afford? How can we show strength when, in addition to our own sufferings, we see those of our loved ones who support us yet feel powerless to help us? In these situations, we sense our need for a strength greater than our own. We realize that we need God's help, his grace, his Providence, and the strength that is the gift of his Spirit."

Incidentally, this Sunday is honoured as the Jubilee of those who work with the sick for their care and treatment.

TOTE WINNERS St Charles 1st, (£40) : N Garlick; 2nd, (£20) M Wild.

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 "St Charles church/collection (or tote)" 00269177.

CLOSING DOWN Lloyds Bank in Glossop is due to close in a year's time. We take our cash & cheques there. This will become problematic next year. Please support church & tote by standing order or Bank Transfer.

MASS INTENTIONS I continue to be grateful for your Mass Intentions. Sometimes people ask for anonymity, which I respect. Others ask for publicity: the newsletter fulfils that request. If you want your intention to be announced during the celebration of the Mass, please note that request on the Mass Intention envelopes found at the back of church.

AND FINALLY I hope I'm the only parishioner to be constantly frustrated by the request to "enter password" only to find that it's been lost or changed. This led me to wonder what the password is to access the Heavenly Courts. I think I'll try 'Christus Vincit; Christus Regnat; Christus Imperat', and hope that St Peter hasn't changed it to something more contemporary.

