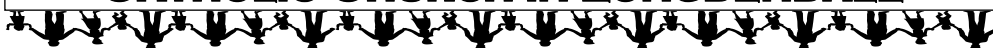




CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday VII (c)

23rd Feb 2025



Loving and Merciful God,
We come before You in prayer, lifting up Your
servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need.

You are the Source of all healing,
and we ask You to surround him with Your
loving presence,
granting him strength and recovery.
May Your divine grace rest upon him,
restoring his health and filling him
with renewed vigour to continue leading Your
Church with compassion and wisdom.
We offer this prayer in the name of Your Son,
Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in
the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Be compassionate!

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| DATE | MASS | OTHER |
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| Sun 23rd | Sunday VII 9.15 (BB) Holy Souls 11am (HAD) for the parish | |
| Mon 24th | feria 9.30 (HAD) Carol Byrne RIP (KH) | |
| Tues 25th | feria 9.30 (HAD) Christine & Steven Perry RIP (KH) | |
| Weds 26th | feria 9.30 (HAD) Mary Davison RIP (PA) | |
| Thurs 27th | St Mgt Clitheroe & all female martyrs of the Reformation 9.30 (HAD) Teresa Philips welfare (NS) | |
| Fri 28th | feria 9.30 (BB) the faithful departed | |
| Sat 1st Mar | ST DAVID, patron of Wales 9.30 (HAD) Dead list | |
| Sun 2nd | Sunday VIII 9.15 (BB) private intention 11am (HAD) for the parish | |

SEVENTH SUNDAY (C)

Psalter Week 3

Introduction to the Readings : Loving those who hurt us is hard. Yet Christ demands we even love our enemies - as He did.

First Reading: 1 Sam 26 : David forgives Saul, and refuses to wound him

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord is compassion and love.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15 : Be modelled on the heavenly One.

Gospel : Luke 6 : The Father shows his compassion for us in Christ, who forgives his enemies and dies for them.

Comm ant: **LORD, I HAVE COME TO BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE THE CHRIST,
THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD, WHO IS COMING INTO THIS WORLD.**

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 clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Revv Edward Walker, Herbert Bowker, Bishop Restieux, Willie O'Dowd; *Patrick McKenna, Ian Morris, Josie Couban, Dominic Keily, Dorothy Yarwood: May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen*

PARISH NOTES

***THIS SUNDAY** is the Seventh in ordinary time. In today's Mass, a profound yet challenging message: Love your Enemies. Christ expects us to embrace the ethics of the Kingdom of God. David spares Saul, but falls short of what Christ asks of us in the new covenant. Paul tells us that, like Christ, our earthly bodies will be replaced by heavenly bodies.*

***ALSO TODAY** The Jubilee of the Permanent Diaconate is celebrated in Rome. A chance for us to reflect with thanksgiving the service given to the church by these ordained ministers.*

***THE GOSPEL** Luke's version of the Beatitudes puts the emphasis not on Christian attitudes, as Matthew's version does, but on the blessing on those in real, dire need. Now Luke continues this with our duty to respond to those in need, even if they are hostile, even if they hate us. There must be no calculation whether we will get back money or property lent, no limit to how much we lend or give. At first it seems that Luke is concerned only with money, and indeed he is so concerned, for he is always warning of the danger of possessions and the need to use them for those who have none. Luke is proclaiming Christ's Good News to a more affluent society than Mark or Matthew, and places all the more emphasis on the danger of wealth. But after dealing with money Luke goes on to other acts of generosity. We must not judge, but must forgive in order to obtain forgiveness. Most of all, we must be compassionate. Whereas Matthew ends his instructions here with the general, 'Be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect', Luke focuses on compassion, 'Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate'. It is an affair of the heart: we must be emotionally involved with those in need.*

***A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES St Margaret Clitherow.** Margaret was born in York around 1553, lived there all her life, and died there on 25 March 1586. At 15, she married a butcher, John Clitherow, and three years later became a Catholic. Imprisoned for her non-attendance at church, she taught herself to read and later ran a small school for her own and her neighbours' children. Her husband remained Protestant, but allowed her to hide priests in their house. It is said that she used to visit the Knavesmire (the Tyburn of the North) to pray for those who had been martyred there. She saw that her children were all educated in the faith through the services of a young man who had been imprisoned for his faith in York Castle. She knew this prison well having been detained there several times for non-attendance at Church of England services. In 1586 the secret hiding places in her home were discovered, and Margaret was arrested. In order to prevent her children and servants from being questioned (and to protect her children from destitution if she was found guilty) she refused to plead, thus preventing a trial. The punishment for this was being laid on sharp stones and then crushed to death. Her body was secretly buried by the authorities but was later discovered by friends, who buried her privately elsewhere; though the place of her burial has not yet been found. Her daughter Anne was imprisoned for four years for refusing to attend a Church of England service, and finally became a nun at St Ursula's, Louvain. Her sons Henry and William became priests. **St David (520 - 589)** The earliest life of St David dates from five centuries after his death, probably in 589. He became eminent as abbot and bishop at the site now known as St David's, but formerly Mynyw, from which the present diocese of Menevia is named. Monks trained at his monastery evangelized South Wales and made foundations in Cornwall, Brittany and Ireland. St David is said to have sent a Mass rite to Ireland. After his death his holy relics were hidden in the fabric of St David's Cathedral, where*

they are carefully preserved. He was canonized by Pope Callistus II in 1123.

TOTE WINNERS St Charles 1st,(£40) : K Holtom; 2nd, (£20) K Corker.

Immaculate Conception : 1st,(£40) : K Cass; 2nd, (£20) A Cass.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC RETREAT: This will be taking place at the Annunciation church in New Mills (St Mary's Road, SK22 3BW) on Saturday 8th March from 9.30am. The day will consist of two sessions, one exploring the Eucharistic miracles that have taken place over the years and the second reflecting on the meaning of the Eucharist, particularly the Mass. There will also be a Mass, followed by a period of Adoration, during which there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The day will finish at 3.30pm so please bring a packed lunch. Attendance at this day would also satisfy the requirements for Eucharistic Ministers to attend an annual renewal day although all are welcome to come along and learn more about our faith.

PUBLICATIONS March begins this week, and Ash Wednesday is ten days away. The familiar 'My day by day' and 'Magnificat' are found at the back of church.

THE BISHOP'S LENTEN JUBILEE MASS for the Peak deanery is celebrated on Tuesday 11th March at 7pm at St Joseph's church in Matlock. All are invited to attend. If anyone planning to travelling has a spare seat, please let me know!

SING THE MASS, a day for parish choirs, cantors and anyone who believes that the one who sings prays twice, will cover: Psalms from the new lectionary; Chants in the missal; and Entrance and communion antiphons. The Day will be held at Saint Wilfrid of York, Coalville, LE67 3JB, on **Saturday 15th March**, from 10.30am for 11.00am start. Bring a packed lunch, hot drinks are provided. The Day concludes with Sunday Mass at 4.00pm, singing what we have learnt. The facilitators are: Lynda Durcan and Father Colin Patey, and the cost is £5, payable on the day. For enquiries and to book: singthecatholicmass@gmail.com

FROM THE DIOCESE

Parents' Retreat The Diocese of Nottingham is organising a day retreat for parents on **Sunday 16th March** at Our Lady of Lincoln Parish (LN2 2HE), 10.00am-3.30pm. The day will be led by Mike and Alicia Herson, international Catholic speakers and hosts of the successful podcast: 'The Messy Family Project'. The day will include Sunday Mass, talks, activities for Children, Eucharistic Adoration and more. Booking is essential. The cost is £25 per couple.

The **Diocesan Choir** is hosting a morning rehearsal for singers of the diocese to come together to learn music to sing at the Diocesan Chrism Mass. All are welcome! The morning is on **Saturday 5th April**, 10.30am-1.00pm; and the Chrism Mass on **Wednesday 16th April**, from 10.00am. To sign up contact cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.uk

LENT AHOY During the forthcoming penitential season of preparation for Holy Week and Easter, it is our custom to pray the Stations of the Cross in church. This is a welcome fragment of the devotional life of the church. It is not a liturgical event, and may be led by any prayer-intentioned person. Please let me know if you wish to lead The Stations at either church, and at which preferred time.

AND FINALLY please continue to pray for Pope Francis' recovery, and for the blessing of God's healing touch through those who care for him in hospital. May the Lord's will be done.

