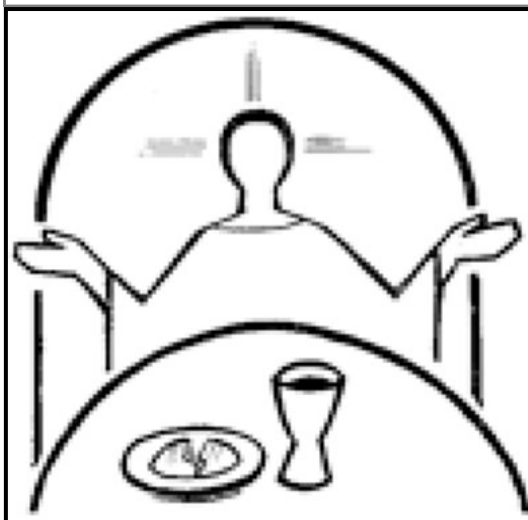




**CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE**

## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

***Corpus Christi***  
***22nd June 2025***



Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ,  
wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O Good Jesus, hear me.  
Within your wounds hide me.  
Permit me not to be separated  
from you.  
From the wicked foe, defend me.  
At the hour of my death, call me  
and bid me come to you  
That with your saints  
I may praise you  
For ever and ever. Amen.

# *O Sacrament most holy . .*

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 22nd	<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b> 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Bryan Gee RIP (Weds Gp) ( <i>1st HC celebrated today</i> ) <i>Emins meeting, oratory, 5-6pm</i>	
Mon 23rd	<b>St Etheldreda</b> 9.30 (HAD) Joan Holtom RIP (fam)	
Tues 24th	<b>BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> 9.30 (HAD) Patricia Morrison RIP (D&KH)	
Weds 25th	<b>feria (school Mass in church)</b> 9.30 (HAD) B & N Winterbottom RIP (D&KH)	
Thurs 26th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) A Wilkie's ints (fam)	
Fri 27th	<b>MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b> 9.30 (BB) Cathy Norton's welfare (fam) <i>f/by MEF group session</i>	
Sat 28th	<b>Immaculate heart of Mary</b> 9.30 (HAD) Dead List	
Sun 29th	<b>STS PETER &amp; PAUL</b> 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Sp int	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CORPUS CHRISTI (C)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Psalter Week 4</b></p> <p><b>Introduction:</b> O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine!</p> <p><b>First Reading:</b> Gen 14 : Melchizedek brings bread and wine.</p> <p><b>Responsorial Psalm:</b> YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER, A PRIEST LIKE MELCHIZEDEK OF OLD</p> <p><b>Second Reading :</b> 1 Cor 11 : St Paul describes the first Mass.</p> <p><b>Gospel :</b> Lk 9 : He feeds the hungry with bread and fish.</p> <p><b>Comm. ant:</b> WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM, SAYS THE LORD.</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, Jacob Ibbotson, Gordon Handley, Jean Ashton, Wilf Toole, Bro Philip Revell, Keith Winston.

***And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time;*** Rev Bishop Brindle; Derek Garlick, Olive Keily, Alison Maguire, Evelyn Matthewman, Bernard Booth, Peter Urquhart:

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

## **PARISH NOTES**

***THIS SUNDAY is CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY*** *Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) is a Eucharistic solemnity, or better, the solemn commemoration of the institution of that sacrament. It is, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest treasure. Holy Thursday, assuredly, marks the anniversary of the institution, but the commemoration of the Lord's passion that very night suppresses the rejoicing proper to the occasion. Today's observance, therefore, accents the joyous aspect of Holy Thursday.*

*The Mass and the Office for the feast was edited or composed by St. Thomas Aquinas upon the request of Pope Urban IV in the year 1264. It is unquestionably a classic piece of liturgical work, wholly in accord with the best liturgical traditions. . . It is a perfect work of art.*

***A WARM WELCOME*** *to the candidates presenting for First Holy Communion this weekend. Welcome also to family and friends sharing the joy of the day.*

***And huge thanks*** *to those adults in school and parish who offered them guidance on the way to this sacred moment.*

***THE GOSPEL*** *On the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ should we not have the gospel reading about the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper? No, the Church puts before us this reading of the wonderful gift of food by Jesus. It is a sort of open-air picnic Eucharist. So it begins with Jesus talking to them about the Kingdom of God; this is what happens in the earlier part of our Eucharist, as we listen to the readings and the homily on them. Then he heals those who are in need of healing, and that means all of us, for we are always in need of healing in various ways. If you don't think you need to be healed, don't come to the Eucharist. Only then does he raise his eyes to heaven, bless the bread and distribute it, just as Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist. A sign of the generosity and plenty of Jesus' gifts in the Eucharist is given by the twelve baskets of left-overs, ready for consumption by the twelve tribes of the new Israel. In the same way, on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ we share joyfully in the sustenance which Jesus gives to us and to the huge numbers of his followers across the world.*

***THIS WEEK*** *we have major liturgical celebrations in the calendar. St Etheldreda (- 679) was born in Suffolk in the first quarter of the 7th century. She was married twice but remained a virgin, and in 672 left her second husband, the King of Northumbria, to become a nun. The following year she founded a monastery of men and women, which she ruled as abbess, on the site of what is now Ely cathedral. She died there in 679. She was the most venerated of the women saints of Anglo-Saxon England, renowned for her dedication to a life of chastity and for the austerity of the regime she imposed on herself in her later years. St John the Baptist has two feasts to himself. One, in August, celebrates his death, and one,*

in June, celebrates his birth. And this is as it should be, for as Christ himself said, John was the greatest of the sons of men. On Friday we honour the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. It is a time of prayer for the sanctification of priests, and being a Solemnity, Friday Abstinence is put aside.

**NEXT SUNDAY** is the solemnity of Sts Peter & Paul. There will be a second collection for **Peter's Pence**—to support the works of the Holy Father.

**RECENT TOTE WINNERS** **St Charles** 1st, (£40) Fr Don; 2nd, (£20) C Brown;

**Immaculate Conception:** 1st, (£40) M McCormick; 2nd, (£20) Fr Don;

**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:**

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

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

**THE MISSION ENABLING CAMPAIGN** Shortly there will be open meetings taking place in our churches to bring together any and all who have an interest in this campaign. **Next Friday 27th June we will have chance to meet after Immaculate Conception morning Mass with Kirsten, one of the fund-raising campaigners.**

On Wednesday the 2nd July at Hadfield we will have a similar meeting. Whether you have engaged with this campaign or otherwise you'll be welcome to attend.

**DEAD PHONE** On Wednesday afternoon my mobile/smart phone died. Happily, with the kind help of Fr Martin, it has now risen to new life. If you tried to phone me during the 'dead days', sorry I missed your call.

**'MAGNIFICAT'** Our current monthly delivery is 15 copies. Unsold copies remain to gather dust. I am reducing the delivery to ten per month. First-come, first-served.

**A DIFFERENT WEEK** Last week was an unusually-memorable one. On **Monday** we welcomed distinguished visitors from the diocese for a deanery meeting - with delicious rectory-made scones and M&S jams. On **Tuesday** we received the late Andrew Wenner RIP into church. That reception, and the requiem Mass on **Wednesday** were conducted according to the rites & rituals of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, with Fr Andrew Starkie presiding. Fascinating, bemusing and for me as a congregant, intriguing. May Andrew rest in peace. **Thursday** was surely the hottest, sunniest day of the year, and the Wednesday Group's pilgrimage to Chatsworth took place. A great joy to get lost amidst the conifers, fountains & waterfalls, and to be treated to a noisy fly-past of three RAF jets. And **Friday and Saturday - Quarant'ore**. Thanks to those who prepared and take part.

And suddenly, at 3.42am on Saturday, the **Solstice!** Midsummer, longest day. And starting the journey to the equinox. Why is time moving so swiftly?

**A TIME TO LIVE; A TIME TO DIE** I note that High Peak MP Jon Pearce voted in favour, whereas Mr Reynolds MP for Stalybridge voted against. May God grant them to live long and healthy lives.

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

