



**CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE**

## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**ALL SAINTS (c)  
Nov 2nd 2025**



For all the saints  
who from their labours rest,  
who Thee by faith  
before the world confessed;  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds,  
from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in  
the countless host,  
in praise of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

# *Blessed the pure in heart*

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Tel : 855818

**St Philip Howard Secondary**  
SK13 8DR  
Head : Mr J Kayes  
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| DATE      | MASS                                                                                                                 | OTHER                      |
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| Sun 2nd   | <b>ALL SAINTS (Solemnity)</b><br>9.15 (BB) for the parish<br>11am (HAD) K Hall RIP (CJ)                              |                            |
| Mon 3rd   | <b>ALL SOULS : 8am</b> (HAD) (T&M Perry RIP)                                                                         |                            |
| Tues 4th  | <b>ST CHARLES BORROMEIO</b> : no parish Mass today<br><b>9.30 (HAD)</b> service in church led by Deacon Owen         |                            |
| Weds 5th  | <b>feria (celebration of St Charles, transferred)</b><br><b>9.30 (HAD)</b> (school Mass in church) thanksgiving (DB) |                            |
| Thurs 6th | <b>feria</b><br><b>9.00 (HAD)</b> Anne Ghibout's ints MG)                                                            |                            |
| Fri 7th   | <b>feria</b><br><b>9.30 (BB)</b> Bro Philip Revell RIP (AU)                                                          |                            |
| Sat 8th   | <b>feria : no parish Mass today</b> ( <i>elsewhere for Bro Philip (MD)</i> )                                         |                            |
| Sun 9th   | <b>DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA</b><br><b>Remembrance Sunday</b><br>9.15 (BB) for the parish<br>11am (HAD) DCA | <i>Cemetery visit 2.30</i> |

## SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Psalter wk 3

**INTRODUCTION** : At every Christian gathering we are in the company of the angels and saints. Today we focus especially on "the heavenly host who have gone before us in faith".

**First Reading: Rev 7** : The heavenly host, redeemed in the blood of the Lamb.

**RESP PS : SUCH ARE THE MEN WHO SEEK YOUR FACE O LORD.**

**Second Reading: 1 Jn 3** : The great glory of Heaven : seeing the Lord face to face.

**Gospel: Mt 5** : The great charter of the Saints in the familiar but demanding Beatitudes.

**Comm. ant:** **BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF 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 Bill Ellis, Michael Horrax, Larry Connell, Eric Whitehouse; James Taggart, Barbara Moore, Margaret Mary O'Brien, John Porter, Mary Perry, Mary Coakley, Barbara Ormsby, Roy Brookes, Frank James:

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

## **PARISH NOTES**

***THIS SUNDAY*** We celebrate the transferred feastday of All Saints. The feast of All Saints should inspire us with tremendous hope. Among the saints in heaven are some whom we have known. All lived on earth lives like our own. They were baptized, marked with the sign of faith, they were faithful to Christ's teaching and they have gone before us to the heavenly home whence they call on us to follow them. The Gospel of the Beatitudes, read today, while it shows their happiness, shows, too, the road that they followed; there is no other that will lead us whither they have gone.

***THE GOSPEL*** These eight Beatitude blessings stand at the head of the Sermon on the Mount, pointing out eight ways in which we can welcome God into our lives. They are ways of living out God's blessing. The first and the last knit them all together with 'theirs is the kingdom of heaven'. Luke also begins his Sermon on the Plain with four such blessings – only his blessings are more on those who are materially poor and in need, whereas Matthew's concentrate on the spiritual attitudes required of the Christian, 'poor in spirit, hunger and thirst for justice'. Jesus came to proclaim the kingship of his Father, and these are ways of living it. For each of them, do you know someone who exemplifies the attitude? Which is your own favourite? For most of them there are gospel incidents in which Jesus sums them up, like the entry into Jerusalem on a donkey as the gentle king, or the love he shows in his welcome to sinners, or his bringing peace to those tortured by disease or contempt, or his purity of heart in his single-minded pre-occupation with his Father's will, and finally his acceptance of persecution for what he knew to be right.

***PUBLICATIONS*** Copies of ***My Day by Day*** are available from 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.

***ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN*** is declared to be a Doctor of the Church by Pope Francis this Saturday. May he continue to teach us the ways of the Lord in this country.

***NOVEMBER*** is 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.

Please visit the memorial shrines at the front of our churches and pause to pray for the faithful departed.

***A DIFFERENT WEEK*** This week is more than somewhat truncated. The Bishop has invited priests 'of a certain age' to spend Monday & Tuesday in conference discussing the issues associated with 'the third age'. Fr Martin and I plan to travel to Nottingham to join this gathering. The celebration of the feast of St Charles is moved to Wednesday when I hope to welcome the schoolchildren to Mass to honour their patron saint. However, Deacon Owen will

lead a celebration of word & sacrament on Tuesday at 9.30. Please note the Mass-timings day by day.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY** is next Sunday. I hope to visit Glossop cemetery that afternoon, meeting at 2.30 at the old chapel.

**FIRST FRIDAY VISITS** are diaried for 7th November.

**THE SAINTS St Charles Borromeo (1538 - 1584)**, a leading figure of the Catholic Reformation was born in a castle on the shores of Lake Maggiore in northern Italy, to a powerful family. As the second son, he was destined for a career in the Church from an early age. He received a doctorate in civil and canon law at the University of Pavia, and when his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV in 1559 he was summoned to Rome and made a cardinal. Among many other responsibilities he was made administrator of the vacant diocese of Milan. He played a large part in the diplomatic efforts that led to the re-opening in 1562 of the reforming Council of Trent, which had been suspended since 1552. In late 1562 Charles's elder brother died, leaving him as head of the family. His relations wanted him to abandon his ecclesiastical career and marry, and even the Pope suggested it. Eventually, in 1563, he was ordained priest. He was soon consecrated as Archbishop of Milan, but the Pope would not let him leave Rome because he was needed there. He worked on the catechism, the Missal and the Breviary, and reformed his own diocese as well as he could from a distance through trusted deputies. At length Pius IV died and in 1566 his successor permitted Charles to take up residence in his diocese. He began reform from the top, giving much of his property to the poor. He set up the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to teach children the faith: it was the beginning and inspiration of the Sunday School movement. When famine struck the province, he fed 3,000 people at his own expense for three months and inspired others to do likewise. When plague came, he prepared himself for death, made his will, and went to the hospital where the worst cases were. After enormous amounts of nagging, preaching and persuasion the secular clergy at length followed his example. As might be expected, Charles encountered determined opposition to his programme of reform. The canons of one church slammed the door in his face to prevent him making a visitation and their servants fired at him, damaging the crucifix he was carrying; and the members of a rich and corrupt order of monks were so opposed to being reformed that one of them dressed as a layman, joined Charles's household at evening prayer, and shot him. The assassin's bullet did not penetrate Charles's clothing. Charles's final visitation was of the cantons of Switzerland in 1583, where as well as the usual corruptions and abuses he had to deal with senior priests who were practising witchcraft and sorcery. Charles died on 3 November 1584 at the age of 46.

**HOSPICE SUPPORT** Bishop Patrick has asked that every parish should have a retiring collection to support our nearby hospices - in our case Willow Wood. A labelled basket is found at the back of church.

**RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles:** 1st (£40) C Cowley ; 2nd (£20) M Revell.

**A VOTE OF THANKS** Mary Revell has messaged : 'Please thank everyone for their prayers & Mass offerings for Philip's eternal repose. The messages of condolence during these difficult days are greatly treasured. I am truly blessed to be surrounded by so much support.'

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

**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.

