



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



PARISH NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY VII in ordinary time (C)

Feb 20th 2022



THE CHAIR OF PETER

“The chair represents the Pope’s mission
to guide the entire people of God.

Celebrating the chair of Peter
means attributing a strong spiritual significance to it,
and recognising it as a privileged sign
of the love of God”

Pope Benedict XVI

Be compassionate!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 20th	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15 (BB) Mgr Edward Walker RIP (anon) 11am (HAD) Helen Heywood RIP (JM)	
Mon 21st	St Peter Damian 9.30 (HAD) G McSherry RIP (JM)	
Tues 22nd	CHAIR OF ST PETER IN ROME 9.30 (HAD) Fr Joe Keogh (DW)	
Weds 23rd	St Polycarp 9.30 (HAD) Sisters Rita & Collette (DW)	
Thurs 24th	feria 8am (HAD) Angela Quigley RIP (MR)	
Fri 25th	feria 9.00 (BB) Elizabeth Heffron RIP (JM)	
Sat 26th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Patricia Maxwell RIP (MR)	
Sun 27th	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9.15 (BB) Liam Handley RIP (anon) 11am (HAD) Kevin Cannon RIP (fam)	

SEVENTH SUNDAY (C)

Psalter Week 3

Introduction to the Readings : Loving those who hurt us is hard. Yet Christ demands we even love our enemies - as He did.

First Reading: 1 Sam 26 : David forgives Saul, and refuses to wound him

Responsorial Psalm: **The Lord is compassion and love.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15 : Be modelled on the heavenly One.

Gospel : Luke 6 : The Father shows his compassion for us in Christ, who forgives his enemies and dies for them.

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, Monica Krommendijk, Joe Singleton, Una Wilkinson, Christine Wild, David Healy, Josie & Peter Cowden, Denise Walsh, Nella Lewyckyj, Jacob Ibbotson, Evelyn Matthewman, Rob Cranston, Neil Appleton, Alice Canning.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Revv Chris O'Brien, Roger Maher, Mgr Edward Walker, Bertie Bowker: *Florence Thompson, Helen Felstead, Patrick McKenna, Ian Morris, Gerard Lathwood, Josie Couban: Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, may they rest in peace. Amen*

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY is the seventh Sunday in ordinary time. Those somewhat longer of tooth and greyer of hair will remember it being called "Sexagesima Sunday" - the second Sunday before Lent. The liturgical 'countdown' to Easter began last Sunday "Septuagesima Sunday" (70 days); 'Sexagesima' indicates 60 days, though in fact we are 56 days away from Easter Sunday. By time we get to Lent (Quadragesima/40th), a week on Wednesday, the maths are almost right, with Ash Wednesday being 40 days to Good Friday.

The highlight word of the readings is "Compassion" - to suffer alongside some one. The heart of the matter is be as kind to others as you are to yourself.

PASTORAL LETTER this Sunday Bishop Patrick speaks to everyone in the diocese on the planned diocesan response to the Synod, and locally, plans for the future shape of parishes, deaneries and diocese. You can find a copy of the pastoral letter on the parish website.

BISHOP PATRICK GOES GLOBAL An in-depth interview with our Bishop is being broadcast this Sunday on the shalomworld.org website. The programme is called 'Heart Talk' and is broadcast at 7.30 pm.

THIS WEEK on Tuesday we celebrate a chair. Sounds peculiar? However, it is the time when we honour the Petrine Office and 'chair of teaching' of the pope. We are used to hearing that Professor Smith holds the chair of biology at this or that university. Our cathedrals have impressive chairs (cathedra) indicating the Bishop's authority to teach the truths of Christ as manifest in our catechism. The Bishop of Rome occupies the chair of St Peter, the chief apostle. This Tuesday on that feastday, the Bishop will be leading Vespers at the cathedral. During that time of prayer the Synodal Process moves on a step. This event is being live-streamed so that those at a distance can join in.

SCHOOL HOLS We wish the dedicated staff of our schools a restful time during half-term break. Equally, I hope the weather is kinder this week than stormy last week, and that pupils will have chance to get out and about.

THE SYNODAL PROCESS

Our next parish step is to engage with two ongoing questions for the future of our parish and its people:

1. As parishioners do we know people who feel marginalised or separated from the parish and wider society?

2. How can we best respond?

Please suggest two identifiable ways we can help such people locally, and also a long-term action whereby we as parishes are challenged to reach out and listen to marginalised and

separated people.

Rather than call a parish meeting for this matter, there are slips at the back of church which I invite you to take and fill in. Once filled in, please fold them and leave them in the Suggestions Box or in the usual collection baskets - or the rectory letterbox.

PARISH TOTE Recent winners: St Charles : 1st (40) - C Johnson; 2nd : £20 - A Black. Thank you to all who support our parishes through the totes, and greater thanks to those who administer them.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is on Friday 4th March at 2pm in St Charles church; anyone interested in helping contact Carole Wardle.

FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT starts on Monday. Our neighbours at Central Methodist church are hosting a Fair Trade Breakfast on Tues 22nd 8am-10am. All welcome! Watch this space for other initiatives.

LENT AHOY We have received a host of publications to aid your spiritual journey through Lent. These can be found at the back of church.

- **“My Day by Day”** - free-of-charge;
- **“Walk with Me”** is a diocesan-sponsored publication—also free-of-charge;
- **“Magnificat”** has also arrived (£5)

Please take copies not only for yourself, but also for neighbours, and especially for those once-fellow-worshippers who are ‘resting’.

BB FUND-RAISING My thanks to the parishioners who met during the week to plan fund-raising initiatives. Among the ideas floated:

The first: Sheila Gerrard wrote a book during lockdown "Me and Me Mam" about herself and her mother. She has donated 20 copies to church fundraising and has requested that they be a donation of at least £5.

Secondly: Cathy and Claire hope to arrange a concert in church later in the year.

CONFIRMATION 2022 Bishop Patrick is planning to visit our area to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday 14th June this year. If you have been baptised as Catholic and have made First Holy Communion, but are unConfirmed, then this is your chance fully to become a Catholic by receiving the Spirit's gifts in this wonderful sacrament. Anyone over the age of 11 may apply. Please message me, preferably by email, for further encouragement and info.

NEIGHBOURLY INVITATION The Glossop parishes are organising a 'Retreat in Daily Life' entitled "Experience the Friendship of Jesus". This is arranged for next Saturday 26 Feb in St Mary's Hall in Glossop, 10.30-3pm. It is being presented by Carmelite-conditioned Philip Mc Parland. All are welcome!

MORE NEIGHBOURLINESS Our friends at Hadfield Methodist church on Station Rd have been in touch and asked us to advertise two initiatives that community are developing.

- * On Thursdays from 24th Feb 10.15-11.45 : "Places of Welcome". This is a similar enterprise to our 'Meeting Point' - inviting people to companionship and refreshments;
- * On Fridays from 10-11.30 : "Baby & Toddler Group" - £1 per family-group.
- * And from Carmel church, also on Station Rd, an open invitation to the over-60s to come to lunch every second Wednesday 12.30-2pm. Contact Gill on 07549307720 to book a place at table. The next occasion is 9th March.

REPOSITORY Lola advises that First Holy Communion cards, St Patrick's Day cards and Easter-card catalogues are readily available from the repository stall at St Charles, and also at the back of BB church. Please support this parish service.

WANT TO GIVE YOUR MARRIAGE A BOOST? Treat yourselves to a life-enhancing Marriage Encounter Experience. Our next experiences are 4-6th March, 14th & 21st May, 11-12th June. Visit WWME.org.uk for more details and booking. A great marriage lifts your family, Parish and personal happiness.