



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTY-THIRD (Remembrance) SUNDAY (c)
Nov 13th 2022



*They went with songs to the battle,
they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye,
steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end
against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.
They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.
They mingle not with their laughing
comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour
of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.*

Your endurance will win you your lives

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Sun 13th	THIRTY-THIRD (Remembrance) SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) Fr M Cupit RIP (D&JS) 11am (HAD) R Revell RIP (fam)	2.30 Cemetery visits
Mon 14th	feria 9.30 (HAD) George Simpson RIP (AM)	
Tues 15th	St Albert the great 9.30 (HAD) M Baines RIP (MR)	
Weds 16th	St Margaret, queen of Scotland 9.30 (HAD) C Brereton & C Barrett (CF)	
Thurs 17th	12.30 (BB) Requiem Mass for the late Sheila Gerrard RIP (int Weds Gp) 7pm HAD : 'Sycamore' continues	
Fri 18th	feria 9.30 (BB) for the parish	
Sat 19th	St Elizabeth of Hungary no Mass this morning : (EMin Commissioning Mass, Cathedral a.m.) int Peter Revell RIP (MR)	
Sun 20th	CHRIST THE KING 9.15 (BB) S Gerrard RIP (JB) 11am (HAD) James Keane RIP & deceased family relatives (MR)	

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY (C)
Psalter Week 1

Introduction: *The Lord stays with His people - even to the end of days*

First Reading : Mal 3 : The Sun of Righteousness will shine out.

Resp.Ps. THE LORD COMES TO RULE THE PEOPLES WITH FAIRNESS

Second Reading : 2 Thess 3 : Work in the Lord`s service: His reward is sure.

Gospel : Lk 21 : Stay faithful: your endurance will win you your lives!

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, Dennis Brady, 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 George Tutto, Humphrey Wilson, Alan Molyneux, Bill Purdy; *Richard Revell, Chris Partridge, Winnie Coxon, Mary Baldwin, Eric Stafford, John Ryan, Marjorie Byrd, Kathleen Stokes, Kieran Grogan: 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 33rd Sunday in ordinary time. It is the last of the 'numbered' Sundays. Next weekend we will celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, the final Sunday of the liturgical year, before we begin all over again with the first season of the year of the church—Advent. Today's **Gospel** invites us all to do a bit of spiritual stock-taking. To help us to be honest with ourselves in our stock-taking we are reminded today that this world will come to an end one day. We do not know when or how, but that end will come. It will be followed immediately by the general judgment. Christ will come in power and glory to judge the whole human race. Each one will be designated that future, that eternity merited while on earth. The just will enter with Him into eternal glory. The wicked will go to their place of suffering, sorrow, and remorse. Each one of us can put the following simple question to ourselves this very moment. How would I fare if I were called before the judgment seat of God today? The best of us would certainly prefer to be better prepared. There is so much good I have left undone, so many faults for which I have not atoned properly, so many uncharitable thoughts about my friends and neighbours in my mind, so many acts of charity I kept postponing, so many acts of thanksgiving and praise I have not made to my loving God. The Christian who wants to die in the state of grace, that is, in the friendship of God (and can there be any real Christian who would not want to?) has but one way of making sure of this. He is to try to live always in God's friendship. The man who does this by living his Christian life daily need not fear death. It may be a sudden death, but it will never be an unprovided-for death.

'DAY FOR THE POOR' This Sunday our Holy Father asks us to pray for the poor throughout the world. His message can easily be found on the Vatican website. His message begins: "Jesus Christ... for your sakes became poor" (cf. 2 Cor 8:9). With these words, the Apostle Paul addresses the first Christians of Corinth in order to encourage their efforts to show solidarity with their brothers and sisters in need. The World Day of the Poor comes this year as a healthy challenge, helping us to reflect on our style of life and on the many forms of poverty all around us".

AMONG THE SAINTS who are honoured this week: on Wednesday **St Margaret of Scotland (1046 - 1093)** was born in Hungary of Anglo-Saxon and Hungarian parents. When William of Normandy conquered England she found refuge with King Malcolm III of Scotland, and they were married in 1070 and had eight children. She reformed the royal court, founded monasteries, and supported major reforms of Church life. She died in Edinburgh on 16 November 1093. She is remembered for the happiness of her marriage, for her devotion to prayer and learning, and especially for her generosity to the poor. On Thursday : **St Hugh of Lincoln (1140 - 1200)** was born near Grenoble in France and entered the Carthusian monastery of La Grande Chartreuse at the age of 25. In 1175 he was asked by King Henry II of England to become prior of a Carthusian house in England, and a decade later he was appointed bishop of Lincoln, a post which he accepted only when directly commanded to do so by the prior of La Grande Chartreuse. His diocese was the largest in England, and he spent the rest of his life in ceaseless work there. He delegated much authority. He was a friend (and critic) of successive kings, but also

worked with his own hands on the extension of his cathedral. He gained a great reputation for justice, the care of the sick, and the support of the oppressed: he risked his life to help the Jewish community. He died in London on 16 November 1200 and was declared a saint in 1220, the first Carthusian to be canonized. Lincoln is of course a major city in our diocese. St Hugh is secondary patron of the diocese. **THE REQUIEM MASS** for the late Sheila Gerrard is indicated for Immaculate Conception church this Thursday 17th November at 12.30. May she rest in peace.
NOVEMBER : THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS November invites remembrance of and prayers for the faithful departed.

- * **Public memorials.** There you can read the list of those of our parishioners who have died during the year Nov 1st 2021 - Oct 31st 2022.
- * **Remembrance Sunday** is celebrated this weekend. At our Masses there will be an extended moment during the Bidding Prayers when we pray for those killed in conflict, and for parishioners named in our public dead lists. A number of our parishioners are representing our community at various cenotaphs, placing wreaths on our behalf. Our thanks to you for that dedication.
- * **Cemetery Visit:** This Sunday afternoon I hope to visit Glossop cemetery and bless the graves of those family, friends and parishioners whom you indicate to me.
- * **Public Prayers** are offered for the parish dead at every Mass celebrated during this month. "It is a holy and a wholesome thing to pray for the dead".

ST MARGARET'S FEASTDAY is celebrated next Wednesday. Several staff and pupils plan to join us for morning Mass at St Charles to honour their patroness.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS are available for you to take from the back of church. Tickets are £1 each; £5 a book. This annual raffle benefits both our parishes. Please take bring counterfoils back soon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION is a great annual parish celebration. It is dated for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, June 11th 2023 at St Charles. Enrolment is now taking place. Please let me know if you know of a youngster who wants to enrol in the preparation. Our dedicated catechist have arranged for this tuition to take place before Sunday Masses in the oratory. Want to help? Let me know!

ST CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL met last Sunday. Amongst items considered was the linkage with local churches and organisations in supporting the needy. Additionally, the council adopted a new parish council constitution. This and the minutes can be found on the parish website.

A DEFIBRILLATOR outside St Charles church was discussed, and fund-encouraged. Sue Hoolahan is selling home-bake cakes & delights after Mass today for this good cause.

SYCAMORE COURSE continues to run this Thursday evening 7pm in the oratory.

THE REPOSITORY announces that there is a large selection of forthcoming-seasonal gifts available for purchase. Advent calendars and Christmas cards are in abundance. Those who pre-ordered will find their purchases ready for collection. Come One! Come all.

PUBLICATIONS Advent is just a fortnight away. A feast of helpful literature has come our way:

- * **"My Day by Day"** (free-of-charge)
- * **"Walk with Me"** is a diocesan publication to guide us through Advent. £1.
- * **"Magnificat"** Advent companion : £2
- * **"World Gifts"** is the CAFOD Christmas-gift catalogue;
- * **"Missio Calendar"** for 2023 is also free-of-charge
- * **"Advent Calendars"** (chocolate-free, thank God!) for children are also free-of-charge

PARISH TOTE Last Sunday's winners: **St Charles** : 1st : £40 - V Gebbett; 2nd £20 : J Allison.

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.

AMONGST THE DELIGHTS of the week : seeing the autumn leaves in a clockwise circle-dance in the gusty wind outside the rectory door, and trying to remember whether south of the equator they dance anti-clockwisely . .

And hearing the delight in Joan's voice when she told me she had been asked to pray for 1st Holy Communion candidates, and listing the saints, canonised and not, through whom she would daily intercede. 'Go thou and do likewise' .