



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Nineteenth Sunday
9th Aug 2026



*Thou hast made us for thyself
O Lord,
and our hearts are restless
till they find their rest in thee.*

(St Augustine of Hippo)

Why did you doubt?

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 9th	NINETEENTH SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Mary Davison RIP	
Mon 10th	ST LAWRENCE, deacon & martyr 9.30 (HAD) M Mantel RIP (KMH)	
Tues 11th	St Clare 9.30 (HAD) P Anderson RIP (KMH)	
Weds 12th	St Jane Frances 9.30 (HAD) P Anderson RIP (P&CJ)	
Thurs 13th	feria 9.30 (HAD) MM Briggs RIP (KMH) <i>noon (HAD) funeral service for Marie Mary Briggs</i>	
Fri 14th	St Maximilian Kolbe 9.30 (BB) Lynn Wiedemann's welfare (DW)	
Sat 15th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Norah Hibbert RIP (KMH)	
Sun 16th	THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Dinah Brown RIP (KMH)	

NINETEENTH SUNDAY (A)

Psalter Week 3

INTRODUCTION The Lord's voice is heard both in a gentle breeze and also in a great tempest. He calls us everywhere - and anywhere!

FIRST READING : 1 Kings 19 : Standing on the mountain of the Lord, the Lord calls Elijah in a gentle breeze.

RESP : LET US SEE O LORD YOUR MERCY, AND GIVE US YOUR SAVING HELP

SECOND READING : Rom 9 : St Paul avows that he would willingly be condemned if it would help his people.

GOSPEL : Mt 14 : Jesus strides across stormy waters and calls Peter to have faith to do the same.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON : The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

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, Isabella Phillips, Arthur King, Val Gebbett, Rita Dwyer, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Diane Wilson, Jean Ashton, Keith Winston.

And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Rev Tony O'Dowd; Harold Shaw: *May eternal light shine on them;*
may they rest in peace : Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND Bishop Patrick has sent a Pastoral letter which will be read at all Masses. Additionally, this weekend we are invited to Pray for Europe. Undershadowing this 19th Sunday is the feast of a Patroness of Europe, St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross - Edith Stein.

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL The Christian people is often depicted as a boat, with Peter at the helm. As in a boat, everyone has their part to play: kids to bring the excitement and the challenge, parents to take the responsibility, grandparents just to be there to comfort and reassure. Without Jesus they were getting exhausted, frustrated and probably bad-tempered and quarrelling. When Jesus appears everything changes: first, terror and awed amazement, then Peter rushes to meet him – and loses confidence, only to be swiftly rescued. How does Jesus come to me? In the joys of family? In the unwelcome criticism of an angry neighbour who tells me the truth about myself? In the worries of a job or the agonies of a failed relationship? In the staggering beauty of creation? In physical pain? All these can bring God's presence, and without that presence we cannot expect to cope. Jesus does not force himself upon us. He just jogs us, and says, 'Here I am if you want me.' He may disappear into the sea-mist again for a time, and we may sink into the water like mistrustful Peter. But it all ends with a welcome and a recognition that Jesus can cope even with a life-threatening situation.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK St Maximilian Kolbe (1894 - 1941) was born in occupied Poland: he joined the Franciscans in Lwów in 1910, and was ordained eight years later, as his country became free and independent for the first time in over 120 years. He believed that the world was passing through a time of intense spiritual crisis, and that Christians must fight for the world's salvation with all the means of modern communication. He founded a newspaper, and a sodality called the Knights of Mary Immaculate, which spread widely both in Poland and abroad. In 1927 he founded a community, a "city of Mary," at Teresin: centred round the Franciscan friary, it attracted many lay people, and became self-supporting, publishing many periodicals and running its own radio station. In 1930 he went to Japan, studied Buddhism and Shintoism, and through the Japanese edition of his newspaper spread the Christian message in a way that was in harmony with Japanese culture. In Nagasaki, he set up a "Garden of the Immaculate," which survived the atomic bomb. He also travelled to Malabar and to Moscow but was recalled to Poland in 1936 for reasons of health.

When the Germans invaded in 1939, the community at Teresin sheltered thousands of refugees, most of them Jews. In 1941 he was arrested and sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz, where he helped and succoured the inmates. In August of that year a

prisoner escaped, and in reprisal the authorities were choosing ten people to die by starvation. One of the men had a family, and Maximilian Kolbe offered to take his place. The offer was accepted, and he spent his last days comforting his fellow prisoners. The man he saved was present at his canonization.

Saint Clare (1193/4 – 1253) was born at Assisi and came under the influence of Saint Francis. She left home at the age of 18 and, under Francis's guidance, began a community that grew to become the order of the Poor Clares (she was later joined both by her sister and by her widowed mother). In its radical attachment to poverty the Rule of the order was much more severe than that of any other order of nuns. In 1215 Clare obtained from the Pope the privilege of owning nothing, so that the nuns of the order were to be sustained by alms and nothing else. Such a rule was (like the Franciscan rule) both a challenge to established structures and a risk to those who followed it, and successive Popes tried to modify it. In 1247 Pope Innocent IV promulgated a new Rule that allowed the ownership of communal property: Clare rewrote it. A later attempt at mitigation in 1263 partly succeeded (perhaps because Clare was dead by then): some communities followed the old, strict rule and some followed the new. Clare was a noted contemplative and a caring mother to her nuns. She died in Assisi.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS **St Charles:** 1st (£40) M Stevenson; 2nd (£20) D Fay.

REQUIEM MASS for the late Pauline Anderson will be celebrated on Tuesday 18th August at 1pm at St Charles. May she rest in peace.

An extract from the Bishop's Ad Clerum this week:

'THE PARISH OF BLESSED NICHOLAS GARLICK, GLOSSOP, taking the entire territory, and patrimony, and care of souls of the former parishes of All Saints, Glossop; and St Mary Crowned, Glossop. I have appointed Father Martin Sylvester Parish Priest of this new parish, in succession to his previous appointments as Parish Priest of the two parishes extintively unionised.'

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.

A NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP plans to meet in the St Charles Oratory on Monday 17th August at 7.30 . Deacon Owen has advised there is an app which can be downloaded for free 'The Catholic Study Bible App (Ignatius RSV Second Catholic Edition)'. (Ignore the additional features.) The group are hoping to meet once a month for about an hour, all are welcome. If you are interested, please contact karen.proctor@dioceseofnottingham.co.uk or via the parish WhatsApp group.

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE. The proposal to legalise assisted suicide which was rejected by the Lords in the last parliamentary session is returning to the Commons in exactly the same form on Friday 11 Sept. Our Bishops have asked us to oppose this legislation, on the grounds that it undermines respect for the innate value of life; that it could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives; and that it risks putting many hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate. The Bishops have asked us to contact / write to our MPs once again, to express our opposition to this bill. They have provided materials to help us to do this on their website (www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/). SPUC also offers advice on what to say to your MP ([SPUC.org.uk/Fight the Terminally Ill Adults \(End of Life\) Bill](http://SPUC.org.uk/Fight the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill)). There is only a short time before the bill is debated on 11th September. Please contact your MP as soon as possible.

A REFLECTION ON TODAY'S Gospel message: 'God speaks peace to his people, our psalmist tells us. The irony of Jesus walking on the chaotic water speaking peace to the fearful disciples in what should be the safety of the boat. Paul too in our second reading shows a lack of fear in being prepared to suffer for God's people when most of us what to avoid suffering at all costs. Paul is showing a confidence in God's mercy and fidelity, the same mercy and fidelity which embrace in the Person of Jesus the Messiah. Indeed, 'If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself'. Our peace comes from being with him. It is His fidelity, despite our lack, that stills the turbulent waters on which we walk. Removing our fears by the fulfilment of our hopes that even in our fragility we are not only lovable but loved, not only loved but transformed by his gift into an instrument of his mercy.'