



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY (c)

31st Aug 2025



“The endless cycle of idea and action,
Endless invention, endless experiment,
Brings knowledge of motion,
but not of stillness;
Knowledge of speech,
but not of silence;
Knowledge of words,
and ignorance of the Word.”

TS Eliot

I am gentle and humble in heart

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 31st	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) M & A Murphy 11am (HAD) for the parish	
Mon 1st Sept	feria SEASON OF CREATION begins 9.30 (HAD) Sp Int (Donald)	
Tues 2nd	feria 9.30 (HAD) Kevin Laidlaw RIP (fam)	
Weds 3rd	ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pope & doctor of the church 9.30 (HAD) T Smith welfare (MG) f/by Weds Group meeting	
Thurs 4th	feria 11am (HAD) Requiem Mass, Wilf Toole RIP	
Fri 5th	feria FIRST FRIDAY VISITS TODAY DV 9.30 (BB) Monica Townend welfare (VG)	
Sat 6th	feria 9.30 (HAD) the PP's welfare	
Sun 7th	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) welfare Mary Cullen 11am (HAD) for the parish	2pm BB council meeting
<p style="text-align: center;">TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY (C) Psalter Week 2</p> <p>Introduction: <i>Our Lord singles out the outcast and downtrodden for favour.</i></p> <p>First Reading : Ecclus 3 : Be humble! The Lord will raise you up!</p> <p>Resp. Ps. IN YOUR GOODNESS, O GOD, YOU PREPARED A HOME FOR THE POOR.</p> <p>Second Reading : Hebr 12 : Through the church we become citizens of Heaven.</p> <p>Gospel : Lk 14 : Make the humble your friends: the Lord will raise you and them up!</p> <p>Comm. ant: HOW GREAT IS THE GOODNESS, LORD, THAT YOU KEEP FOR THOSE WHO FEAR YOU.</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 Brian Wesh, Jim Monaghan; *Philomena Byrne:*

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

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY *A proud Christian, that is, a proud follower of the humble Christ, is a contradiction in terms. Christ, the Son of God, lowered himself to our level when He took our human nature. He was born in a stable, reared in the obscure village of Nazareth, earned his meagre meals as a country carpenter, died on a cross as a malefactor with two thieves as companions and was buried in a God's banquet. Thank God, there are few whose pride leads them to these extremes, but there are far too many who set themselves up as judges over their neighbour and appoint themselves as the models to be imitated by all others.*

THE GOSPEL *Two parables about invitations to table. Both are from Luke's special material, without parallel in the other gospels. He moves in a higher stratum of society than Mark and Matthew, and often has in mind the implications of the gospel for their situation. The first parable, however, like several of Luke's parables, seems to be developed from a little Old Testament proverb: 'Do not give yourself airs, do not take a place among the great; better to be invited, 'Come up here,' than to be humiliated' (Proverbs 25.6-7). At first sight this seems a merely worldly precaution, a false humility engineered to gain attention. But for Luke a banquet is always an image of the heavenly banquet of the Lord. So the message is a moral one too: don't think yourself better than you are. The message is also typical of Luke's open and straightforward approach. One is reminded of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-collector at prayer, where the latter prays only 'God be merciful to me, a sinner.' The second parable also is typical of Luke, his stress on the inherent danger of wealth, on the need to use wealth well, and his concern for the poor and neglected in society.*

THE SEASON OF CREATION, beginning on Monday, is an annual celebration uniting Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home. The idea of celebrating 1 September as a day of prayer for creation was endorsed by Pope Francis in 2015. The season runs from September 1 to October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share. In the letter of Paul the apostle to the Romans, the biblical image pictures the Earth as a Mother, groaning as in childbirth (Rom 8:22). Francis of Assisi understood this when he referred to the Earth as our sister and our mother in his *Cantic of Creatures*. The times we live in show that some are not relating to the Earth as a gift from our Creator, but rather as a resource to be used – and abused.

MICHAEL FLEMING RIP *This gentleman's funeral service is arranged for Thursday 11th Sept at 1.15 at St Charles. May he rest in peace.*

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF THE PARISH *Jack Glancey, baptised this weekend at St Charles.*

SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK *St Aidan (- 651), a native of Ireland, was a monk on Iona. Aidan was consecrated bishop and sent with a group of Irish monks to begin this task. He established a monastery on the island of Lindisfarne which became the centre of a major missionary effort in the North of England. The monastery also became a valuable centre of learning and an important training ground for the education of English boys who would continue the work of evangelisation. From Lindisfarne Aidan journeyed throughout Northumberland, usually on foot, and working closely with King Oswald who found him to be a wise adviser and a good personal friend. After Oswald's death in 642, Aidan continued this work under his successor. According to Bede, Aidan was a man of great gentleness and moderation, outstanding for his energetic missionary work. His influence on the North of England was enormous, and*

his wise promotion of Christian education among the native English laid the solid foundation for the spread of the Gospel in the centuries which followed his death. **Pope St Gregory the Great (540 - 604)** was born in Rome and followed the career of public service that was usual for the son of an aristocratic family, finally becoming Prefect of the City of Rome, a post he held for some years. He founded a monastery in Rome and some others in Sicily, then became a monk himself. He was ordained deacon and was elected Pope on 3 September 590, the first monk to be elected to this office. He reformed the administration of the Church's estates and devoted the resulting surplus to the assistance of the poor and the ransoming of prisoners. His works for the propagation of the faith include the sending of Augustine and his monks as missionaries to England in 596, providing them with continuing advice and support and (in 601) sending reinforcements. He wrote extensively on pastoral care, spirituality, and morals, and designated himself "servant of the servants of God." **St Cuthbert (634? - 687)** was a shepherd boy. Certainly he became a monk, and later prior, at Melrose. After the Synod of Whitby in 664 he became prior of Lindisfarne and gradually won over the community to Roman ecclesiastical customs. He was zealous in preaching the Gospel but most attracted to living the life of a hermit, and in 676 he left the monastery and lived in solitude on the nearby island of Inner Farne. For the last two years of his life he served as bishop of Lindisfarne, but he returned to his island to die, on 20 March 687. His remains were removed from their resting place at Lindisfarne to escape Viking raiders and were eventually enshrined at Durham Cathedral. **Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910 - 1997)** Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu was born on 26 August 1910 at Skopje in Macedonia. She left home at the age of 18 to join the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland, where she received the name Sister Mary Teresa, after St Thérèse of Lisieux. In 1931 she was assigned to the order's Calcutta house and taught at their school there, where she eventually became headmistress. She received a new vocation to help the poor and destitute, and in 1948, obeying this call, she left the convent and took up a new life caring for them wherever they might be: lying sick in the street or even dying in dustbins. Some of her former pupils joined her, one by one, and the new congregation of the Missionaries of Charity was established in the Diocese of Calcutta in 1950, spreading across India and eventually onto every continent, even behind the Iron Curtain. Mother Teresa died on 5 September 1997 and was beatified by Pope John Paul II on 19 October 2003 and canonized by Pope Francis on 4 September 2016.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles 1st, (£40) S Tetlow; 2nd (£20) : N Shepley.

THE WEDNESDAY GROUP meets on 3rd this week. They will welcome a speaker to talk about "Ladies of Laughter".

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.

THE 'MISSION ENABLING CAMPAIGN' draws to a close in our parishes next Sunday 7th Sept.

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

PLEASE NOTE that I plan to begin my annual holiday on Monday 8th Sept, returning in time DV for Sunday 28th.

AND FINALLY an extract from Fr Myles Sheehan's article on life's later years:

'Individuals are now routinely living into their 80s and beyond, and it is increasingly common to meet people who are in their 90s or even over 100 years old. It appears that God is providing many with "a long life rather than short one" (via the work of public hygiene, better nutrition and more effective treatments for illnesses). This raises the question of what God might be offering us with these added years: How are we to use these years in ways that are "more conducive to the end for which we were created"? Many wisely spend a lot of time doing financial planning and considering various options for their future as they grow older. But when you are planning for your future, have you ever considered a spiritual retirement plan? In line with Ignatius, might it be that these extended years are God's gift, calling you to a future with new possibilities to deepen your relationship and encounter God in ways that may not have been possible in the busyness of the earlier portions of your life?'

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