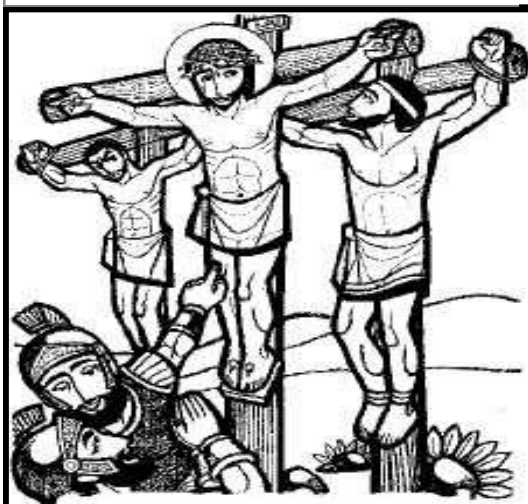




CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

CHRIST THE KING (c)
23rd Nov 2025



*'They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suffering goes,
That He His foes
From thence might free.'*

King of love on Calvary

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 23rd	CHRIST THE KING 9.15 (BB) Mary Norton RIP (Cass fam) 11am (HAD) M & D Garlick RIP (baptism during Mass)	
Mon 24th	St Andrew (martyr) 9.30 (HAD) for the parish	
Tues 25th	St Catherine of Alexandria 9.30 (HAD) Edmund Ashton RIP (fam)	
Weds 26th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Jean Ashton, family welfare	
Thurs 27th	feria ; No parish Mass today	
Fri 28th	feria 9.30 (BB) Mary Norton RIP (Mallabar fam)	
Sat 29th	feria : no morning Mass. 4pm (HAD) Schoolchildren's Mass in church <i>Dead List</i>	
Sun 30th	ADVENT I 9.15 (BB) Sister Anita's welfare (AC) 11am (HAD) Edmund Ashton RIP (fam)	
SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING Psalter Week 2 Introduction: <i>"Christ is King of earth and Heaven"</i> First Reading : 2 Sam 5 : David is anointed King. Resp. I REJOICED WHEN I HEARD THEM SAY 'LET US GO TO GOD'S HOUSE' Second Reading : Col 1 : He has created a place for us in his Kingdom. Gospel : Lk 23 : "The Good Thief" Comm. ant: <i>THE LORD SITS AS KING FOR EVER. THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE.</i>		

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, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Diane Wilson, Gordon Handley, Jean Ashton, Keith Winston.

And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Revv Waldo Judd, John Dewar, Peter O'Dowd, Cyril Gryce; William Atherton, Gordon Williamson, Barbara Burwood, William Farrell, Lucy Cox: May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen

PARISH NOTES

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, King of the Universe was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925, the sixteenth centenary of the Council of Nicaea. In the calendar reforms of the Second Vatican Council, it was transferred to the final Sunday of the liturgical year. The Pope asserted that the most effective defence against the destructive forces of the age is the recognition of the kingship of Christ. Each of us has been anointed with holy oil at baptism, as priest, prophet and king. The feast of Christ the King is thus a good moment to reflect on our kingship and on what "king" means and how to be one. Understanding the feast makes us understand our own call better. The responsibility of a king is then to care for his subjects. How far that responsibility takes one can then be seen in the King of the Universe, who is simultaneously the ruler of all and the servant of all. He rules in triumph; and he rules from the Cross.

JUBILEE OF MUSICIANS As we celebrate this Jubilee Year of Hope we give thanks this weekend for those in our parish who enhance our liturgy with musical support. Through the intercession of Saint Cecilia may the Lord continue to bless them, so that all of us, in singing, may pray twice and so give you glory and praise.

ANOTHER JUBILEE On the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass for the University Chaplaincies, and all those connected with Youth Ministry, in St Barnabas Cathedral at 6pm. We are encouraged to pray for **young adults and university chaplaincies**, especially those in their own parishes.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE We pray for the late **Christine Wild (80)** (Pinfold, Hadfield). We pray also for Mike and Kieran who mourn her passing. May eternal light shine upon her.

THE GOSPEL The crucifixion scene in Luke, as in all the gospels, is the climax. And Jesus is stressed as being King. The soldiers mock him as such, but the gospel's use of irony ensures that we understand that they are saying more than they realise. They mock him also as Saviour ('Save yourself and us as well!'), and especially in Luke, from the Infancy Stories onwards, is Jesus seen as the true Saviour-God. In Luke the crucifixion scene is primarily a scene of forgiveness, where Jesus carries on to the very end his work of forgiveness, which Luke has underlined throughout the gospel. It begins with the women of Jerusalem mourning for Jesus, and ends with all the spectators departing, beating their breasts, recognizing their universal guilt. Jesus spontaneously forgives his executioners, asking for them God's forgiveness before they even ask themselves. He welcomes into his kingdom of paradise the bandit who spontaneously acknowledges his guilt. It is the climax of the reversal of values which we have seen throughout this gospel that the King should be the wretched figure dying on the Cross, and that homage should be paid to him not by dignified courtiers, but by another wretched figure, dying by his side.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF THE CHURCH Lucy Steele, baptised this weekend at St Charles.

NOVEMBER is drawing to a close. At every Mass celebrated during the month, prayers offered for the eternal welfare of those listed in our memorials.

THE SAINTS this week: **The Vietnamese Martyrs** The evangelization of Vietnam began in the 16th

century and was formally established with the setting up of two Vicariates Apostolic in 1659. There are now about 6 million Catholics in Vietnam, some 10% of the population. This growth comes partly from the fact that since the earliest times the seed of the Faith has been watered by the blood of the martyrs of Vietnam – the missionary clergy, the local clergy and the ordinary Christian people. They have all shared the labour of apostolic work and have together faced death to bear witness to the truth of the Gospel. In the course of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries no less than 53 decrees, signed by the lords and emperors of the country from 1625 to 1886, launched one persecution of Christians after another, each one more savage than the last. Over the whole territory of Vietnam about 130,000 Christians were killed in these persecutions. Over the centuries the names of most of them have been lost, but their memory is still alive in the Catholic community. **St Catherine of Alexandria (d. 305)** Legends coming from a number of sources say that St Catherine was very outspoken at the time of the persecutions of Christians. She even protested openly to the emperor Maxentius who had her arrested, tortured on the wheel and decapitated in 305. St Catherine's courage is a great challenge to all African Christians in their struggle for justice and peace. The witness of her life and her readiness to die for the faith encourages us to be brave witnesses to the Lord and to speak out on behalf of all those who suffer.

SATURDAY MASS Next Saturday's parish Mass will be at 4pm. It will honour the church's year about to come to an end, and equally the imminent celebration of the start of the new church year with Advent. It will also include the enrolment of the candidates for next year's First Holy Communion. All are welcome.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH this year will be at Windy Harbour on Wednesday 17th December 12.30 pm for 1.00pm. Two courses £28 or three courses £31 which includes the tip. The menu is on display at the back of both churches as is a form to fill in your food choices. There is a £10 non-refundable deposit which should be given to Nuala Shepley as soon as possible. Everyone is welcome to come along.

RED BOX BONUS If you are a Missio Red Box holder and a taxpayer you can gift aid your donation to Missio, which will allow them to claim an extra 25% from the exchequer. There are forms at the back of the church - just fill in your details and hand the form to Father or Maureen B. It will make a big difference.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles: 1st (£40) D Handley ; 2nd (£20) H Jackson.

Immaculate Conception : 1st (£40) J Smith ; 2nd (£20) D Walsh.

THE HADFIELD & PADFIELD CHURCHES are holding a Carol Concert at the Hadfield Cenotaph on Friday 19th December at 4:30pm. We need 2 volunteers from each Church to act as Stewards for the outside event. If anyone is willing and able to help can you please contact either Rob Cranston or Sue Hoolahan and let them know.

LOOKING AHEAD John Miles has once again agreed to present the annual service of nine lessons and carols at Immaculate Conception church. This is timetabled to take place on Monday 22nd December at 7.30. Singers are always sought to swell the choir. Rehearsals are scheduled for Mondays 8th and 15th December. If you can lend a voice, you'll be welcome.

A CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAMME starts on 30th November, at St Mary's Hall in Glossop. There are forms available in church for any parishioners - school pupils or older! - to collect. The date set for Confirmation is November 22nd 2026 at 9.15am at St Mary's Crowned, Glossop.

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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