



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

**15th (Sea) Sunday
12th – 25th July 2026**



Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm does bind
the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

Blest your eyes because they see!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 12th	FIFTEENTH (SEA) SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) Joan Bone RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) for the parish <i>Padley pilgrimage 3pm</i> Mon 13th to Sat 18th : No parish Masses	
Sun 19th	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) Paula Flanagan 11am (HAD) PP's welfare (anon) (<i>Name-badge day at St Charles</i>)	
Mon 20th	feria HAD 9.30 Ellen Gargan	
Tues 21st	feria 9.30 HAD (School end-of-year Mass) thanksgiving	
Weds 22nd	ST MARY MAGDALENE 9.30 (HAD) for the parish	
Thurs 23rd	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN 9.30 HAD Lilian Simpson RIP (<i>birthday remembrance</i>)	
Fri 24th	feria 9.30 (BB) PP anniv - t'giving (S&JH)	
Sat 25th	ST JAMES, Apostle 4pm : vigil for Sunday (HAD) Eddie Mortimer	
Sun 26th	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (Day for Grandparents & elderly) 9.15 (BB) welfare of Mervyn Mallabar (Cass fam) 11am (HAD) for the parish	

NOTE WELL : This newsletter has two weeks currency.
The next publication is planned for Sun 26th July

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY (A)

Psalter Week 3

Introduction: The Spirit nourishes the Word sown by Christ the Sower.

First Reading : Is 55 : As the rain flourishes the seed, God`s Word is productive.

Resp Ps: THE LORD FILLS THE EARTH WITH HIS LOVE

Second Reading : Rom 8 : The Whole of Creation groans to give birth to God`s fruitfulness.

Gospel : Mt 13 : A sower went out to sow.

Comm.ant WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM, 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

SEA SUNDAY "Mariners play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions - not least in the strait of Hormuz. Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate to support the works of Stella Maris in **today's second collection**. Dedicated envelopes are at the back of church. Additionally or alternatively you can visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you." And Sue Hoolahan messes Hadfield worshippers: **'Sea Sunday is this weekend. There will be a cake stall after mass at St Charles to raise money for Apostleship of the Sea. Please donate cakes if you can. Don't forget your purse!'**

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL Jesus is the completion of the Law of God given to Israel through Moses. He has come not to sweep it away but to perfect it. In this part of the Sermon on the Mount Matthew has gathered together six instances (four this week, two next Sunday) of the ways in which Jesus brings the Law to perfection. The first factor to notice, however, is that Jesus does not hesitate to adjust the divine Law on his own authority, for he too has divine authority. Each correction begins with a

statement of the old Law and boldly goes on, 'But I say this to you...' Each of the corrections has its own character. The first is about enmity, the sixth about love. About enmity, it is not enough merely to forego violent injury; we must even expel enmity from our hearts, positively seeking reconciliation, whether the offence is our fault or not. About lust, it is similarly not enough to forego acts of lust; we must not even harbour such thoughts in our hearts. About divorce, the easy toleration of divorce in the Jewish Law is swept away, and Jesus uncompromisingly calls it fornication. About truth, it is not enough to keep a legal oath; we must be people whose every word can be relied upon. These are Jesus' demanding standards.

SAINT OF THE WEEK In 1858 (the year that St Charles church first opened its doors) the Immaculate Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, near Lourdes in France, in the cavern called "de Massabielle." Through this poor, fourteen-year-old girl, Mary calls on sinners to change their lives. She has inspired in the Church a great love of prayer and good works, especially in the service of the poor and the sick. Lourdes has become a renowned place of pilgrimage ever since.

LABEL SUNDAY Next weekend (19 July) is label Sunday at St Charles. Please pray for someone that is wearing a name badge that you may not have prayed for before. We will also be distributing forms for anyone that wishes to volunteer their services for anything from cleaning the church to reading or running social events.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY is celebrated on Sunday 26th July. The Vatican has sent a letter for this day, which takes place each year on the Sunday nearest to the memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne. This year Pope Leo has selected the theme I will never forget you (Isaiah 49:15) to offer consolation, hope, and connection.

Please note : a vigil Mass is planned for Saturday 25th July at 4pm at St Charles. I hope this will appeal to grandparents & elderly, and that the next generation (children or grandchildren) will escort them to Mass. Did someone suggest a bit of a party afterwards? Hope so!

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles: 1st (£40) S Williamson, C Johnson; 2nd (£20) M Brierley, Fr Don.

TABLES M&S Glossop have kindly offered 8 tables for use in the church. One parishioner has kindly offered to pick 4 tables up but we need someone to pick up the other 4. Please ring Sue on 07596 728633 if you are able to help this Sunday before 4pm.

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.

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.

CALLING PARISH MUSICIANS The Diocese of Nottingham is partnering with **One Hope Project** to offer both spiritual and musical formation for parish musicians (or those who would like to be). The course will begin in September but there is an information meeting on Monday 20th July at 7.00pm on Zoom to explore what the programme is and how it can help you. To access the link please email team@onehopeproject.co.uk or visit: <https://bit.ly/OHPNotts26>

TRIBUNAL AUDITORS The Diocesan Tribunal is seeking new auditors. Auditors are those who take evidence, either through formal depositions or witness testimonies, and are integral to the marriage nullity process. No previous experience is necessary, as training will be provided, but simply a willingness to accompany people in a caring and sensitive manner. Interested? Contact the diocesan office on 0115 953 9804.

FOOD BANKS Both our churches have collection-boxes for goods to support our local foodbanks. Thanks to those who support this work in any way, and thanks also to Carmel & G5 for their charitable outreach.