



## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY (c)**

**Oct 30th 2022**



“If a tiny spark of God’s love  
already burns within you,

do not expose it to the wind,  
for it may get blown out...

Stay quiet with God.

Do not spend your time in useless chatter...

Do not give yourself to  
others so completely  
that you have nothing left for yourself.”

*(St Charles Borromeo)*

# The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost

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Sun 30th	<b>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY</b> 9.15 (BB) Angela, Agnes & Rose RIP (CF) 11am (HAD) M Perry RIP (MR)      6pm HAD Fr Sullivan RIP vigil	
Mon 31st	<b>feria</b> 11.30 (HAD) Requiem Mass for Fr J Sullivan RIP (int LH)	
Tues 1st Nov	<b>ALL SAINTS (solemnity; holyday of obligation)</b> 9.30 (HAD) foundation Mass (Thorpe) 7pm (BB) for the parish	
Weds 2nd	<b>ALL SOULS DAY commemoration of all the faithful departed</b> 9.30 (HAD) Fr J Sullivan RIP (anon) f/by Wednesday Group mtg	
Thurs 3rd	<b>St Martin; St Winifred</b> 9.00 (HAD) Fr J Tan RIP (J&CB)    7pm HAD : 'Sycamore' continues	
Fri 4th	<b>ST CHARLES BORROMEIO</b> 9.30 HAD) H Mantel RIP (anon) ( <i>first Friday visits today DV</i> )	
Sat 5th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) P Revell RIP (D&KH)	
Sun 6th	<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY</b> 9.15 (BB) Ann Ratcliffe RIP (JB) 11am (HAD) Edmund Ashton RIP (fam)	

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY (C)**  
**Psalter Week 3**

**Introduction:** *The Lord hurries to help the lost and abandoned*

**First Reading :** Wis 11 : The Lord is merciful to all because he loves all creation.

**Resp.Ps. I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOR EVER, O GOD MY KING**

**Second Reading :** 2 Thess 1 : The Lord`s name is our glory!

**Gospel :** Lk 19 : Zaccheus the taxman is called and saved.

## **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 Leo Bermingham, Edward Rowles, Jim Daly, Bill Ellis, Michael Horrax, Jim Quinn, Larry Connell, Eric Whitehouse; *Bernard Moran, Isabella Clarke, Barbara Moore, Margaret O'Brien, John Porter: 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time. The ***Gospel*** is from St. Luke. Zacchaeus's interest in seeing what Jesus was like was caused by something more than idle curiosity. Unknown to him, the grace of God was working within him. He thought that he just wanted to see what Jesus was like. Jesus knew already what Zacchaeus was like and intended to see him and save him from his downward rush after earthly wealth. He would offer him eternal riches. This is exactly what happened. Jesus entered the home and heart of Zacchaeus that day, and not only the home and heart of Zacchaeus, but of his whole household. From that day Jesus had devoted followers in Jericho, and Christianity had a strong foothold in that ancient city.

***A GALAXY OF SAINTS*** are honoured this week: ***Saint Martin de Porres (1579 - 1639)*** He was born in Lima in Peru, the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a black ex-slave. His mother gave him a Christian education and he became a pharmacist and a nurse. Despite his father's opposition he entered the Dominican Order as a lay brother in 1603 and spent his life working for the sick and the poor. Many people of all ranks would come to him for advice. He had a great devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He has been named as a patron saint of those of mixed race. ***St Winefride*** lived in the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> century near Treffynon (Holywell) in Clwyd in Wales. Various miraculous stories are told about her, and her cult has been widespread since the Middle Ages. Its main centres were Shrewsbury, where her remains were enshrined in 1138, and the well at Holywell that sprang up where, according to one version of her life, she was beheaded and then restored to life by her uncle, St Beuno. The well has remained a place of healing and pilgrimage through the Reformation to the present day.

***ST CHARLES BORROMEO (1538 - 1584)*** was a leading figure of the Catholic Reformation. He was born in a castle on the shores of Lake Maggiore in northern Italy, to a powerful family. He was related to the Medici through his mother. As the second son, he was destined for a career in the Church from an early age. He received a doctorate in civil and canon law at the University of Pavia, and when his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV in 1559 he was summoned to Rome and made a cardinal. Among many other responsibilities he was made administrator of the vacant diocese of Milan and protector of the Catholic cantons of Switzerland and of the Franciscans and the Carmelites.

He played a large part in the diplomatic efforts that led to the re-opening in 1562 of the reforming Council of Trent, which had been suspended since 1552. As long as the Church was in a weak and corrupt state, emperors and kings could control it and its assets – and they would not easily give up control. In late 1562 Charles's elder brother died, leaving him as head of the family. His relations wanted him to abandon his ecclesiastical career and marry, and even the Pope suggested it; but Charles saw his brother's death as a sign of the vanity of human wishes. Eventually, in 1563, he settled the argument by secretly being ordained priest. He was soon consecrated as Archbishop of Milan, but the Pope would not let him leave Rome because he was needed there. He worked on the catechism, the Missal and the Breviary, and reformed his own diocese as well as he could from a distance through trusted deputies.

At length Pius IV died and in 1566 his successor permitted Charles to take up residence in his diocese. He began reform from the top, giving much of his property to the poor. He set up the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to teach children the faith: it was the beginning and inspiration of the Sunday School movement. When famine struck the province, he fed 3,000 people at his own expense for three months and inspired others to do likewise. When plague came, he prepared himself for death, made his will, and went to the hospital where the worst cases were. After enormous amounts of nagging, preaching and persuasion the secular clergy at length followed his example. As might be expected, Charles encountered determined opposition to his programme of reform. His aunts, in Dominican convents, treated the introduction of grilles as a personal insult. More seriously, the canons of one church slammed the door in his face to prevent him making a visitation and their servants fired at him, damaging the crucifix he was carrying; and the members of a rich and corrupt order of monks were so opposed to being reformed that one of them dressed as a layman, joined Charles's household at evening prayer, and shot him. The assassin's bullet did not penetrate Charles's clothing. (Two years later the Pope had to suppress the order and distribute its assets: a sad end to an order that had done much good and produced many saints in its 350-year history). The King of Spain, whose jurisdiction included Milan at the time, resisted any diminution of his power, and the next fifteen years are a complex tapestry of arrests, excommunications, denunciations, calumnies, and absolutions – ending at last in peace. Charles's final visitation was of the cantons of Switzerland in 1583, where as well as the usual corruptions and abuses he had to deal with senior priests who were practising witchcraft and sorcery, and enemies who claimed that his fight against heresy was a plot to extend Spanish domination into the region. Charles died on 3 November 1584 at the age of 46.

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE** We note the recent death of **Peter Revell** (65) (Glossop). His funeral is indicated for Weds 9th November at St Charles at 11am.

**THE REQUIEM MASS** for the late **Mary Baines** is listed for Mon 7th Nov at St Charles at 1pm. May she rest in peace.

**THE WEDNESDAY GROUP** gathers in the oratory on 2nd November this week. Doubtless we'll gladsome news about the hugely enjoyable trip to Bridgewater RHS gardens this week.

**THE SYCAMORE COURSE** continues to run its course this Thursday evening.

**FRIDAY 4TH** is the patronal feastday for St Charles Borromeo. The school is invited to Mass in St Charles church that day. **There will be no Mass at BB that day.**

**NOVEMBER LISTS** November begins this week, 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 soonest.

**PUBLICATIONS** As we journey into November, the usual monthly devotional booklets are available from the back of church. Furthermore, the Diocesan Newspaper is newly-delivered and is free-of-charge from the back of church.

**PARISH TOTE** Recent winners: **Recent winners: St Charles 1st** : £40 - M Ginnis; 2nd £20 : L Farrell.

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

- Mon 19th Dec, Glossop Golf Club; 12.30 for 1pm : Wednesday Group annual Festive meal for the whole parish. £25 for 3-course meal, tea/coffee, and festive trimmings.
- Mon 19th Dec 7pm : Immaculate Conception church : Nine Lessons & Carols.

**POPPY APPEAL** The 2022 Poppy Appeal campaign has now launched. You will find at the back of church poppies and a box for your donations. Thank you.

**A COUPLE OF RECOMMENDATIONS** ahead of the upcoming Advent season. "**The Universe**" I have found to be a splendid weekly Catholic publication. It is now available also online. Please seek it out and discover more about its delights. And 'Universalis' is a daily liturgical prayerbook. Easily downloaded and very helpful in daily Catholic life. Do yourselves two favours!

**AND FINALLY** It has been a busy time ahead of a very busy week.

We will welcome the Bishop and a dozen diocesan priests on Monday for Fr John's funeral. Additionally we will welcome Fr Sullivan's brother Jeremiah and some other family members from London (Fr Sullivan was a true cockney from Forest Gate in the East End). My thanks to those who have helped in the preparations.