



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY (c)

24th Aug 2025



Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts
may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
That my work, too,
may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
That I love
but what is holy.

Prayer of St Augustine

Proclaim the Good News!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 24th	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) Johanna Monaghan RIP, anniv (fam) 11am (HAD) for the parish	
Mon 25th	feria BANK HOLIDAY 9.30 (HAD) C Kempster RIP (fam)	
Tues 26th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Holy Souls	
Weds 27th	St Monica 9.30 (HAD) for the infirm	
Thurs 28th	St Augustine, bishop & doctor 9.30 (HAD) Sp Int	
Fri 29th	martyrdom of St John the Baptist 9.30 (BB) for the infirm	
Sat 30th	DEDICATION OF ST BARNABAS CATHEDRAL 9.30 (HAD) C Hunt	<i>HAD, noon: baptism, Jack Glancey</i>
Sun 31st	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) M & A Murphy 11am (HAD) for the parish	
<p style="text-align: center;">TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY (C)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psalter Week 1</p> <p>Introduction: <i>The family of Christ is Catholic: open to all peoples and nations!</i></p> <p>First Reading : Is 66 : The Lord gathers all the nations to his family.</p> <p>Resp. Ps. Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.</p> <p>Second Reading : Hebr 12 : The Lord disciplines the ones he loves.</p> <p>Gospel : Lk 13 : People from east and west will come.</p> <p>Comm. ant: WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD HAS ETERNAL LIFE, SAYS THE LORD, AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP ON THE LAST DAY.</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, Rita Dwyer, Christine Wild, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Diane Wilson, Gordon Handley, Jean Ashton, Bro Philip Revell, Keith Winston.

And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Revv Mark Swaby, John Feeley; *Philip Battey, Ernest Quinlan, Joan Haley, Francis Pollitt, Patrick Clarke, Alan Yardley:*

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

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY Called From Every Nation : On the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we hear how God gathers people from all corners of the earth. The message is clear. God's love is not limited to one group. He wants all people to come to Him. This Sunday reminds us that following God is not always easy. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks about the narrow gate. He says that many will try to enter, but not all will succeed. It takes effort, trust, and a steady heart. The extract from the Letter to the Hebrews tells us that discipline is part of love. Just like a parent teaches a child, God teaches us. This is not to punish us but to help us grow stronger. The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time invites us to keep walking with God, even when the road is hard. God is calling all people to come and share in His joy. Let us respond with open hearts and ready hands.

THE GOSPEL Half-way through the journey up towards the Passion, as Jesus passes through the villages he again stresses the difficulty of entrance to the Kingdom. The synoptic Gospels stress the narrowness of the road and the reluctance of the disciples, even the Twelve, to believe, let alone to accept the tough message of the cross. Luke insists, don't sit back in complacent contentment that we have been called, or you may find the door slammed in your face. But then Paul is full of joy in the Kingdom and of confidence. There is no weeping and gnashing of teeth – only the triumph of Christ. Those coming from the four corners of the compass will relax at the table in the Kingdom. It is important for the doctrine of free will that hell should remain at least a theoretical possibility. Was it that Jesus was proclaiming the Gospel to Jews, who should have accepted the message, but few of whom would finally accept it, whereas Paul was proclaiming the Good News to gentiles who did accept it in unexpected numbers?

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE We note with sadness these parishioners & others recently deceased: Monsignor David Ford, (93) a priest of our diocese who was for many years Administrator of the Cathedral; Michael Fleming, adjunct parishioner (Brosscroft, Hadfield), and Wilf Toole (84) (Littlebrook Close, Hadfield. Wilf's Requiem Mass is diaried for Thurs 4th Sept at St Charles; Iris Ellison, Frank's widow who died at Balmoral care centre: May they enjoy 'lux perpetua' & rise in glory.

CONGRATULATIONS to Philip Michael O'Sullivan and Rebecca Sarah Bogan, who celebrated the holy sacrament of matrimony in their wedding at St Charles on Saturday.

SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK Saint Louis (1214 - 1270) became King of France (as Louis IX) at the age of 12. He was married and had eleven children, to whom he gave an excellent upbringing. He was noted for his spirit of prayer and penitence and for his love for the poor. He ran his kingdom not only to give peace to the people and economic stability but also for their spiritual good. He founded the Sorbonne and was a friend of St Thomas Aquinas. He was a member of the Order of Penitents of St Francis of Assisi, which later became the Franciscan Third Order and is now known as the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS). Louis was trusted by his fellow-rulers in Europe and often asked to arbitrate in their disputes. He

undertook two unsuccessful crusades to liberate Christ's burial-place and on the second of these he died, near Carthage, in the year 1270.

Blessed Dominic Barberi (1792 - 1849) was born near Viterbo, Italy, in 1792 and joined the Passionist Order, urged on by an inner assurance that God called him to work as a missionary in England. He was ordained a priest in 1818 and worked in Italy and Belgium before coming to England in 1841. His first foundation was at Aston Hall in Staffordshire; he established four Passionist houses in all, and received many Anglicans into full communion, the most famous being John Henry Newman, who was received at Littlemore near Oxford on 9 October 1845. Blessed Dominic was noted for the personal warmth of his approach to non-Catholics and for his zeal in preaching; he drew crowds in spite of his strong Italian accent. He favoured a higher profile for the small Catholic body in England; he went around in his Passionist habit and, while at Aston Hall in 1844, organised a Corpus Christi procession through the streets of the neighbourhood, which is believed to have been the first public procession of its kind in England in modern times. Blessed Dominic died on the platform of Reading train station on 27 August 1849. He was beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1963. **Saint Monica (331 - 387)** was born at Thagaste in Africa of a Christian family. She was married young, to Patricius, and among her children was Augustine. He had a brilliant intellect and uncertain morals and his wayward spiritual career saw him at one time a Manichee and then a Neoplatonist. With many tears she prayed unceasingly to God for his conversion and her prayers were answered shortly before she died. She had a deep faith and outstanding virtue and is a wonderful example of a Christian mother.

St Augustine of Hippo (354 - 430) Augustine was born in Thagaste in Africa of a Berber family. He was brought up a Christian but left the Church early and spent a great deal of time seriously seeking the truth, first in the Manichaean heresy, which he abandoned on seeing how nonsensical it was, and then in Neoplatonism, until at length, through the prayers of his mother and the teaching of St Ambrose of Milan, he was converted back to Christianity and baptized in 387, shortly before his mother's death. Augustine had a brilliant legal and academic career, but after his conversion he returned home to Africa and led an ascetic life. He was elected Bishop of Hippo and spent 34 years looking after his flock, teaching them, strengthening them in the faith and protecting them strenuously against the errors of the time. He wrote an enormous amount and left a permanent mark on both philosophy and theology. His Confessions, as dazzling in style as they are deep in content, are a landmark of world literature. The Second Readings in the Office of Readings contain extracts from many of his works. He was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Boniface VIII in 1308.

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. The greatest, but also the most tragic. A prophet from before his birth, leaping in the womb to announce the coming of the incarnate God, his task was to proclaim the fulfilment of all prophecies – and thus his own obsolescence. And he did it: with unequalled courage he spread the news that he, declared the greatest of all men, was the least in the kingdom of heaven.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles 1st, (£40) B Sheridan, (£20) A Wilkie.;

BB 1st, (£40) S Hickinson, (£20) C Wardle

AFTERNOON TEA On Saturday 13th Sept at 2pm at 283 Hadfield Rd you are welcome to a garden party, hosted by Nuala S. Tickets are £7 in advance.

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.

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