



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Easter VI
25th May 2025



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY PRAYER

Dear God,

*Help us to be a church that:
Loves, welcomes, protects.
Listens, learns, serves.
Repents, restores, transforms.
Values, cares, believes.*

*God of Justice and compassion,
hear our prayer.*

Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray.

*In Jesus' name.
Amen*

Peace I bequeath to you

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St Philip Howard Secondary
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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 25th	EASTER VI 9.15 (BB) David Barnes RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) Charlotte's family intention	
Mon 26th	St Philip Neri (BANK HHOLIDAY) 9.00 (HAD) Bryan Gee RIP (MR) 10am (HAD) funeral service for Bryan Gee RIP	
Tues 27th	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY 9.30 (HAD) M&C Holtom RIP (fam)	
Weds 28th	Easter feria 9.30 (HAD) private int. 7pm (BB) (vigil Mass for the Ascension) pr.int.	
Thurs 29th	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD 9.30 (HAD) Bryan Gee RIP (fam)	
Fri 30th	Easter feria 9.30 (BB) Donal Cryan RIP (AM)	
Sat 31st	THE VISITATION OF OUR LADY 9.30 (HAD) for the parish	
Sun 1st June	SUNDAY VII of Easter 9.15 (BB) Cathy Norton's welfare (AC) 11am (HAD) Bryan Gee RIP (D&KH)	
<p align="center">SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTER (C)</p> <p align="center">Psalter Week 2</p> <p>Introduction: <i>The Holy Spirit is the radiant gift of God, bestowing the gift of peace.</i></p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 15 : The Holy Spirit guides the young church in its ways.</p> <p>Resp Ps: LET THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU, O GOD; LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU.</p> <p>2nd Reading : Rev 21 : The holy city (Jerusalem) is the city of peace.</p> <p>Gospel: Jn 14 : The Spirit will guide the church with his gifts of peace and wisdom</p> <p>Comm ant: <i>IF YOU LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, SAYS THE LORD, AND I WILL ASK THE FATHER AND HE WILL SEND YOU ANOTHER PARACLETE, TO ABIDE WITH YOU FOR EVER, ALLELUIA.</i></p>		

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, Maree Davies, Rita Dwyer, Christine Wild, Mike Lally, Sue Dickinson, Jacob Ibbotson, Gordon Handley, Jean Ashton, Wilf Toole, Bro Philip Revell, Keith Winston.

And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Revv Edward Hickey, John Mack, Joe Duggan; Anne Law, David Barnes, Patrick Kirwan, Clifford Yarwood, Helen McCarthy, Eleanor Brierley, Tommy Bricknell, Jozef Kuczaj, Anthony Bouchier, Elizabeth Jackson:
May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen

PARISH NOTES

TODAY IS DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY. This year's focus is on the theme of "The Empty Chair". Many of us are saddened by reducing numbers in our churches. This is happening for a wide variety of reasons, but our thoughts are on those who are not there because they have suffered abuse in a church setting and cannot face being here. They may be the families or friends of survivors. They may be former members of a community affected by allegations or convictions for abuse. They may be people who are simply so disgusted or ashamed by what they have heard about abuse within the Church that they no longer want to be part of it. All these groups and others are represented by "The Empty Chair".

What is Safeguarding? Safeguarding is about protecting ourselves and others from harm. We all get things wrong, and sometimes the things we do and say can hurt others, or we can get hurt by them. This can happen anywhere - at church, school, home, or with friends – and makes us feel sad, worried, or confused. Just like an umbrella that keeps us safe from the rain, safeguarding protects us from being hurt by others. It's important because each of us is special to God and deserves to feel, and be, safe. In our country we have rules and laws to help keep people safe. Just like a lollipop person helps us cross the road safely, we have people in our church who make sure we follow these rules to make it a safe place. Everyone has a job to do. If you ever feel worried, upset, or unsure about something that happened to you or someone else, tell someone you trust. By speaking up, we can help keep everyone safe. Remember, safeguarding is all about protecting ourselves and others from harm.

SAFEGUARDING If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact Karen Proctor. Email: Karen.ProctorPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk; / phone 07513 725411.

THE GOSPEL In these final discourses of Jesus at the Last Supper, as he sketches the outlines of his future Church, come four passages promising the coming of a Paraclete or Advocate, the Holy Spirit. 'Paraclete' and 'Advocate' mean the same: someone called to your side as a supporter, often in a legal situation. The Father will send this Paraclete, in the name and power of Jesus, so that the Paraclete will make Christ present in the Church, not physically but in a new way. The Paraclete will strengthen Jesus' disciples with Christ's own strength. The Paraclete will lead the disciples into all truth, so that they gradually come to a fuller understanding of all the implications of the teaching of Jesus. Like any legal advocate, the Paraclete will provide the followers of Jesus with power in teaching and argument to withstand opposition. This is the power which will guide the Church in ages to come, not only the official teachers of the Church, the successors of the apostles, but all the faithful who preserve and enrich the tradition of the Church by their prophetic office. The decree of Vatican II on the Church leaves no doubt that not only the call to sanctity but the prophetic office also extends to all the members of the Church, an inspiring and awesome responsibility.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

* **Alice Canning, (94)** late of All Saints, Glossop, Robinwood Lodge Gamesley, and The Lodge Care Home, Chapel en le Frith;

* **Andrew Wenner (70)**, erstwhile of Broadbottom Hall.

Alice's requiem Mass is indicated for 12.30 pm, All Saints Glossop on Mon 9th June. Andrew's funeral is pending. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord; and comfort those who mourn.

MAY PROCESSION is held at Immaculate Church this Sunday after the bidding prayers.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION is celebrated (40 days after Easter) next Thursday. Please note the timing of Masses. The vigil Mass on Wednesday evening is at 7pm at Immaculate Conception; the day-Mass is at 9.30 at Hadfield.

HADFIELD PARISHIONERS will take note that the members of the present parish council come to the end of their term of office in early June. We give thanks for their faithful service over some years. We are seeking nominations from parishioners who may wish to serve a brief term on the parish council over the next year or so. Please give this to your serious consideration either for yourself or for someone you might recommend. Furthermore St Charles parishioners will find the back of the church copies of present parish chairman Rob Cranston's report on the parish year. Please take a copy and read. Additionally, there are copies of the Parish Councillor application/recommendations form also there. Please take and follow the instructions!

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles 1st, (£40) N Collins; 2nd, (£20) S Shaw;

Immaculate Conception: 1st, (£40) M Blackburn; 2nd, (£20) S Bann.

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.

THE BB SPRING FAYRE took place in perfect sunshine, and raised (with supplementary donations) a magnificent £1200!

BANK HOLIDAY for once I'd be delighted if it rained this weekend, and have rediscovered my umbrella and dusted off in readiness. Hope that doesn't change God's mind!

SCHOOL'S OUT The extreme lateness of Easter this year means that suddenly it's half-term. Hope it's a restful time for staff and pupils.

NEXT SUNDAY is listed as World Communication Sunday. There will be a second collection that day.

LOOKING AHEAD

* **Quarant'ore** adoration is diaried for Fri 20th June at Immaculate Conception, and Saturday 21st at Hadfield, concluding with Benediction on Sunday 22nd (Corpus Christi).

* **First Holy Communions** are celebrated this year on 22nd June at St Charles.

DEACON OWEN is kindly offering to host occasional gatherings to look at the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. Please message him (or me) if you have an interest in this initiative.

GARDEN DELIGHTS Booking are being taken for a trip to Chatsworth Gardens on Thursday 19th June. Contact any member of the Wednesday Group for details.

CALLING FOUNDATION GOVERNORS A virtual information session about being a foundation governor in one of our Catholic schools is taking place on **Wednesday 18 June** from 7.00pm – 8.00pm. For further information, please contact: Gill Burns at the Diocesan Education Service (gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk).

