



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

**14th Sunday
5th July 2026**



Prayer of St Benedict

*O gracious and holy God,
Give us wisdom to know you,
Intelligence to understand you,
Diligence to seek you,
Patience to wait for you,
Eyes to behold you,
A heart to meditate upon you,
A life to proclaim you.
To the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,
Amen.*

My yoke is easy, my burden light

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 5th	14th ordinary Sunday 9.15 (BB) Peter Urquhart RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) P M Ashworth RIP (fam)	
Mon 6th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Colin Brazier RIP (fam)	
Tues 7th	feria 9.30 (HAD) for the parish	
Weds 8th	feria 9.30 (HAD) B Clancy RIP	
Thurs 9th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Mary Leader RIP	
Fri 10th	feria 9.45 (BB) Mary Walsh RIP <i>school year final Mass</i>	
Sat 11th	ST BENEDICT, patron of Europe 9.30 (HAD) C Brazier RIP (fam)	
Sun 12th	15th ordinary Sunday SEA SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) Joan Bone RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) for the parish <i>Padley pilgrimage 3pm</i>	

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY (A)

Psalter Week 2

Introduction: Words of gentleness and comfort as the Lord invites us to rest in him.

First Reading : Zech 9 : The king comes humbly on a donkey to comfort his people.

Resp ps: **I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOREVER, O GOD MY KING**

Second Reading : Rom 8 : In the power of the Spirit we can be set free from evil.

Gospel : Mt 11 : Jesus is gentle and humble in heart.

Comm.ant **COME TO ME, ALL WHO LABOUR AND ARE BURDENED,
AND I WILL REFRESH YOU, SAYS THE LORD.**

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 Terence Nunn, Bishop Edward Ellis; Peter Urquhart, Linsey Doran, Elizabeth Wardle, Monica Krommendijk, Angela Kelly, Michael Doran, Olive Kiely, Bernard O'Driscoll, Amy York. *May eternal light shine on them : Amen*

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND In Jesus's view, what's wrong is that, in the end, it's still too easy. If I'm living the virtue of the scribes and pharisees, I react this way: If you come to me and say, "I like you! You're a wonderful person," my response naturally will be in kind: "I like you too! Obviously, you're a wonderful person!" What I'm doing is simply feeding your own good energy back to you. But that has a nasty underside: If you come to me and say, "I hate you! You're a charlatan and a hypocrite," my response will also be in kind: "I hate you too! Clearly you're a very petty person!" This is ultimately what "an eye for an eye" morality, strict justice, comes down to. We end up feeding back the other's energy, good or bad, and replicating the other's virtue, good or bad. That's the natural way, but it's not the Christian way. It's precisely here where Jesus' invites us "beyond", beyond natural reaction, beyond instinct, beyond giving back in kind, beyond legal rights, beyond strict justice, beyond the need to be right, beyond even the ten commandments, beyond the virtue of the scribes and pharisees.

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL This much-loved and encouraging passage tells of the intimacy of the relationship between Father and Son in a way that no other passage of the synoptic gospels does. It is reminiscent of those passages in John 5 which unfold the equality of Father and Son: the Son does nothing but what he sees the Father doing; the Father loves the Son so that he entrusts all things to the Son, and the Son gives life just as the Father gives life. Then comes the gentle invitation of the Son to all who are overburdened. The 'yoke' is often a symbol of the Law of Moses, which could seem burdensome with its many commands, though it was also valued as God's revelation of himself to his own people in love. Christ is not a tyrannical master, but is a sympathetic, gentle and humble leader who shares his life with his followers. The 'yoke' or law of Christ, as we saw with regard to the second reading, is the interior impulse of the Spirit. It cannot be burdensome, since it is a joy to carry, a way of living with Christ and by his Spirit. Even the joy of martyrs, subjected as they are to physical pains, is a constant feature of accounts of martyrdom.

SAINT OF THE WEEK : St Benedict was born in Nursia, in Umbria, and studied in Rome; but he was unable to stomach the dissolute life of the city, and he became a solitary hermit at Subiaco. His reputation spread, and some monks asked him to be their abbot; but they did not like the discipline he imposed and tried to poison him. Benedict organised various small communities of monks and nuns in various places, including the great monastery of Monte Cassino. He drew up a set of rules to guide the communal life of monasteries. Although this

was not the first monastic rule ever, the Rule of St Benedict has proved so wise and balanced that it has served as the foundation of practically every attempt at communal living ever since – and not only in religious communities. The Rule of St Benedict recognises that people aim at perfection but often fall well short of it, and aims to be a “rule for beginners” in which even the least perfect and least able can grow in spiritual stature. To visit a Benedictine monastery of almost any kind is to find oneself spending time among a group of people who, by their strivings to live and grow together, have become more and more themselves, as God intended them, instead of being crushed into false uniformity by some idealistic and authoritarian regime. For those of us in the world, too, the Rule of St Benedict has much to say: it drags our eyes up to the stars but keeps our feet firmly on the ground; it calls us to perfection but keeps us sane.

NEXT SUNDAY is Sea Sunday, giving chance to pray for and support mariners everywhere. Envelopes are found at the back of church into which you may put your gift for Stella Maris, the Catholic charity helping seafarers.

THE INTER-DIOCESAN PADLEY PILGRIMAGE will be celebrated next Sunday 12th July. Gather at Grindleford station for the Rosary Procession at 3.00pm; followed by Mass at Padley at 3.30pm celebrated by Bishop Patrick. All are very welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Departing from East Midlands airport on Monday 13th July, to enjoy five days in Lourdes with over 200 people from across our diocese. If you have prayer-petitions (no cash please!) pass me a sealed envelope and I will leave them at Our Lady's feet at the apparition-rock.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles: 1st (£40) A King; 2nd (£20) A Carlton.

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.

ST CHARLES YEAR-END SCHOOL MASS will be celebrated in church on Tues 21st July, 9.30.

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

NEW LECTORS wanted for Sunday Mass Readings and Bidding Prayers at St Charles. A fresh rota is being prepared for August '26 onwards. 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 BORROMEO ONLINE ROSARY every Tuesday evening at 7pm. Please contact Rob Cranston at cranston1948@aol.com and he will send you a link to join in.

THE PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY BRIEFING”, a film about climate change, will be screened at All Saints Parish Church this Sunday 5th July at 3.30pm. Refreshments provided.

YOUNG PEOPLE aged 14-18 are invited to the ASCENT's Alpha Holy Spirit Day on Saturday 11th July, from 12.30pm until 6.30pm, at The Briars Retreat Centre, Matlock, DE4 5BW. The cost of the Day is £3, and more details are available from fromesther@theascentuk.co.uk

WARMER WELCOME workshop, Tuesday 7th July at 7.00pm. Join the next online get-together for volunteers with parish-based drop-ins or cafés. The session will explore working with other local agencies and learning from experience. If you're thinking of starting one, come and find out how others do it! Visit bit.ly/warmerwelcome to book your place.

DISASTER APPEAL Following the terrible twin earthquakes in Venezuela on 24 June, I am writing to inform you that the UK Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) has launched the Venezuela Earthquake Appeal to raise vital funds for communities affected. CAFOD is a long-standing member of the DEC and the collaboration across 15 of the UK's main humanitarian agencies is an important initiative. Any gifts for the appeal can be passed somehow to me, and I will ensure that CAFOD receives them.