



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY (c)

Oct 16th 2022



*Inscribed by St Philip Howard
on the wall of his prison cell:*

*“Quanto plus afflictionis
pro Christo
in saeculo,
tanto plus gloriae
cum Christo in futuro”*

**the more the tribulation
we suffer for Christ in this world,
the greater the glory with Christ
in the next.**

Will the Son of Man find any faith on earth?

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Sun 16th	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) H Mantel RIP (D&KH)	
Mon 17th	St Ignatius of Antioch 9.30 (HAD) D McNeil RIP (MG)	
Tues 18th	ST LUKE evangelist 9.30 (HAD) DCA	
Weds 19th	St Philip Howard, martyr 9.30 (HAD) J Ward RIP	
Thurs 20th	feria 9.30 (HAD) M McKeever RIP 7pm (HAD) 'Sycamore' course continues	
Fri 21st	feria 9.30 (BB) DCA	
Sat 22nd	feria 9.30 (HAD) Joan Enever RIP (AM)	
Sun 23rd	THIRTIETH SUNDAY (World Mission Sunday) 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Harold Midwood RIP (fam)	

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Psalter week 1

Introduction: *Our Lord asks us to pray ceaselessly - and with confidence.*

First Reading : Ex 17 : *As long as with arms outstretched Moses prayed, God helped his people to victory.*

Resp: **OUR HELP IS IN THE NAME OF THE LORD WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.**

Second Reading : 2 Tim 3 : *God's word is our anchor.*

Gospel : Lk 18 : *God will listen to the one who prays persistently.*

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 Joe Calnan, Brendan O'Sullivan, Sylvester Cotter, Dan Ainsworth; Jeanette Dutton, Irene Ward, Margaret Walmsley, Ann Phillips, Stephen Jackson, Michael Nagle, Joan Enever:

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 29th Sunday in ordinary time. The **Gospel** is from St. Luke ch. 18. There are many devout Christians who are deeply puzzled by what they think is God's indifference to their fervent pleas for spiritual favours, which to them appear essential in their journey heavenwards. These people would readily admit that God has good reasons for not granting temporal favours—they might not be for their eternal good. Our human intellects can see but one small section of the immense tapestry which God is weaving for us and the human race. We would all like immediate results in our own tiny corner of that tapestry while the all-wise God is occupied with the whole picture. He is not forgetting us either. If He delays in answering our urgent appeals, we can be certain that the reason is not that He wants to punish us, but rather to help us. He alone knows the fulness of our lives. Our divine Lord teaches us, in this parable, the need for perseverance in prayer. This perseverance develops our trust and confidence in God. It helps us to become humble and to realize how weak we are when left to ourselves. It keeps us close to God, as we learn how dependent we are on His generosity. If we only would realize that God is perhaps never closer to us than when we think He is forgetting us!

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

ST LUKE is honoured on the 18th: Lovely, summerlike days that may occur around October 18 are called **Saint Luke's Little Summer** in honour of the saint's feast day. Around this time, Saint Luke's feast day, there is sometimes a period brief period of calm, dry weather. It's the time when leaves are turning a gorgeous colour. St Luke is the patron saint of physicians and surgeons, so it seems only fitting that the good doctor give us these calm days. In olden days, St. Luke's Day did not receive as much attention in the secular world as St. John's Day (June 24) and Michaelmas (September 29), so it was to keep from being forgotten that St. Luke presented us with some golden days to cherish before the coming of winter, or so the story goes.

ST PHILIP HOWARD (1557-1595) is honoured on Wednesday 19th. He was born at Arundel House, London, 18 June 1557, and died in the Tower of London on 19 October 1595. He was educated partly under John Foxe, the Church of England martyrologist and partly at Cambridge. He married Anne, Countess of Arundel and Surrey. In 1580 he succeeded to the Earldom of Arundel. He frequented the Court and knew and entertained the queen. Towards the close of the year he was present at the disputations of Edmund Campion in the Tower and this proved the first step in his conversion, though his life was then the reverse of virtuous, and for a time he deserted his wife. As the Catholic revival gained strength, the earl found himself suspected and out of favour, and his difficulties were increased by his wife's conversion. He was now wholly reconciled to her, and in September 1584, was received into the

Catholic Church, and became a fervent Catholic. The change of life was soon noticed at Court, on which Philip resolved to leave the country, which he did (1585), after writing a detailed letter of explanation to Elizabeth. But he was captured at sea and confined in the Tower of London. He was at first sentenced to a very substantial fine, and imprisonment at the queen's pleasure. Then in the aftermath of the Armada, he was tried for having favoured the excommunication of the queen, and for having prayed for the invaders. He was condemned and left to die in prison. Shortly before he died, he wrote a long and moving letter to his wife asking forgiveness for the way he had treated her in the past. On another occasion he wrote: "The Catholic and Roman faith which I hold is the only cause (as far as I can in any way imagine) why either I have been thus long imprisoned or why I am now ready to be executed." His last prayer to see his wife and only son, who had been born after his imprisonment, was refused except on condition of his coming to the Church of England church, on which terms he might also go free. He was buried in the Tower Church. In 1624 his remains were moved to Arundel where they still rest. Our local Catholic secondary school is dedicated to the protection and example of St Philip Howard; I have been invited to celebrate afternoon Mass that afternoon at the adjacent St Mary's church, with the school community attending.

NEXT WEEKEND we have World Mission Sunday, and a chance to support the works of the church's mandate to "teach all nations" the Good News of the gospel as proclaimed and lived in our church. You will find Missio envelopes at the back of church. Please take one with you and return it next Sunday.

THE REQUIEM MASS for **Fr John Sullivan** is planned as follows : Sunday evening 30th October 6pm - his coffin received into St Charles church in a simple ceremony; Monday 31st October at 11.30 am - Requiem Mass, with Bishop Patrick presiding; 1pm, committal at Glossop cemetery. May he rest in peace.

FURTHERMORE we have noted the death of **Margaret Nield** (69) Matthew Close, Tintwistle. May she rest in peace, and her family and friends comforted.

MASS COUNT Our thanks to those who diligently counted worshippers during the last four weekends. This annual Sunday Mass count gives us a snapshot of Catholic life celebrating the very heart of Catholic worship and identity. The average at BB was 40; and at HAD 82.

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

NOVEMBER LISTS With November a fortnight away, with its remembrance of the faithful departed, you'll find the familiar Dead List slips & envelopes at the back of church for your use. Please try to fill them in and return to the rectory before the month-end.

PARISH TOTE Recent winners: **St Charles recent winners:** 1st : £40 - N Garlick; 2nd £20 : S Gebbett.

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.

HUMANITARIAN TRIP TO TANZANIA WITH INTER CARE Bishop Patrick messaged this week "I have been associated with the Catholic charity Inter Care for some years now as one of their patrons. It was a Catholic-inspired local charity, founded in 1974 by two doctors who visited Africa and saw the desperate need for medical aid. With no free health care services, like the NHS, the most vulnerable people couldn't get the vital, often life-saving treatment they needed. Inter Care, with its headquarters in Syston, Leicestershire, collects surplus healthcare goods and medicines here in the UK and sends regular consignments to support health care units in sub-Saharan Africa, very many of which are run by female Catholic religious congregations. I have been invited to be part of a small group from Inter Care to visit Tanzania to give support to its work in Africa. This will be my first visit to Africa. I travel on Monday for eleven days in that country. Please pray for our safe-keeping, and the works of that remarkable charity."