



## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

*Pentecost Sunday (a)*  
*24th May 2026*



**Come Holy Spirit,**  
fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit  
and they shall be created.

R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts of the faithful,  
grant that by the same Holy Spirit  
we may be truly wise and ever enjoy

His consolations,  
Through Christ Our Lord,  
Amen.

## *Come Holy Ghost creator come!*

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>MASS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
Sun 24th	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> 9.15 (BB) Ellen Storey RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) for the parish	
Mon 25th	<b>Our Blessed Lady : Mother of the Church BANK HOLIDAY</b> 9.30 (HAD) David Barnes RIP (fam)	
Tues 26th	<b>St Philip Neri</b> 9.30 (HAD) Holy Souls	
Weds 27th	<b>St AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY</b> 9.30 (HAD) Dead List	
Thurs 28th	<b>Our Lord Jesus ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST</b> 9.30 (HAD) DCA (HAD noon : funeral for Kevin Mellor RIP)	
Fri 29th	<b>St Paul VI, pope</b> 9.30 (BB) forgotten souls in Purgatory (RW)	
Sat 30th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Donal Cryan RIP	
Sun 31st	<b>MOST HOLY TRINITY</b> 9.15 (BB) Mallabar family welfare (SMH) 11am (HAD) for the parish	

### **PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)**

**Psalter Week 4**

**(8th week in ordinary time)**

**Introduction:** *Christ keeps his promise and sends the Holy Spirit to enliven the Church.*

**First Reading:** **Acts 2** : They were filled with the Spirit and spoke in tongues.

**Resp Ps:** **SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT O LORD, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH.**

**Second Reading** : 1 Cor 12 : In the one Spirit we were all baptised.

**Gospel** : Jn 20 : "Receive the Holy Spirit".

**Comm. Ant.** **THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND SPOKE OF THE MARVELS OF GOD,**  
**ALLELUIA.**

## **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, Arthur King, Maura Farrell, Rita Dwyer, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Diane Wilson, Jean Ashton, Keith Winston.

**And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time :** Rev Gerry McSpirit, Derl Daly, Kit McKeown & Charles Wall; Rashmi Parikh, Peter Kenyon, Joan Fawley, Anne Law: *May eternal light shine on them : Amen*

## **PARISH NOTES**

**THIS SUNDAY Pentecost Sunday** marks the end of the Easter Season. The Paschal Candle which has enhanced our sanctuaries for the last fifty days, returns to its place adjacent to the font. This Sunday, often known as Whit Sunday, with Christmas and Easter, ranks among the great feasts of Christianity—indeed the birthday of the church. It commemorates not only the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and Disciples, but also the fruits and effects of that event.

**From "Lumen gentium", the Second Vatican Council's dogmatic constitution on the Church "The mission of the Holy Spirit in the church"** 'When the Son completed the work with which the Father had entrusted him on earth, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost to sanctify the Church unceasingly, and thus enable believers to have access to the Father through Christ in the one Spirit. He is the Spirit of life, the fountain of water welling up to give eternal life. Through him the Father gives life to men, dead because of sin, until he raises up their mortal bodies in Christ. The Spirit dwells in the Church and in the hearts of the faithful as in a temple. He prays in them and bears witness in them to their adoption as sons. He leads the Church into all truth and gives it unity in communion and in service. He endows it with different hierarchical and charismatic gifts, directs it by their means, and enriches it with his fruits.'

This Sunday marks the foundation-day for our church. We are invited to pray with our fellow Catholics throughout the world for the welfare of our holy mother the church.

**THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL** At first sight this is a surprising gospel reading for Pentecost, but of course the event of Pentecost came too late to be a subject for the gospels, and we read the account of another incident where the Risen Christ gave the Spirit to his disciples. There are two emphases in the account. The first is peace. Christ brings peace to his disciples with the double greeting of peace, and peace is a Christian watchword. Peace was the song of the angels at Jesus' birth. Each of Paul's letters opens with a greeting of peace. The letter to the Ephesians proclaims that Christ is our peace, the reversal of all worry, strife, envy, jealousy, self-seeking ambition. 'Go in peace' is Jesus' dismissal of those he cures, and also the dismissal at the end of Mass. Peace was Jesus' bequest to his disciples after the Last Supper. The second watchword is forgiveness, for God was always known as a God of mercy and forgiveness, as Jesus came to show by his constant approach to sinners. But the Lord's Prayer shows that if we do not ourselves forgive, we block God's forgiveness of ourselves too.

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE** We pray for the eternal welfare of **Kevin Mellor** (71) (Primrose Lane). Our prayers and condolences to his friends & family.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ellie Soper who makes her first Holy Communion at Immaculate Conception this Sunday.

**VOLUNTARY SERVICE!** 'Next Saturday 30th May from 10am to 2pm Glossop Willow Wood Hospice Shop is holding a Volunteer Recruitment Day. This is a great opportunity to visit and find out about volunteering in a Charity shop and what it entails. You gain as much as you give as a volunteer, using skills you already have and learning new ones, becoming part of a dedicated, friendly team and helping a really worthy cause. Come along and learn more.

**FIRST COMMUNION FLOWERS** There will be a collection today St Charles for First Holy Communion flowers. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated as there are so few children and families to contribute this year.

**CORPUS CHRISTI** is celebrated in a fortnight. Our customary Quarant' ore time of adoration is arranged for Friday 5th June at Immaculate Conception, and Sat 6th at St Charles. Lists are found at the back of church for you to indicate if and when you can come and adore for a time.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY** Christianity in Britain started early, but was largely submerged by the pagan Anglo-Saxon invasions of the fifth and sixth centuries. It remained alive only in the far west, which remained British because it was too remote and inaccessible for the invaders to attack. It is said that Pope Gregory the Great saw some fair-haired Anglo-Saxon slaves exposed for sale in a market in Rome. He asked where they were from, and when he was told, replied non Angli, sed angeli – "not Angles, but angels," and determined to secure their evangelization. Whatever the truth of that story, it is certain that Gregory did organise a party of thirty monks to travel to south-eastern England and spread the Gospel there, and chose as their leader Augustine, prior of the monastery of St Andrew in Rome. They landed in 597, and were welcomed by the king of Kent, Ethelbert, who became a Christian along with many of his subjects. A second wave of missionaries arrived in 601. Augustine went to Arles, in France, where he was consecrated archbishop of the English, and then returned to Canterbury to set up his see. The mission prospered, and he founded two more sees, at London and at Rochester in Kent. The evangelization of the country was planned in close agreement with Pope Gregory, and took care to respect existing traditions. Pagan temples and holy places were not to be destroyed, but to be converted to Christian use; and pagan feasts were to be superseded by Christian ones. This is consistent with the pattern of evangelization throughout the first millennium, which saw Christianity as a fulfilment of what went before, rather than a contradiction of it. Even in Rome itself, temples of Juno had a tendency to become churches dedicated to Our Lady. (It is only with the Spanish colonial evangelizations of the mid-second millennium that the policy of making a clean break with the past began: a policy that works faster but whose effects are not always permanent). In the far west of Britain, where British bishops had survived the pagan invasions – or where they had fled to escape them – Augustine was less successful in establishing his authority. The traditions of the Celtic church were different from the Roman ones, and bishops who had guided their people for generations were not about to submit to a jumped-up missionary from overseas. It took several generations for the whole of Great Britain to become Christian and for the English and British liturgical traditions to be reconciled. Augustine died at Canterbury on 26 May 604 or 605.

**UPCOMING EVENTS** at Immaculate Conception:

- Sat 13th June : Garden Fayre (church & grounds);
- Sat 21st June : Fathers' Day Home Bake.

**RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles:** 1st (£40) Fr Don; 2nd (£20) J Ashton. **Immaculate Conception:** 1st (£40): R Stocks; 2nd (£20) Fr Don;

**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.

**HAPPY (and hot!) HOLS** to schoolchildren and others beginning a half-term holiday break for a week or so,

