



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



PARISH NEWSLETTER

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (a)
Jan 8th 2023



*“This is our faith;
it is the faith of the Church;
we are proud to profess it
in Christ Jesus Our Lord
Amen”*

(from the Rite of Baptism)

This is my well-beloved Son

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 8th	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 9.15 (BB) J Moore RIP (SG) 11am (HAD) K Pover RIP (fam)	12.15 HAD bapt : Ledger
Mon 9th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Peter McDonald RIP (SG) <i>(Thurs 12th, 7pm : 'Sycamore' course, oratory)</i>	
	No parish Masses till	
Sun 15th	SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Peace Sunday) 9.15 (BB) J Moore RIP (SG) 11am (HAD) Ken Pover RIP (fam) <i>(Tues 17th, 11am (BB) funeral service for Kevin Laidlaw RIP)</i> <i>(Thurs 19th, 7pm : 'Sycamore' course, oratory)</i>	
	No parish Masses till	
Fri 20th	9.30 (BB) K Laidlaw RIP (AS)	
Sat 21st	9.30 (HAD) for the parish	
Sun 22nd	THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (Sunday of the Word of God) 9.15 (BB) K Laidlaw RIP 11am (HAD) M&J Cannon RIP (fam)	

THE LORD`S BAPTISM (A)

Psalter Week 1

Introduction: The Spirit of God descends on Christ as he is baptised, to consecrate Him in the Father`s work.

First Reading : Is 42 : The Servant of God proclaims true faith, and suffers to atone for the people`s sin.

Resp.Ps. THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE.

Second Reading : Acts 10 : Peter recalls the Holy Spirit at the time of the Lord`s baptism.

Gospel : Mt 3 : "You are my well-beloved Son".

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, Jacob Ibbotson, Alice Canning.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Revv Theodore Fauvel, Bernard Shaw, Joe Phelan, Peter Tierney, Emil Puttman, Dennis Higgins; *Maria Fenton, Paul Farnsworth, Alan Boland, Bridget Wiseman, Clare Hussell, Eileen Blomeley, Christine Clayton, Margaret Dunk, May Booth, Brenda Shaw, Meg Brickell, Anne-Marie Percy, Georgina Alexander, Veronica Gray: 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 solemnity of **the Baptism of Our Lord**. It brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the river to sanctify its waters. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. The Father proclaims him; the Spirit in the form of a dove, hovers.

MY BEST THANKS go to all of you for the kindness of your cards, greetings and gifts which I received from your kindness during the Christmas season. May God reward you.

WELCOME TO THE LIFE OF GRACE on this feast day of the Baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan we are happy to celebrate the baptism of Ethan Alexander Ledger (in the baptistery, not the Etherow!). May he be enriched by this wonderful sacrament and come to be blessed in his journey through life. Holy guardian Angel protect him.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE. We have noted the recent death of James Andrew Swift (74) RIP. His funeral rites are indicated for 25th Jan at Dukinfield crematorium.

THIS WEEKEND as we conclude the season of Christmas, it is good to renew our thanks to all those have transformed our churches with floral and decorative skills to make them look even more wonderful as we have celebrated the birth of our Saviour.

WHITE FLOWER COLLECTION at the back of church you will see some familiar cards and white flowers stickers associated with the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, a major charity seeking to defend human life in the womb. There is a basket nearby which will allow you to make a gift for this charity. Please help yourself to the cards and the stickers nearby.

POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI The Bishops' Conference for England and Wales has sent prayer-cards to every parish, inviting us to pray for the late Pope and also for our present Holy Father, Pope Francis. These cards are freely available from the back of church.

FR PORPHYRIUS has sent Christmas greetings to one and all. His cards came just as the season comes to an end. May God bless his faithful servant in faraway Uganda.

THE SYCAMORE COURSE resumes on Thursday next the 12th Jan at 7pm in the oratory. The title of this week's session is 'The Community of the Church'. All are welcome.

WEEKDAY MASSES are in abeyance in our parish churches during my time away. However a glance at the Glossop Catholic churches website will tell you when weekday Mass is available either at All Saints or Saint Mary's. If there is a need urgently to seek a priest during these few days then please contact Fr Martin Sylvester at All Saints in Glossop.

MASSES are planned to be offered elsewhere for Nella L RIP, Joe Singleton's welfare; B Marsden RIP; Bob Wain RIP; Margery Revell RIP; B Barnes RIP; Joan Killeen's welfare; Kevin Laidlaw RIP

NEXT SUNDAY there will be a second collection for the Sick and Retired Priests fund of our diocese. I ask you to be generous.

ON MONDAY next we return to ordinary time. The readings at weekday Mass during ordinary time this year are taken from year 1. On Sundays in ordinary time the cycle of readings is year A, and our gospels will come from the evangelist St Matthew.

MISSIO RED BOXES Thanks be to God for the faithful service of Joan Walsh who over a number of years looked after the parish's red boxes. She is handed over that service to the universal church to Maureen Brierley, who with Angela Maratos continues this generous service. If you don't have a red box for all your loose change, then let me know and Maureen or Angela will help you out. Your thanks and mine for this helpfulness.

FORTHCOMING FUNERAL on Tuesday the 17th Jan at Immaculate Conception church at 11am the funeral rites for the late Kevin Laidlaw will be celebrated by a member of his family Deacon Mark Brown, who serves the parish in Bridport in the diocese of Plymouth. We are pleased to welcome him and thank him for his ministry that day.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles : £40 S Wynn, P Litchfield. £20 : P Pover, J Holland

I'M DELIGHTED that Fr Jim O'Hanlon as agreed to come and supply next weekend (15th) whilst I take a short break. On his previous visits he's always reported on the kindness of your welcome and helpfulness. I'm sure that you give him a hearty welcome next Sunday.

CHRISTIAN UNITY OCTAVE this time of prayer for Christian unity runs from the 18th to the 25th of January each year. I hope that you'll give it your support in prayer.

ROSIE PROUDMAN WRITES: Next Sunday is entitled 'Peace Sunday' You are invited: Two events in Glossop for **Peace Sunday**, 15th January 2023

Sing For Peace! A singing workshop for all abilities, led by Penny Wilson – no need to read music. From 3pm to 5pm at St Mary's Church Hall, St Mary's Rd (near Shaw St junction). (Doors open at 2.45pm for a prompt start) Refreshments provided.

Pray for Peace! A short service with some songs from the workshop. From 5.15pm to 5.45 pm at St Mary Crowned Church, Sumner St (at Shaw St junction) You can come to either event, or to both. No need to book. Donations are welcome for Pax Christi, an international movement for peace, founded in Catholic Christianity and open to all who share its values and work.

GREETINGS-CARDS addressed to parishioners have accumulated at the at the back of our churches. If you see one for a parishioner whom you know and can pass on their card please do so. Remaining cards will be recycled later today.

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER was arranged to take place on the 19th of December at the golf club in Glossop. There was a major water leak in east Glossop that day, and the turned-off water prevented the gathering. The kindly organisers of that pre-Christmas dinner have secured an alternative date - on the 14th of February, the feastday of a loving saint! This will be a timely way to prepare for the beginning of the Lenten season which starts the next week on Ash Wednesday, the 22nd of February. Would those who booked and paid for the meal please confirm they are able to attend, 12.30 for 1pm. Please contact Denise/John on 01457 762632 / 07851265230.

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.

THIS NEWSLETTER has two weeks currency. The next edition is planned for 22nd Jan.

THIS PROCLAMATION was made annually in all churches at or near the solemnity of the Epiphany. This of course was light-years before the internet and contemporary means of communication:

KNOW, DEAR BRETHREN

That, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our saviour.

On the 22nd day of February will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 9th day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 18th day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 29th day of May, The Feast of Pentecost.

On the 11th day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the 3rd day of December, the first Sunday advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honour and glory forever and ever. Amen.