



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

**11th Sunday (a)
14th June 2026**



Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee,
my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults
thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer,
friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly,
day by day.
Amen.

The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 14th	11th ordinary Sunday 9.15 (BB) Joan Bone RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) Maryan RIP (MB)	
Mon 15th	feria 9.30 (HAD) private int (anon)	
Tues 16th	St Richard of Chichester 9.30 (HAD) dead list	
Weds 17th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Holy Souls	
Thurs 18th	feria 9.30 (HAD) DCA	12.30 (HAD) funeral for P J Merrick RIP
Fri 19th	feria 9.30 (BB) sp int (C&DN)	
Sat 20th	St Alban, martyr 9.30 (HAD) PP's ints	
Sun 21st	12th ordinary Sunday 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Christine Wild RIP (M&SR)	

ELEVENTH SUNDAY (A)

Psalter Week 3

Introduction: With the newly-commissioned disciples we are sent to preach the good news.

First Reading : Ex 19 : We are a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

RESP : WE ARE HIS PEOPLE, THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK

Second Reading : Rom 5. We are saved by the life of His Son.

Gospel : Mt 9 : He summoned the twelve and sent them out.

Comm ant: **THERE IS ONE THING I ASK OF THE LORD, TO LIVE IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE.**

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, Ethel Farnsworth.

And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time : Revv Garrett Sweeney, Frank McNicholas, John Shaw, Tom Fitzgerald, Pip Soar, Ben Choyce, Marcel Fangoo; Ronald Bailey, David Wiedemann, Margaret Biddle, Charles Wild, John Staton, Joan Bone, Doreen Shockledge, Kim Ryan, Bernard Winterbottom, Margaret George, Peggy Bowdren : *May eternal light shine on them : Amen*

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY we return to the wearing of green vestments –the apparel of Ordinary time. We listen to the words of the Sacred Scriptures, telling all of us we are called and reminded to be ever faithful to the Lord and to remember everything that He had done for us, in all the blessings and wonders that we have received. Each and every one of us have become partakers of the Covenant that God has established with us. God has loved and cared for us all most wonderfully and He has called on all of us to follow Him and to do His will. All of us are reminded to live our lives and to do our best to reflect the great love and the examples which our Lord Himself has shown us through His most beloved Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. That is what we are being reminded of this Sunday as we all gather together as one community and one Church of God.

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL Jesus was concerned about his people. He wanted to bring to them the Kingdom of his Father, so he set out to heal them, and sent others out to do the same. His aim was to bring them the peace of God, to help them by ridding them of their worries, their sickness, their embarrassment at being lost sheep without a shepherd (God was always the shepherd in Israel). When he set up the twelve apostles he was making a New Israel, a new set of twelve tribes, as a permanent healing body, to make sure that the Kingdom of the Father and its peace and generosity would always be available. He was not setting up a clergy, a set of leaders, but appointing his own helpers in spreading God's Kingdom. That is what every Christian must do. Do I make it my business to spread the Kingdom or the Kingship of God? Am I a labourer in the harvest, trying to bring God's peace and healing to all the sick sheep? After all, I was made in the image of God, and God gave me the task of following on his creative work. And then Jesus called me, too, to work with him.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE We note the death recently of **Paul Joseph Merrick** (66)(Wood End Drive, Stalybridge). We pray for his eternal repose and the comforting of Kim his widow, and all his many friends. His funeral is diaried for Thursday at St Charles.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK **St Richard of Chichester (1197 – 1253)** was a Worcestershire man, born at Droitwich (then known as Wych) in about 1197. He went to Orleans to study theology, and there after two years he was ordained priest. He took up the pastoral duties of a parish priest in Kent, but he was not to be left in obscurity for long. In 1244 the see of Chichester fell vacant. Pope Innocent IV personally consecrated Richard bishop at Lyons on 5th March 1245. When Richard came to

Chichester to take possession of his see, he found the gates of the city closed against him by order of King Henry II. Richard however took possession of his Cathedral amid great rejoicing. The Bishop could now devote himself fully to much-needed reforms. He died on 3rd April 1253. He was about 56 years of age, and had been bishop no more than eight years. His body was brought back to Chichester, where he was immediately hailed as a saint. He was canonised within the decade, and his body placed in a new shrine behind the High Altar in his cathedral, where it remained until destroyed at the Reformation. But today Richard is honoured again in that same spot, as a Saint and patron of Sussex.

St Alban was the first British martyr. He was a Roman who lived during the 3rd century in Verulamium and sheltered a fleeing Christian during a persecution.

UPCOMING EVENTS at Immaculate Conception: Sat 21st June : Fathers' Day Home Bake.

BISHOP'S INVITATION a message has reached us from the diocese communications office. It invites us to join Bishop Patrick who has recorded something simple for you: three short, guided meditations, just twenty minutes each. You press play, and he prays with you from beginning to end. You can pray them in a church, before the Blessed Sacrament, if you are able. You can just as easily listen at home, on a walk, or with your headphones in on the way to work. You can listen on your own or with friends, family or fellow parishioners. There is nothing to prepare and no particular way to pray. Bishop Patrick leads you through the prayers; you only have to make a little time. Go to the diocesan website for more info. Or message me and I'll send you the link.

ST CHARLES PARISH PICNIC on Saturday 4 July from 1pm to 4pm followed by a vigil mass at 4pm. If you are able to help in any way, or have any queries, please ring Sue Hoolahan 07596 728633

PARISH FUTURE PLANNING My best thanks to those who have met and worked to produced plans for the future of our parishes. Copies have been sent to Bishop's house for Bishop Patrick's consideration.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS **St Charles:** 1st (£40) S Shaw; 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.

ROB CRANSTON WRITES: New Lectors wanted for Sunday Mass Readings and Bidding Prayers at St Charles. A fresh rota is being prepared for August'26 onwards. For anyone new wishing to take part there is a form at the back of Church for names or contact Rob Cranston and he will add you to the rota.

ST CHARLES BORROMEIO ONLINE ROSARY every Tuesday evening at 7pm. This is open to all parishioners in the Glossop & Longdendale Churches. There is a link posted each week in our WhatsApp group but anyone else wishing to join in please contact Rob Cranston at cranston1948@aol.com and he will send you a link to join in.

OUR NEARBY NEIGHBOURS have messaged : "**The People's Emergency Briefing**", a film about climate change, will be screened at All Saints Parish Church. Church Street. Glossop. SK13 7RU on Sunday 5th July at 3.30pm. Refreshments provided.

PAPAL VISIT TO LA SAGRADA FAMILIA I was captivated by a Vatican TV recording about the Holy Father's visit to Barcelona, where he celebrated Mass in, and blessed the magnificent basilica. Well worth finding & viewing!

PARISH TRIP TO LLANDUDNO took place on Wednesday. A splendid day out in good company! My visit to Our Lady, Star of the Sea Catholic Church was memorable. Not as dramatic as Barcelona perhaps, but very definitely a holy place.