



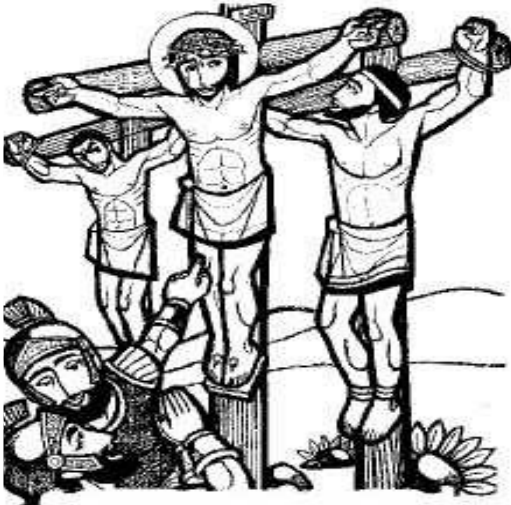
## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING (c)**

**Nov 20th 2022**



*'They rise and needs will have  
My dear Lord made away;  
A murderer they save,  
The Prince of life they slay.  
Yet cheerful He  
To suffering goes,  
That He His foes  
From thence might free.'*

# King of love on Calvary

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>MASS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
Sun 20th	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b> 9.15 (BB) S Gerrard RIP (JB) 11am (HAD) James Keane RIP & deceased family relatives (MR)	
Mon 21st	<b>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> 9.30 (HAD) Tom Berry's welfare (parishioners)	
Tues 22nd	<b>St Cecilia</b> 9.30 (HAD) Margaret Clough (assoc.)	
Weds 23rd	<b>St Clement; St Columban</b> 9.30 (HAD) M Baines RIP (JB)	
Thurs 24th	<b>St Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; comps</b> 9.30 (HAD) Tom Berry's welfare (dancing comps)	
Fri 25th	<b>St Catherine of Alexandria</b> 9.30 (BB) Margaret Blackburn's welfare (AS)	
Sat 26th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Fr Sullivan RIP (JB)	
Sun 27th	<b>FIRST ADVENT</b> 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) James Keane RIP (D&KH) <i>(enrolment of First Holy Communion candidates)</i>	

## **CHRIST THE KING (C)**

### **Psalter Week 2**

**Introduction:** *"Christ is King of earth and Heaven"*

**First Reading :** 2 Sam 5 : David is anointed King.

**Resp.** I REJOICED WHEN I HEARD THEM SAY 'LET US GO TO GOD'S HOUSE'

**Second Reading :** Col 1 : He has created a place for us in his Kingdom.

**Gospel :** Lk 23 : "The Good Thief"

## **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 Joe Neary, Waldo Judd, John Dewar, Peter O'Dowd, Cyril Gryce; ***Teresa Flynn, Michael Wenner, John Atherton, Gordon Williamson : 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 Universal Kingship of Christ. ***The solemnity of Christ the King*** was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Later after the second Vatican council it was placed at the end of the liturgical year. The gospel according to Saint Luke presents as in a great painting the kingship of Jesus at the moment of his crucifixion. The leaders of the people and the soldiers taunt the 'firstborn of all creation' and put him to the test to see whether he has the power to save himself from death. Yet precisely on the cross Jesus is exalted to the very height of the God who is love. It is there that he can be known. Jesus gives us life because he gives us God. He can give God because he himself is one with God. From the one who is before all things and in him all things hold together the so-called good thief straight away receives forgiveness and the joy of entering the Kingdom of heaven. Jesus from the throne of the cross welcomes every human being with infinite mercy.

***YOUTH SUNDAY*** is honoured today. We might pray for those connected with the diocesan Youth Centre at Crich.

***A delight*** during the week to welcome staff and pupils from St Margaret's school who came to celebrate morning Mass on their patron saint's feastday. They joined in with great vigour and reverence. Later in the week a group of the younger pupils at Saint Charles school came with their teachers to enjoy a visit to the church and to discover more about the holy sacrament of Baptism. They even brought Alice their Dolly for a practise 'baptism'. They were full of enthusiasm and contentment. 'Suffer the little children'.

***AMONG THE SAINTS*** who are honoured this week: On Monday we celebrate the feast of the ***Presentation Our Lady in the temple***. This obscure feast recalls the time when Joachim and Anna took their daughter Mary to the temple to offer her to God. It is this title of our blessed Lady that gave rise to the community of religious sisters called the Presentation Nuns. They were founded by Nano Nagle in west Cork, Ireland. Many of their sisters came to our Deanery parishes in order to teach in our Catholic primary schools. This sadly was many years ago. But we remain profoundly grateful to those sisters who came among us, following the footsteps of their foundress. Many folk in the Glossop area have become associates of that Presentation Community. We wish the sisters and their associates a happy feast day. On Tuesday ***St Cecilia*** : Devotion to this popular saint, in whose honour a basilica was constructed in Rome in the fifth century, has spread far and wide because of the 'Passion of Saint Cecilia', which holds her up as a perfect example of a Christian woman, who embraced virginity and suffered martyrdom for the love of Christ. As with early martyrs, nothing much is known about Cecilia except her existence and her name; with the additional complication that so many stories have grown up round her that any remaining historical facts are obscured. No-one knows quite why she should suddenly have become so popular in the middle of the sixth century, some 200 years after her death, and her association with music is also a mystery.

**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.

\***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".

**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. **SYCAMORE COURSE** pauses this week, and recommences on 1st December.

**PUBLICATIONS** Advent begins next Sunday. 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" for children are also free-of-charge.

**REHEARSALS** for the forthcoming **9 Lessons and Carols** are timetabled to begin on Monday the 5th December at 7pm at Immaculate Conception church. You don't need to be a recorded superstar to join this little ad hoc choir. If you can come on that Monday and also on the 12th to practise with that delightful group you'd be most welcome. The actual celebration will be on Monday the 19th December.

**THE PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH** at the Glossop golf course is timetabled for Monday the 19th December. Many people have indicated that they want to join this happy gathering. Envelopes have been prepared for you to pay in advance. Please make sure that you get hold of yours from one of the Wednesday group or from the back of church and follow the instructions printed on the front.

**MISSIO RED BOXES** for many years Joan Walsh has overseen the collection and recording of our red boxes in both parish areas. We are grateful for this outstanding support of the church's missionary outreach. Joan wants to hand that mantle over to a new coordinator. If you want to consider being the parish secretary for Missio, please let me know and I'll make sure you get all the information and encouragement you need.

**THE ADULT FORMATION DEPARTMENT** of our diocese has sent literature advertising three courses for trainee catechists. These are presented in three different areas of the diocese, sadly none of them to close to our area. These courses are taking place during between January and May next year. A total number of 14 sessions are being offered at various venues. This catechesis begins with the fundamental question of what it means to be a catechist and leading on through the church's teaching, the scriptures and specialist catechesis for particular groups. I have literature advertising these courses and it is available for you at the back of the church. Should anyone have an interest please, let me know and we will help to organise your training.

**HUGE THANKS** to those both in and beyond the Immaculate Conception parish community who helped to organise and celebrate Sheila Gerrard's funeral during the week. It was wondrously arranged by Sister Joan, and a well-supported and celebrated Requiem Mass. We soon forgot the incessant rain: a minor inconvenience. Sheila got a wonderful send off from family, friends and parishioners. May she rest in peace!

**DEFIBRILLATOR SUPPORT** Many thanks to those who supported last Sunday's cake sale at the back of St Charles church to support fundraising for this venture. It was highly successful; the treats on offer were delightful. Well over £200 was raised a at this event. Thank you very much Sue.

**LOOKING AHEAD** Monsignor Moore has kindly agreed to come to the oratory on Saturdays 10th and 17th December to hear confessions during the Advent season. A good Catholic's pre-Christmas preparations will have this chance marked in their diaries.

**EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY** As this newsletter goes to press 40+ candidates are journeying towards the Cathedral for Saturday's commissioning Mass in Nottingham Cathedral with Bishop Patrick. I'm entrusting my journeying thither and thence to the care of my Guardian Angel! Profound thanks to parishioners Damian & Cathy N who have steered the training and organised the commissioning.

**PARISH TOTE** Last Sunday's winners: **St Charles** : 1st : £40 - Fr Don; 2nd £20 : K Holtom.

**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.