

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY (B)**

**Aug 8th 2021**



*Panis angelicus  
Fit panis hominum  
Dat panis coelicus  
Figuris terminum  
O res mirabilis  
Manducat dominum  
Pauper Servus et humilis*

St Thomas Aquinas

# *They will all be taught by God*

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**DATE****PARISH MASS****OTHER**

Sun 8th

**SUNDAY XIX**

9.15 (BB) Eileen Morris RIP

11am (HAD) for the parish

Mon 9th

**ST TERESA BENEDICTA patron of Europe**

9.30 (HAD) Andrew Bryant

Tues 10th

**ST LAWRENCE deacon & martyr**

9.30 (HAD) Harold Shaw RIP (fam)

Weds 11th

**St Clare**

9.30 (HAD) Charles Davison

Thurs 12th

**feria / St Jane Frances de Chantal**

9.30 (HAD) t'giving to St Francis (JM)

Fri 13th

**fera / St Pontian, pope & Hippolytus, priest - martyrs**

9.30 (BB) Elizabeth Heffron RIP (JM)

Sat 14th

**St Maximilian Kolbe, martyr**

9.30 (BB) Elizabeth Heffron RIP (JM)

Sun 15th

**THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY**

9.15 (BB) for the parish

11am (HAD) Evelyn Freeman

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY (B)**

Psalter Week 3

**Introduction** : Elijah the prophet was drawn to the mountain of God where the Lord gave him food and drink; The Father draws us to himself and His Son offers us the Bread of Heaven as we come to Mass.

**First Reading** : 1 Kings 19 : God feeds his prophet Elijah in the desert.

**Second Reading**: Ephesians 4 : "Never hold grudges against anyone"

**Gospel**: John 6 : I am the living bread come down from Heaven.

## **SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH**

***Please remember to support and pray for those listed as sick and***

***housebound in our parish:*** Mary Perry, Peter James, Harold Midwood, Fr John Cairns, Pauline Anderson, Isabella Phillips, Monica Krommendijk, Una Wilkinson, Liam Handley, David Healey, Josie & Peter Cowden, Nella Lewyckyj, Evelyn Matthewman, Neil Appleton, Alice Canning.

***Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose***

***anniversaries occur about this time:*** Olga Milliard, Harold Shaw, Lillian Condliffe :

***Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen***

## **PARISH NOTES**

***THIS WEEKEND*** we celebrate the nineteenth Sunday in ordinary time. The gospel continues from St John ch.6 - tells of the Bread of Heaven.

*In other years we would celebrate St Dominic, the founder of the community of Dominican priests, sisters and brothers. St Dominic is pictured in one of St Charles' windows receiving a rosary from Our Blessed Lady: he is credited with being the first promoter of the rosary. Members of the parish rosary group are urged to the Luminous mysteries on Monday.*

***PATRON SAINTS OF EUROPE*** feature in the church's calendar with great frequency. There are five of them, and they each merit a Feast Day. St Teresa Benedicta is honoured on Monday. Born Edith Stein, a Jewess, she was for many years an atheist before discovering the works of St Teresa of Avila & St John of the Cross. She became a Carmelite nun, but was deported to Auschwitz and martyred on 9th August 1942. May she intercede for us.

***ST LAWRENCE*** was one of the first deacons. On his feastday on Tuesday we may pray for our own deacon, Owen, and his fellow deacons in our diocese.

***NEXT SUNDAY*** is 15th August, and we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption. Readers beware!

***ST CHARLES TOTE*** Recent winners: £30 P Anderson; £20 M Revell. Thank you to all who support our parishes through the totes, and greater thanks to those who administer them.

***MASS BOOKING SYSTEM*** Thanks to Angie (BB) (07977202639) for organising the bookings for Immaculate Conception church. There is no need for the time being to book a place for Mass at St Charles.

***MARY'S FUNERAL*** took place from St Charles during the week. It was distinctive and memorable in curious ways. Mary had no relatives at all. She was helped during her later years by a kindly friend, Jim; he and his wife were the 'chief mourners'. Mary died after years in Regency Hall care home on the Carriage Drive; four members of staff came to the church for her leave-taking. One further friend was there, as well as small group of parishioners representing her only 'family', the church. A tiny congregation for a tiny lady. Mary was distinctive in her attitudes! She had stipulated minimum fuss, and certainly no wastage of money on flowers. And no eulogy or speeches. And no singing. We listened to a little decorous 'piped-music', including Ave Maria in her honour.

The cortege to the cemetery was just one vehicle apart from the undertaker's hearse and me. On the journey up Station Rd, shoppers emerging from various enterprises paused and bowed—and even made the sign of the Cross. I rarely see that these days, but was delighted

that Mary was so respected. A quiet and dignified taking-off. I hope Mary was pleased!  
**“MEETING POINT”** is a new parish enterprise to begin to bring people socially together again after so much lockdown. Last Saturday the oratory was busy for 90 minutes with good folk assisting, visiting, chatting - end enjoying lavish refreshments. It was a good start, and those who came along were delighted. The planning team will soon meet to evaluate the start-up and plan some more. If you have a wish to assist, let me know and I'll put you in touch before the next get-together.

**A PILGRIM BAND** made their way to St Charles late in the week. A quartet of delightful and rainsoaked folk came from the Horwich/Bolton area in search of the resting place of Mona Baroness Beaumont, the wife of the last Baron Howard of Glossop. This eager group journeyed on innumerable buses and trains, survived cloudbursts and violent winds to get to St Charles. They were soaked, and their umbrellas looked pitifully inadequate against the tempest as they trailed from Hadfield station down to St Charles, and stand above the crypt where the baroness is laid to rest, and to marvel at the decorations festooning the walls nearby. They had known the Baroness and spoke very fondly of her many acts of kindness. I was pleased to make them welcome, and was very touched by their enthusiasm to seek and find their friend, and honour her. I noted to them that the Baroness had become Baroness of Glossop in the year of my birth, and that she died a few weeks after my ordination. I admire people with such indefatigable enthusiasms!

**AND FINALLY** Another invasion. Read somewhere that this year of weird weather meant that there were precious few wasps around. No one told this to the hundreds of wasps nest-building in a crack in the wall near my bathroom.

**READ** more than a few of my favourite poems recently. Amongst my favourites is the bitter-sweet and deeply affecting “The Parting” by Kathleen Raine. Not quite newsletter material as you will discern when you hunt it out.

But here is one that is:

**BREAD** of heaven, on Thee we feed,  
For Thy flesh is meat indeed;  
Ever may our souls be fed  
With this true and living Bread;  
Day by day with strength supplied,  
Through the life of Him who dies.

Vine of heaven, Thy precious blood  
Seals to-day our peace with God;  
Lord, Thy wounds our healing give;  
To Thy cross we look and live:  
Jesus, may we ever be  
Grafted, rooted, built in Thee.