



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

**Lent II (c)
16th March 2025**



ST PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart
of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who
speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

extract

and he was transfigured in their presence

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 16th	LENT II 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Mary Davison RIP (fam)	
Mon 17th	St Patrick, patron of Ireland, feastday 9.30 (HAD) Sp. Int (D&KH) 11am (HAD) funeral service, H Bailey RIP	
Tues 18th	Lent feria / St Cyril of Jerusalem 9.30 (HAD) B Kempster RIP (D&KH)	
Weds 19th	ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF OUR LADY (Solemnity) 9.30 (HAD) Harry Bailey RIP (P&PA)	
Thurs 20th	Lent feria 9.30 (HAD) faithful departed	
Fri 21st	Lent feria 9.30 (BB) Pr. int (3pm HAD, Stations of the Cross)	
Sat 22nd	Lent feria 9.30 (HAD) Sp int 10.30-11.30 : exposition & adoration	
Sun 23rd	LENT III 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Holy Souls	
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT		
Psalter Week 2		
Introduction to the Readings : <i>Our promised land is in Heaven. Christ calls us home, and wants to Transfigure our human bodies into glorious copies of His own.</i>		
First Reading : Gen 15 : God calls Abraham and establishes the Great Covenant with him.		
Responsorial Psalm : THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY HELP		
Second Reading : Philippians 3 : God will transfigure us into copies of His glorious Risen body.		
Gospel : Luke 9 : Jesus is transfigured, and awes his disciples. He is the Father's well-beloved Son!		
Comm ant : <i>THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED; LISTEN TO HIM.</i>		

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, Keith Winston.

Please recall in prayer our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Revv Tony Dolan, Arthur Bird, Paddy Reidy, James Earley; *Stephen Bardsley, Doris Howbrook, Jack Middleton, Moira Pendry, Jack Maycock, Irene Gardner, Kath Baker: May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen*

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY is the Second Sunday in Lent. Jesus pauses on his journey to Jerusalem, to invite Peter James and John to climb the mountain with him. Then the wonderful episode of the Transfiguration takes place. He seeks to strengthen the faith of his principal apostles against the disillusion and disaffection of his forthcoming suffering and death.

THE GOSPEL St Luke stresses that Jesus went up the mountain to pray. He frequently stresses Jesus' constant need for prayer, and many of Luke's parables are about prayer (the Importunate Widow and the Unjust Judge, the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector). Luke also details that Jesus, Moses and Elijah were conversing about his journey up to Jerusalem, a journey which is the theme of the latter half of Luke's gospel.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE We pray for the eternal rest of **Henry James Bailey (99)** (Oakford Court apartments) who died recently. His funeral service is being conducted on Monday 17th at St Charles at 11am. RIP.

SAINTS ALIVE Two great and important feastdays are found in the church's calendar this week. On Monday we honour **St Patrick**, rejoicing that he gave the gift of faith to the Irish people. We may pray that that same faith be strengthened in the hearts of the Irish people. On Wednesday we honour **St Joseph**, the husband of Mary. He is the patron of the universal church; he is the patron of the dying; he is the patron (note his lily-emblem) of holy purity. A much-needed intercessor in our times. **Since these are two important church feastdays, we can ease back a bit on Lenten self-denials.**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is arranged for Saturday mornings at St Charles. This devotion will be from 10.30 to 11.30, initially on the Saturdays of Lent. All, of course, are welcome.

DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT is being held at Ampleforth Abbey from Monday 17th. Neighbouring Fr Martin plans to take part in that retreat. My priests' retreat this year is scheduled for Stonyhurst retreat centre in the last week of April.

LENTEN CHARITIES Foodbank boxes are found at the back of both our churches. We will surely try during Lent to make sure they are fully filled!

CAFOD LENTEN FAMILY FAST DAY If you have brought a CAOD envelope, or wish to make a cash donation, please see the baskets at the back of church. For those who wish to donate to cancel by bank transfer the following details are helpful. Account name: CAFOD / Account number: 11769410 / Sort Code: 160030 / Bank: Royal Bank of Scotland.

MISSIO MAGAZINES for Spring are to hand and available free-of-charge from the back of church.

THE DIOCESAN WOMEN'S LENT RETREAT returns to Nottingham this year on Saturday 5th April. The theme of the retreat is 'The Sacred Heart: An Icon of Hope' and it will be given by Canon Jonathan Cotton. Venue : Good Shepherd Church, Nottingham (NG5 4HT). Holy Mass will be celebrated, talks, confession, social time and more. The cost of the day is £15, please bring a packed lunch. For more details and to book please see the poster in church or visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events.

ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT Join men from across the diocese on Saturday 12th April once again at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey. The theme of the retreat is 'The Journey Through Holy Week' and it will be given by Fr John Farrell OP, former provincial of the Dominican Order. The retreat will include Holy Mass in the Abbey, talks, confession, guided adoration and more. The cost of the day is £15, please bring a packed lunch. For more details and to book please see the poster in church or visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

A REMINDER that there will be an additional one-off second collection for the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, authorised by the Bishops of England and Wales, for the Third Sunday of Lent, next weekend, 23rd March.

LOOKING AHEAD Monsignor Moore has kindly agreed to come to the oratory at St Charles on two successive Saturday 29th March & 12th April in order to hear Confessions and offer absolution.

PLEASE NOTE THAT CONFESSIONS ON 5th APRIL ARE CANCELLED.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at St Charles on Friday afternoons at 3pm; at BB at 10am on Tuesdays.

GREEN FINGERS are urged to spend some time after BB Stations tending the rampant vegetation around the church.

A HOME BAKE is planned at Immaculate Conception for the Mothering Sunday (30th March) weekend. Calling all bakers for what you are willing to make and how many up to your willing to make. Contact either Sue Hickinson or Angie Cass and let them know what you are willing to make, and in what quantity.

TOTE WINNERS St Charles 1st,(£40) D Wilson; 2nd, (£20) D Want.

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.

POPE FRANCIS sent this message from his sick-bed in Gemelli Hospital in Rome:

"The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches... They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports... It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor. A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar... In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist... A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care... A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor... It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing. The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss. A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence. This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people. Do not criticize your body too much. Do not complain excessively. Do not lose sleep over bills. Make sure to hug your loved ones. Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless. Material goods must be earned by each person—do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance. You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect... Listen, perfection does not exist. A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here. Here, we are given an opportunity to learn. So, make the most of this trial of life—and do it now. Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path, and let go of the path others have chosen for you. Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere. Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely! And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator."

