



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Easter VII
1st June 2025



Come, Holy Ghost, Creator, come

From Thy bright heav'nly throne;

Come, take possession of our souls,

And make them all Thine own.

May they all be one

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 1st June	SUNDAY VII of Easter (World Communications) 9.15 (BB) Cathy Norton's welfare (AC) 11am (HAD) Bryan Gee RIP (D&KH) <i>HAD finance cttee meeting after Mass;</i> <i>BB finance cttee meeting 2pm, f/by parish council meeting</i>	
Mon 2nd	Ss Marcellinus & Peter 9.00 (HAD) dec'd of Haley & Kempster fams RIP (D&KH) <i>10am (HAD) funeral service for Bryan Gee RIP</i>	
Tues 3rd	St Charles Lwanga & comps 9.30 (HAD) J. Bradley welfare (<i>florists</i>)	
Weds 4th	Easter feria 9.30 (HAD) S Redford welfare (VG)	
Thurs 5th	St Boniface 9.30 (HAD) for the parish	
Fri 6th	St Norbert (<i>First Friday visits today DV</i>) 9.30 (BB) in thanksgiving (AS)	
Sat 7th	Easter feria 9.30 (HAD) Patricia Morrison RIP (D&KH)	
Sun 8th	PENTECOST 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) private int (<i>1st HC candidates Affirmation</i>)	
<div> <p>SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTER (C)</p> <p>Psalter wk 3</p> <p>Introduction: <i>The importance of unity. Let us pray always for this great cause.</i></p> <p>1st Reading: Acts 7 : I can see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.</p> <p>Resp Ps: The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.</p> <p>2nd Reading : Rev 22 : Come, Lord Jesus.</p> <p>Gospel: Jn 17 : May they be completely one.</p> <p>Comm. ant: FATHER, I PRAY THAT THEY MAY BE ONE AS WE ALSO ARE ONE, ALLELUIA.</p> </div>		

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 "WORLD COMMUNICATIONS" SUNDAY This may seem a rather remote topic. However, the message of the late Pope Francis for this Sunday is powerful and inspiring reading. That message is echoed by Pope Leo in a recent address to media specialists: 'Dear friends, we will get to know each other better over time. We have experienced – we can say together – truly special days. We have shared them through every form of media: TV, radio, internet, and social media. I sincerely hope that each of us can say that these days unveiled a little bit of the mystery of our humanity and left us with a desire for love and peace. For this reason, I repeat to you today the invitation made by Pope Francis in his message for this year's World Day of Social Communications: let us disarm communication of all prejudice and resentment, fanaticism and even hatred; let us free it from aggression. We do not need loud, forceful communication, but rather communication that is capable of listening and of gathering the voices of the weak who have no voice. Let us disarm words and we will help to disarm the world. Disarmed and disarming communication allows us to share a different view of the world and to act in a manner consistent with our human dignity.'

There is a **second collection** today.

THIS SUNDAY we journey (unbelievably!) into June. In the devotional calendar of the church, this is the month of the Sacred Heart.

MY APOLOGIES for the glitch in last week's newsletter, which indicated Bryan Gee's funeral for last Monday. It is of course taking place this Monday, at 10am at St Charles.

THE GOSPEL In this final part of the high priestly prayer of Jesus, he suddenly turns from concern for the circle of his disciples to concern for the wider circle of future disciples, and prays for their unity. The unity of the disciples was to be a sign not only horizontally, a sign of their love for one another, but also vertically, a sign of the love of Jesus for them and the mutual love of Jesus and the Father. It was to be a sign for the world, 'that the world may believe that you sent me'. There is a story that in extreme old age the Apostle John would be carried into the Christian assembly and asked to give them a saving message. All he would say was, 'Love one another'. And at the early martyrdoms the spectators would say, 'See how these Christians love one another!' Already the Letter of John, especially 2 and 3 John, show that Christian unity was not flawless. The scandals of Christian disunity have become flagrant since the break between Eastern and Western Christianity in 1054 and the shattering of Western Christianity into increasingly petty fragments since 1517. Mission to non-Christians has in the last century or so shown the counterproductive absurdity of this disunity, but the priority given by the Churches to this sign of Jesus' message remains far below that of their Founder. A scatter of quarrelling sects is hardly an effective sign of divine love.

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!

THE LATE ANDREW WENNER'S FUNERAL diared for Weds 18th June at 2pm at Immaculate Conception church. May he rest in peace!

FIRST FRIDAY I hope to make my customary visits on the 6th June

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles 1st, (£40) Wilkie; 2nd, (£20) R Cranston;

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.

RED BOX RETURNS Maureen B reports that £590 was banked from the recent call-in of Missio Red Boxes. A splendid result! And thank you Maureen! Need a box? Just ask!

ST CHARLES PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE meets after Mass this Sunday.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FINANCE COMMITTEE meets at 2pm this Sunday, followed by the parish council meeting at 2.30.

LOOKING AHEAD:

* **WARMER WELCOME WORKSHOP, Monday 9 June at 7.00pm:** the next online gathering for volunteers with parish-based drop-ins, lunch clubs or community caf  s is coming up. If you're thinking of starting one, come and find out how others do it! Visit bit.ly/warmerwelcome to book your place.

* Saturday 14th June. **Colour Run** at St Margaret's school. We have a children's prize every time. If anyone is interested in helping or giving small gifts, please speak to Angela.

* Sunday 15th June: **Cake Bake** at church;

* **Quarantore** adoration is diared 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).

CONGRATULATIONS to fellow Nottingham diocesan priest Bishop John Sherrington, who on Tuesday was installed as archbishop of Liverpool - in succession to erstwhile Nottingham diocesan bishop, the retiring archbishop Malcolm McMahon.

SAFEGUARDING If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact Karen

Proctor. Email: Karen.ProctorPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk; / phone 07513 725411.

Novena to the Holy Spirit - Day 3 : Peace

Let us bow down in humility at the power and grandeur of the Holy Spirit. Let us worship the Holy Trinity and give glory today to the Paraclete, our Advocate.

O Holy Spirit, by Your power, Christ was raised from the dead to save us all. By Your grace, miracles are performed in Jesus' name. By Your love, we are protected from evil. And so, we ask with humility and a beggar's heart for Your gift of Peace within us. The Saints were tempted, attacked and accused by the devil who is the destroyer of peace. When we are accused by the devil, come to our aid as our Advocate and give us Peace that lasts through all trials!

Holy Spirit we ask for the grace of [mention your intention here]. Amen.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

