



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (c)

Sept 4th 2022



*May the almighty and merciful Lord
grant us joy and peace,
amendment of life,
room for true repentance,
the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit
and perseverance in good works.
Amen*

*(from the priest's Formula of Intent,
silently prayed before every Mass)*

Seek your treasure in heaven!

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Sun 4th	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) Brendan McCusker RIP (AS) 11am (HAD) for the parish	
Mon 5th	feria 9.30 (HAD) A Lavin RIP	
Tues 6th	feria no parish Mass today	
Weds 7th	feria 9.30 (HAD) welfare of S Mullins (<i>f/by Weds Group meeting</i>)	
Thurs 8th	BIRTHDAY OF OUR LADY 9.30 (HAD) N Lardner RIP (<i>7pm, oratory : 'Sycamore' begins</i>)	
Fri 9th	St Peter Claver 9.00 (BB) P Glynn RIP 10.30 (HAD) funeral service Vivienne Murray RIP	
Sat 10th	feria 9.30 (HAD) welfare L Silke	
Sun 11th	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) M & J Cannon RIP (MS) <i>HAD parish council meeting after Mass</i>	

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Psalter Week 3

Introduction: *Our Lord invites us to carry our daily cross - and to shed our possessions.*

First Reading : Wis 9 : Who can divine God`s inscrutable will?

Resp.Ps. O LORD YOU HAVE BEEN OUR REFUGE FROM ONE GENERATION TO THE NEXT

Second Reading : Philemon 9: Paul, in chains, makes an extraordinary gift.

Gospel : Lk 14 : Don` t be trapped by possessions - except your daily cross!

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, Joe Singleton, Joan Killeen, Una Wilkinson, Christine Wild, David Healey, Dennis Brady, Jacob Ibbotson, Alice Canning.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Revv Brendan Campbell; *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them: may they rest in peace. Amen*

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY we journey into September, into autumn, and into the 23rd week in ordinary time. The Gospel teaches us that the essential condition for true discipleship, demanded by Christ, was, and still is, total dedication, total commitment of oneself to Him. Following Christ means making our way to heaven. It is a life-journey. We have a limited time in which to complete this journey. Therefore, we must travel a certain distance each day. This does not mean that we must spend every day in prayer and meditation. There are other tasks to be done, but we must bring Christ these other tasks. The married man or woman who is loyal to his or her life-partner and to the family, if there is one, and who provides diligently and honestly for his own and the family's spiritual and temporal welfare, and who always does this with the intention of pleasing God, is following Christ and is moving steadily day by day towards heaven.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK Above all we honour Our Blessed Lady, whose birthday we celebrate on Thursday. 'Hail Mary! Full of grace!'

THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER is dedicated to **Our Lady of Sorrows**, whose memorial the Church celebrates on September 15th.

NEXT SUNDAY is Education Sunday. Though there is no mandatory second collection, a basket will be at the back of church for voluntary donation to the Catholic Education Service.

RESTART Best wishes to those starting the new academic year this week. To them and their dedicated staff "Welcome Back!"; may the Holy Spirit guide you through the year.

PARISH TOTE Recent winners: **St Charles** : 1st : £40—M Clough; 2nd £20 : Fr Don.

STANDING ORDERS: Immaculate Conception : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "St Margaret's church/collection" 00510567 ; St Charles : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "Charles church/collection" 00269177.

WELCOME FR MARTIN who comes on Monday to celebrate morning Mass at St Charles, allowing me to celebrate a Requiem Mass for a dear friend at All Saints.

THE WEDNESDAY GROUP meets after Mass on the 7th. Tim Knebel is planning to speak at the meeting. He is the Project Manager for 'The Peak in the Past-heritage group'. His theme : "In pursuit of a Peak District Pensioner Criminal from 1880 until 1916". It's a moving human story of hardship resilience and sheer defiance in the face of poverty. All are welcome!

BIRTHDAY TREAT we look forward to honouring Our Lady on the Thursday feast of her birthday. Not such a treat is the three-line whip for all diocesan priests to journey to Newark on the 6th to attend a 9.30-4pm briefing on Safeguarding!

EARLY MASS Would Friday Mass-goers at Immaculate Conception note that Mass is scheduled for 9am, allowing me time to return to St Charles for that morning's funeral service for Vivienne Murray RIP.

THE RELICS OF SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES will visit our diocese for the first time ever on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th October, at Saint Bernadette's Church, Scunthorpe, and the Cathedral, Nottingham. All are encouraged to come to this once-in-a-lifetime

opportunity, to have a little experience of Lourdes here amongst us.

A preview of the Relics Tour can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch>. and booking to visit the relics can be made via the link here: <https://stbernadette.org.uk> Do consider coming to this unique spiritual event, giving thanks to God for the miracles of Lourdes, and praying for healing in so many ways in our own lives and in our world

EVENTS FOR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE DIOCESE Following the great successes of the men's and women's Lenten retreats, and the desire for distinct events focused on fraternity and sorority support in faith, the Diocese of Nottingham has organised events this October for men and women. On Saturday 8th October our men's ministry team has organised a walking pilgrimage to the Shrine of Saint Joseph in the Goyt Valley near Buxton in the Peak District for Men (total 5-mile walk) followed by a pub lunch. On Saturday 29th October our women's ministry team will host a talk and discussion at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Bulwell (Nottingham) on the role of Women Leadership in the Church, followed by Afternoon Tea. For more information and to book a place visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events, call 0115 953 9841, or email adult.formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk

PRAYER REQUESTS Cards are found at in front of the Lady Chapel at St Charles for 'prayer requests'. In quiet moments many people come to that basket and ask us to pray for a particular intention, sometimes with the note of a name or circumstance. This is a great trust placed on you and me. It is good in your daily prayers to call to mind 'those who have asked us to pray for them'.

THE QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK Last Sunday it was a quiet delight to invoke a blessing on a couple celebrating their wedding anniversary. "Can anyone ask for a blessing, Father?" asked a parishioner thereafter. Of course, whether in private, or public; in church or elsewhere; of a couple, an individual, a house or even a new car. Sometimes couples seek a blessing on their betrothal, and even the engagement ring. A lovely idea, that makes the focus of 'plighting of troth' Divine.

LAST SUNDAY'S WEDDING was a delight! Joseph and Jessica had taken immense trouble to prepare, making sure that the Sacramental element was to the foregound. They had proposed many of the devotional moments – including the administration of Holy Communion. The flowers were breath-taking; the string quartet divine; the hymns and songs well-chosen. A great delight (with the possible exception of five photographers/ videographers).

FR DAREN I had the chance to catch up with Fr Daren during the week. A series of medical mishaps have meant that he has had to resign from his post as an army chaplain. A great blow for him, and a huge gap in the Royal Army Chaplains Department. He is lodging in his private address just beyond the northern border of the diocese. I made sure he knew he was welcome to come and visit or even stay awhile. In the meantime, he would value your prayers.

SIGNS OF FAITH I found myself in a number of parishioner homes recently, and found myself hunting for the signs that I was in a Catholic home. A sad lack of crucifixes and holy water finger fonts in so many addresses. I hope that that's not the case in your homes. It is so important that we are seen to be his disciples, at home and on our travels! (and as for miniature boxing gloves hanging from car rear-view mirrors – charity forbids me to speak! Why not a palm cross?)

LUSCIOUS HARVEST The orchard adjacent to the pathway down to Immaculate Conception church is strangely bereft of fruit this year. All except the plum tree. This tree seems to have withstood late frosts, later drought and heat and produced an abundance of plums. And they are a perfect delight. Thanks be to God for such providence. The lower branches have been stripped of their fruit. But 'a man's reach must exceed his grasp or what's a heaven for?'. Bring your step ladder and help yourself!

MOVING ON Farewell Fr Daniel, moving this week from Marple Bridge and New Mills to pastures new. And welcome to Fr Emmanuel Abbem, who comes as his successor in that parish.

SYCAMORE This course begins this week at 7pm on Thursday 8th in the oratory at Saint Charles. I hope that many we want to come along to this weekly gathering aimed at digging deeper into our faith, love for the Lord, and the gifts of his church. Each meeting begins with a small repast followed by a video with discussion and prayers. Non-Catholics seeking an understanding of our church and its teachings are as welcome as those who wish to refresh their faith. Come one come all!

THREE RED HATS The Catholic Church in England and Wales now, remarkably, has three cardinals. Traditionally, the Archbishop of Westminster can expect to receive a red hat – and so it came to pass when Cardinal Vincent Nichols was created cardinal in 2014. Five years later, in 2019, Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald Mafr, who was President of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue from 2002 to 2006, became England's second living cardinal having returned to serve as a priest in Liverpool after half a century away. Now we have further cause for joy and celebration as our former Bishop of Leeds was created cardinal in an Ordinary Public Consistory on Saturday, 27 August 2022.