



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY (C)

Oct 9th 2022



Cardinal Newman's evening prayer

May the Lord support us
all the day long,
Till the shades lengthen
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in his mercy
may he give us a safe lodging,
and holy rest,

If we hold firm, we shall reign with him

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Sun 9th	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY (Prisoners' Sunday) 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) DCA	
Mon 10th	St Paulinus & Anglo-Saxon saints 9.30 (HAD) M Hook RIP (AC)	
Tues 11th	St Denis; St Jn Leonardi; St Jn XXIII 9.30 (HAD) A Kempster RIP (D&KH)	
Weds 12th	St Wilfrid; St Hilda (school Mass in church) 9.30 (HAD) Fr Jn Sullivan RIP (TP)	
Thurs 13th	St Edward the Confessor 9.30 (HAD) Basil Mead RIP (DW) <i>7pm (HAD) 'Sycamore' course continues</i>	
Fri 14th	St Callistus 9.30 (BB) foundation Mass (Ivison)	
Sat 15th	St Teresa of Avila 9.30 (HAD) T Philip's welfare	
Sun 16th	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) H Mantel RIP (D&KH)	

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Psalter Week 4

Introduction: *Jesus offers salvation to those `beyond the pale`.*

1st Reading : **2 Kings 5** : Naaman the leprous outsider is cured.

Resp.Ps. **THE LORD HAS SHOWN HIS SALVATION TO THE NATIONS**

Second Reading : **2 Tim 2** : God is always faithful.

Gospel : **Lk 17** : Stand up! Go on your way! Your faith has saved you!

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 Francia Lang, James Beel, Paddy Blackwell, Pip O'Meara, John McDermott; ***Tony Perry, Patrick McMylor, Don Yates, Betty Grant: 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 celebrate the 28th Sunday in ordinary time. The focus for God's holy Word this Sunday in the story of the ten lepers is on the need to say thanks. The incident of the ten lepers happened as our Lord was on His way to Jerusalem, where He was to die on the cross so that we could live eternally. The Church brings it before our minds today, not so much to remind us of the mercy and kindness of Jesus to all people, even the outcasts, as lepers were, as to make us see and be amazed at the depths of ingratitude to which we can sink.

We all need to be more grateful to God every day of our lives—more grateful than we have been. He has not only given us life on this earth with its joys and its sorrows, but He has prepared for us a future life where there will be no more sorrows, no more pain. It is for that life that we are working.

THIS SUNDAY is day designated 'Prisoners Sunday' when we are invited to spare a prayer on behalf of prisoners and their families. ***What is Prisoners' Sunday?*** Prisoners' Sunday is the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependants as marked by the Catholic Church and across the Christian denominations. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children.

Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment. Prisoners' families, prisoners and people with previous convictions often find themselves on the margins of society due to the social stigma associated with imprisonment. They are often forgotten or come lower down on the list of causes to 'hold a hand out to'. But the gospel of Matthew 25: 36 reminds us of our duties towards them: I was in prison and you came to see me. Mt 25: 36

The Catholic charity 'Pact's' work embodies the Christian value of mercy and belief in the innate dignity of every human being. Through this campaign we ask you to engage with a core element of Catholic social teaching and put our faith into action. Envelopes are found at the back of church for those who wish to help the 'Prisoners' Aid' Catholic charity.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK St John Henry Newman is overshadowed by the Sunday liturgy. He is one of the many saints of our land. His evening prayer is of great gentleness and fortitude, and should be part of everyone's daily prayer. You'll find it printed on p.1.

We also celebrate this week another great English saint: King St Edward the Confessor. Our present monarch King Charles is surely honoured to have such a saintly ancestor and predecessor.

By the way, within our deanery may be found a parish church dedicated to "St Charles, king and martyr". Where? Answers on a postcard please.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE In the mid-morning of the feastday of St Francis of Assisi ***Fr John Sullivan*** died, aged 92, in Stepping Hill hospital. He had been hospitalised since a recent fall in his High Lane bungalow. He was for thirty years my predecessor at St Charles, retiring in September 1999. His devoted housekeeper for more than fifty years, Teresa, has herself only

recently been released from hospital having fractured her hip in a fall. We offer her prayerful sympathy. Fr John's funeral arrangements are in progress. May he rest in peace. Furthermore, we heard during the week of the sudden death of **Margaret Clough**. She and her husband Donald were devout worshippers at St Charles over many years, before moving to a retirement dwelling in Whitfield, Glossop, becoming worshippers at St Mary's. Many years ago Margaret teamed up with Lola King efficiently and faithfully to manage the piety stall at St Charles. May she rest in peace, and her family and friends comforted.

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF THE PARISH Sofia Dina Desouza, baptised this weekend at St Charles.

ST CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL at its recent meeting discussed the possibility of installing a **defibrillator** near the church door. At £2000+, this is a considerable investment. If you are keen for this installation to take place, you are welcome to make a donation (as some have already done) towards its cost.

The parish council noted with thanks the dedicated service to both of our parishes of Maria Boar, who recently stood back from her position as our parish(es) **Safeguarding representative**. I would love to hear from any parishioners who would like to hear more about this service, which is a legal necessity in every parish in the land. Please let me know if you have an interest, or would recommend another.

ANOTHER DUTY We are grateful to Nick C who undertakes another task for St Charles, as **Health & Safety / Risk Assessment** maestro. I'm looking for someone at Immaculate Conception parish to undertake this legal duty. Plenty of assistance and advice is available to any willing volunteer. Please contact me.

SYCAMORE This course continues on Thursday in the oratory at 7pm.

FAMILY FAST DAY Please drop your CAFOD envelopes into the collection at today's Mass, please.

MARTHAS AND MARYS of our parish there is an event on the Saturday the 29th of October taking place at the Catholic Church in Bulwell on the outskirts of Nottingham. It is entitled 'Women in Leadership in the Church', presented by Mrs Karen Foong. It will also involve taking tea together. More details on the leaflets at the back of church.

PIETY STALL at Saint Charles is open for orders for Catholic Diaries and calendars for next year. Lola is waiting to welcome you.

MORE SCAFFOLDING After one of the driest summers on record, it has been back to normal during the last month or so. The frequent deluges have revealed two what are politely-called "rainwater ingress challenges" - i.e. water running down two rectory bedroom walls. Of course I expect no less in such a venerable building. If we get some drier days, the roofing company is engaged to come and try to remedy. "dear God: please . . ."

PARISH TOTE Recent winners: **St Charles recent winners:** 1st : £40 - S Shaw; 2nd £20 : C Bernard.

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.

BRING YOUR LOAVES AND FISHES: BREAKING BREAD, REACHING OUT IN THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS. To be held on Saturday 5th November, 10.00am-4.15pm at Saint Joseph's parish, Goodwood Road, Leicester LE5 6SG. Caritas in the Diocese of Nottingham warmly invites you to its annual gathering. Amid growing hardship in our neighbourhoods 'Bring your loaves and fishes' will help every parish to share their gifts and reach out. The day begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick and ends with an opportunity to make plans to take back to the parishes. Keynote speakers are Sean Ryan from Together for the Common Good and Dr Amy Daughton from the University of Birmingham. Workshops will include listening to our neighbours in need, opening a parish drop-in, warm churches and homes, and Britain's hunger crisis in global context. For more information and to book visit bit.ly/LoavesandFishes2022.

BISHOPS LAUNCH NEW EDITION OF 'THE CALL OF CREATION' On the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecologists and animals, the Social Justice Department of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales launched a new edition of its teaching document on the environment – 'The Call of Creation'. This invaluable document is found on the CBCEW website.