



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Trinity
15th June 2025



*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning,
is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end:
Amen*

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 15th	TRINITY SUNDAY (Day for Life) 9.15 (BB) Joan Bone RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) for the parish	(HAD AGM after Mass)
Mon 16th	St Richard of Chichester 9.30 (HAD) parishioners' welfare	
Tues 17th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Pr. int	6pm BB, A Wenner's body received into church
Weds 18th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Sp. Int	2pm BB: funeral for Andrew Wenner RIP
Thurs 19th	feria 9.30 (HAD) foundation Mass (Weds gp Chatsworth trip)	
Fri 20th	St Alban, martyr 9.30 (BB) Alice Canning RIP (EM)	(f/by exposition & adoration till 6pm)
Sat 21st	St Aloysius 9.30 (HAD) Margaret Gilmartin (MG)	(f/by exposition & adoration till 6pm)
Sun 22nd	CORPUS CHRISTI 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Bryan Gee RIP (Weds Gp) (1st HC celebrated today)	Emins meeting, oratory, 5-6pm
<p style="text-align: center;">TRINITY SUNDAY (C)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psalter Week 3</p> <p>Introduction: We honour and adore the the foundation of our faith as we acknowledge Father, Son and Holy Spirit.</p> <p>First Reading: Prov 8 : Before the creation was Wisdom</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: How great is your name, O Lord our God, through all the earth!</p> <p>Second Reading : Rom 5 : Everyone renewed in the Spirit is a child of God.</p> <p>Gospel : Jn 16 : The Holy Spirit will teach you everything about me and the Father.</p> <p>Comm. ant: <i>SINCE YOU ARE CHILDREN OF GOD, GOD HAS SENT INTO YOUR HEARTS THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON, THE SPIRIT WHO CRIES OUT: ABBA, FATHER.</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 Dan Sweeney, Frank McNicholas, John Shaw, Tom Fitzgerald, Pip Soar, Ben Choyce, Ron Hudson; *John Staton, Joan Bone, Doreen Shockledge, Kimberley Ryan, Bernard Winterbottom, Margaret George, Peggy Bowdren:*

May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY We celebrate our belief in the Most Holy Trinity, the fundamental dogma, on which everything in Christianity is based, is that of the Blessed Trinity in whose name all Christians are baptized. The ***Solemnity of the Blessed Trinity*** was introduced in the ninth century and was only inserted in the General Roman Calendar of the Church in the fourteenth century by Pope John XXII. But the cultus of the Trinity is, of course, to be found throughout the liturgy. Constantly the Church causes us to praise and adore the thrice-holy God who has so shown His mercy towards us and has given us to share in His life.

THIS IS ALSO "The Day for Life". The bishops' letter for this day tells us: "Suffering touches every person at some point in their lives. It is often associated with illness, grief, and loss. It is not only caused by physical pain but includes emotional suffering as well as 'soul pain', such as depression and despair. Christians are not immune to this mystery, and we often struggle to know how best to respond to it, and where we can find hope. "Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Rom 5:5-6). St Paul invites us to see that Christian hope is not just naïve optimism but, rather, an unshakeable trust in the power and presence of God who is with us always. This hope can endure the darkness of human suffering and Day for Life presents an opportunity to celebrate the dignity of all human life from conception to natural end."

FATHER'S DAY is honoured today. Indeed we honour the Father, the head of the Trinity, every time we pray, and especially when at Mass.

THE GOSPEL During his discourse at the Last Supper, Christ had promised his disciples that he would send them the Holy Spirit—the Paraclete to strengthen and console them and recall to their minds the truths he had taught them. In today's text, he repeats the promise and tells them the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son and that the truths he will reveal to them will be those which the Father and the Son want revealed.

There is a ***second collection today*** to support "The Day for Life".

SAINTS ALIVE St Richard of Chichester was orphaned when he was quite young. He retrieved the fortunes of the mismanaged estate he inherited when he took it over, and then turned it over to his brother Robert. Richard refused marriage and went to Oxford, where he studied under Grosseteste and met and began a lifelong friendship with Edmund Rich. Richard pursued his studies at Paris, received his M.A. from Oxford, and then continued his studies at Bologna, where he received his doctorate in Canon Law. After seven years at Bologna, he returned to Oxford, was appointed chancellor of the university in 1235, and then became chancellor to Edmund Rich, now archbishop of Canterbury, whom he accompanied to the Cistercian monastery at Pontigny when the archbishop retired there. After Rich died at Pontigny, Richard taught at the Dominican House of Studies at Orleans and was ordained there in 1243. After a time as a parish priest at Deal, he became chancellor of Boniface of Savoy, the new archbishop of Canterbury, and when King Henry III named Ralph Neville bishop of Chichester in

1244, Boniface declared his selection invalid and named Richard to the See. Eventually, the matter was brought to Rome and in 1245, Pope Innocent IV declared in Richard's favour and consecrated him. When he returned to England, he was still opposed by Henry and was refused admittance to the bishop's palace; eventually Henry gave in when threatened with excommunication by the Pope. The remaining eight years of Richard's life were spent in ministering to his flock. He denounced nepotism, insisted on strict clerical discipline, and was ever generous to the poor and the needy. He died at a house for poor priests in Dover, England, while preaching a crusade, and was canonized in 1262.

St Alban was the first British martyr. Almost nothing about him is known for certain – even the date of his martyrdom is unknown, and historians' estimates vary between 209 and 314 A.D. (more recent historical research suggests the mid-3rd century). Alban was a Roman who lived in Verulamium and sheltered a fleeing Christian during a persecution. He was converted, and was executed. Whether the persecution was that of the emperor Diocletian or the emperor Decius – Alban pretended to be the fleeing Christian, and so died. All else is known only to God.

St Aloysius Gonzaga (1568 - 1591) was the eldest son of a Mantuan nobleman, and was intended by his father to be a soldier. Aloysius, on the other hand, had determined to be a missionary, and even to die for his faith. He renounced his birthright in favour of his brother and at the age of 16 became a Jesuit novice in Rome, living the same life of severe austerity and penance that he had followed even when serving in the courts of dukes and princes. In 1591 an epidemic of plague broke out in Rome, and the Jesuits opened a hospital to care for the sick. Aloysius, still a novice, worked hard in the hospital until he himself caught the plague. He did not recover; but, his determination to die for the faith having been fulfilled, died at midnight on the 20th of June with the name of Jesus on his lips.

ST CHARLES PARISH AGM is held after Mass.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles 1st, (£40) D Fay; 2nd, (£20) A Heard;

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FLOWERS A basket is at the back of church for contributions for flowers for next Sunday at St Charles.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD:

* **Quarant'ore** adoration is diaried for Friday this week at Immaculate Conception, and Saturday at Hadfield, concluding with Benediction on Sunday. There are posters at the back of church for you to indicate (a tick will do) if you can "watch" before the Lord for a time.

* **Eucharistic Ministers** are invited to a time of devotion, then fellowship next Sunday evening 5-6pm in the oratory.

* **First Holy Communions** are celebrated this year next Sunday at St Charles.

THE CLERGY CONFERENCE was held in a delightful resort on the edge of Rutland Water, in the smallest of the five counties of our diocese. We were enriched by good weather, a strawberry moon, fine food—and excellent speakers who spoke to the themes of evangelisation and catechesis.

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

St Richard's Prayer

Thanks be to thee, O Lord Jesus Christ
for all the benefits which thou hast given us,
for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us:
O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,
may we know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly. Amen.

