



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTIETH SUNDAY (c)

Oct 26th 2025



*"Prompt our actions
with your inspiration,
we pray, O Lord,
and further them
with your constant help,
that all we do
may always begin from you
and by you
be brought to completion."*

*'Actiones nostras'
prayer from the Divine Office*

God, be merciful to me a sinner!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 26th	THIRTIETH SUNDAY (<i>clocks back overnight</i>) 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Maureen Keane RIP (MR) <i>HAD council meeting after Mass</i>	
Mon 27th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Bro Philip Revell RIP (MG)	
Tues 28th	SS. SIMON & JUDE apostles 9.30 (HAD) P Sagar (P&PA)	
Weds 29th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Keegan/Keogh foundation Mass	
Thurs 30th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Bro Philip Revell RIP (PP)	
Fri 31st	St Anthony Maria Claret 9.30 (BB) Thorpe, foundation Mass	
Sat Nov 1st	feria noon (HAD) Bro Philip Revell RIP (CC)	
Sun 2nd	ALL SAINTS (Solemnity) 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) K Hall RIP (CJ)	
THIRTIETH SUNDAY (C) Psalter week 2 Introduction: <i>Our Lord , the just judge, will ensure justice for the poor and humble.</i> First Reading : Ecclus 35 : The Lord listens to the cries of the poor. Resp.Ps. THIS POOR MAN CALLED, THE LORD HEARD HIM Second Reading : 2 Tim 4 : Paul has completed his race: the crown awaits him. Gospel : Lk 18 : The story of the Pharisee & the publican teaches the value of humility. Comm. ant: CHRIST LOVED US AND GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR US AS A FRAGRANT OFFERING TO GOD.		

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, Arthur King, Maura Farrell, Joan Killeen, Rita Dwyer, Christine Wild, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Diane Wilson, Gordon Handley, Jean Ashton, Keith Winston.

And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time;

Revv Sylvester Cotter, Dan Ainsworth, Bernard Brownbill, Marian Ciesielski, John Buckley, Bill Saunders, Jim Daly; *Irene Ward, Tom Berry, Margaret Walmsley, Ann Phillips, Mary Baines, Stephen Jackson, Sheila Gerrard, Michael Nagle, Joan Enever, Harold Midwood, Teresa Bolger, Mary Whitham, Terence Curran, Ronald Howbrook, Jack Seale, Bernard O'Hare, Bernard Moran, Isabella Clarke:*

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

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY is the 30th (c) in ordinary time. We are deep into autumn. During these leaf-falling days it becomes apparent why in the Americas this season is known as Fall. The fall is a sign of God's providence that the falling of the leaves allows more daylight to filter through during these darkening days. And the same fallen leaves provide the mulch needed in springtime to resurrect our gardens & crops.

NEXT SUNDAY we celebrate All Saints, aka All Hallows. I wonder how many of those tricking or treating on Hallow E'en connect to 'the eve of All Hallows'?

THE GOSPEL St Luke is the evangelist of prayer, offering frequent hints about it. In his Gospel Jesus is explicitly mentioned as being in prayer more often than in any other, at the Baptism, the Transfiguration, when called upon to teach his disciples the Lord's Prayer (3.21; 6.12; 11.1). The Agony in the Garden is shaped to show the need for prayer in time of testing (22.40). In the Infancy Narratives his characters burst into prayerful praise on every occasion, and from these we derive the three great canticles of the Church, the Magnificat, the Benedictus and the Nunc dimittis. His parables insist on the need for perseverance in prayer, especially the parables of the Friend at Midnight (11.5-8) and the Unjust Judge (18.1-5). Their motives may not be perfect: the Friend at Midnight eventually caves in because he does not want to be shamed for inhospitable behaviour when the whole village hears the hammering on the door. And the appellant to the Unjust Judge seems to be on the edge of violence, threatening to hit the Judge in the face! But the message is to persevere! Today, in this parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector, Luke combines deadly earnestness with humour in a typically Lukan fashion. The pompous and self-contradictory bragging of innocence by the Pharisee is duly repellent, while the humble self-accusation of the tax-collector is something to which we can all aspire.

WEEKDAY MASS-TIME Saturday's Mass is at noon to accommodate various members of Bro Philip Revell's family who travel from afar to attend this Mass for his eternal welfare.

CONGRATULATIONS to ***Liam Thomas King & Elizabeth Rose Groarke*** who celebrated the sacrament of Matrimony at Immaculate Conception church this weekend, and were joined in Holy wedlock.

ST CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL meets after Mass this Sunday. It is open to all who wish to play a deeper part in parish life.

PUBLICATIONS Copies of ***My Day by Day***, and ***Magnificat*** for November are found at the back of church.

REPOSITORY STALL Lola advises that Christmas cards can now be ordered. These cards are vibrant with devout Nativity images: not a robin, Santa or Snowman to be seen! A sign-up list is found at the stall. Orders must be placed up to 16th November.

NOVEMBER is almost upon us. After the month of the Holy Rosary we journey into the month of the Holy Souls. Dead Lists and associated envelopes are found at the back of church. The names you inscribe will be placed on the altar at every Mass celebrated during the month, and prayers offered for their eternal welfare.

REMEMBRANCE DAY is on Sunday the 9th. The familiar poppies have been delivered to church. Please serve yourself.

OCTOBER ROSARY As part of our October Devotions to the Holy Rosary, Rob Cranston hosts an **Online Rosary Session on the last Tuesday evening (28th) at 7pm**. If you wish to participate please email Rob (or have a word with him if you see him) at the following address: cranston1948@aol.com and Rob will contact you with the relevant details.

THE SAINTS *St Simon* is eleventh in the list of the twelve Apostles. He is known as Simon the Zealot, but nothing else is known about him. His other name of "Simon Cananaeus" simply adapts another Hebrew word for "zeal" and has nothing to do with the town of Cana.

St Jude, Apostle also called Thaddaeus, is the apostle who at the Last Supper asked the Lord why he showed himself only to the disciples and not to the world. For many centuries he was scarcely venerated because people confused him with Judas Iscariot. He is the patron saint of lost and desperate causes.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS *St Charles*: 1st (£40) J Bradley ; 2nd (£20) R Cranston.

Immaculate Conception: 1st (£40) D Norton ; 2nd (£20) S Cass.

FUNDRAISING There will be a pre-advent Christmas fayre at Immaculate Conception on Saturday 22nd November.

HADFIELD AND PADFIELD CHURCHES TOGETHER A meeting was held this week with Hadfield and Padfield churches. This year we hope to have a joint Carol service on Friday 19 December at 5pm to encourage families to attend. Further details will follow, but we will again be having a gift/craft/ knitted goods stall to raise money for 'Bellies not Bins'. Are there any crafty parishioners that can contribute knitted or crocheted goods, or anything else that may be suitable for the stall? Please give them to Sue Hoolahan or Rob Cranston. If you need anything picking up please call Sue on 07596 728633

REPAIR CAFÉ The repair cafe is held at Hadfield Methodist church on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10am-1pm. They are in need of an electrician. Could you, or do you know of anyone, that can help? Please contact Sue 07596 728633 or Rob 07825953868, or Bruce Levitan at Hadfield Methodist.

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.

SAFEGUARDING If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact Karen our joint-parishes PSR. Email: Karen.ProctorPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk; / phone 07513 725411.

NIGHT SENTINELS Over the past few weeks my slumber-time has been haunted by birdsong. At night and again in pre-dawn darkness the air has been gently infused with a chorus of owls in nearby lime trees. A chorus not quite of angels - but delightfully close.

