



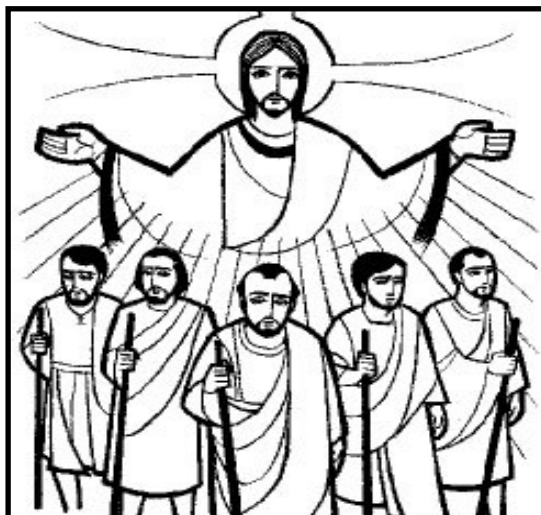
CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



PARISH NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY V (a)

Feb 5th 2023



*'For poor, sick, afflicted
thy mercy we crave,
and comfort the dying,
thou light of the grave.
Ave ! Ave! Ave Maria!
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You are the light of the world

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 5th	FIFTH SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) K Tobin	
Mon 6th	St Paul Miki & comps, Japanese martyrs 9.30 (HAD) Sister Rita Lee RIP (LG)	
Tues 7th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Lily Meredith RIP (LG) <i>1pm (HAD) funeral service for Vincent O'Brien RIP</i>	
Weds 8th	St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bahkita 9.30 (HAD) M Bowler RIP (D&KH)	
Thurs 9th	feria 9.30 (HAD) DCA <i>(Sycamore 7pm, oratory)</i>	
Fri 10th	St Scholastica 9.30 (HAD) DCA	
Sat 11th	Our Lady of Lourdes 9.30 (HAD) for the parish	
Sun 12th	SIXTH SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) K Laidlaw RIP (CW) 11am (HAD) Joan Enever RIP (fam) <i>(1st HC Affirmation Mass)</i>	

<p>FIFTH ORDINARY SUNDAY (A)</p> <p>Psalter Week 1</p> <p>Introduction: The Lord calls us to show our light by works of kindness to the needy.</p> <p>First Reading : Is 58 : Practise justice and compassion : you will be blessed.</p> <p>Resp.Ps. THE GOOD MAN IS A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS FOR THE UPRIGHT</p> <p>Second Reading : 1 Cor 2 : Paul preaches a simple message to the sophisticate.</p> <p>Gospel : Mt 5 : Salt & light : Jesus wants us to enrich the world.</p>

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 Bishop Bagshawe, Stephen Hodkinson, Ted Carrick; *Jan Slugocki, Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Evelyn Jones, Marion Robinson* : *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 fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the **Gospel**, Christ calls his true followers the "salt of the earth." and the "light of the world." These are titles of honour, surely, and of the greatest distinction. Christ is putting his true follower on almost a level with himself. He was the light of the world; he was the salt of the earth. He it was who gave men the knowledge of the true nature of God, as shown by the Incarnation. He it was who gave this life its flavour, who gave this life its meaning, its preservation. By his death and resurrection he took away the sting of death, and removed its eternal corruption, by the guarantee and promise of a resurrection to an eternal life.

Today, the Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrates **Racial Justice Sunday**. It's the day the Church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour. The theme for 2023 is "All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together".

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING is honoured on Wednesday, St Josephine's feastday.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK is diaried for next Saturday, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE We have noted the recent death of **Eileen Goddard** (81) (Willow Wood Hospice). May she rest in peace, and her sorrowing relatives and friends be comforted. Eileen's Requiem Mass is indicated for Weds 15th Feb at noon at St Charles.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK **St Josephine Bakhita** (1869 - 1947) was born near Jebel Agilere in South Darfur (Sudan). Kidnapped when still very young, she experienced the cruelty of slavery as she was sold several times in slave markets of Africa. Finally she was rescued by an Italian family and brought to Italy where she not only became a Christian but also felt the call to consecrate her life to God as a sister. She joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity and lived the rest of her life at Schio, a small village near Vicenza. She died on 8 February, 1947. **Our Lady of Lourdes** In 1858 the Immaculate Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, near Lourdes in France, in the cavern called "de Massabielle." Through this poor, fourteen-year-old girl, Mary calls on sinners to change their lives. She has inspired in the Church a great love of prayer and good works, especially in the service of the poor and the sick.

ST CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL meets in the rectory after Sunday Mass.

BISHOP'S VISIT It was a pleasure to welcome Bishop Patrick last weekend to our churches. It was an added joy to celebrate Mass with him. He was well pleased with his visit, and went away offering many complimentary remarks. One of our parishioners noted that at Mass, we had the fulness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders present on the sanctuary: Bishop, Priest and Deacon. That was a privilege for all of us.

CHURCH REDECORATION Good progress has been made at Immaculate Conception church during the week. Our decorator is very diligent and has applied his art with great care. It has been 14 years since the church was last redecorated. And when all the accoutrements on the walls were removed that was very obvious. Good work is in hand; we can accommodate some inconveniences for the time being. The

customary Friday morning Mass will not be possible and will be celebrated at St Charles.

OFSTED VISITS AGAIN This week St Margaret's school and its federated school at All Saints were visited by Ofsted for their customary inspection. I hope everything went well for staff and students in those schools.

RETREATS IN THE DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM THIS LENT After the great success last year, The Diocese of Nottingham is again offering day retreats to help you grow closer to God this Lent through talks, discussion, prayer, Mass, confession and social time. There is a **FREE** Young Adults (18-35) retreat in Our Lady of Lourdes church Derby on Saturday 11th March given by Jack Valero (Founder of Catholic Voices) focusing on how we live our faith out in the challenges of our daily life. The Men's Retreat on Saturday 18th March given by Fr Julian Green (Priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham) will be focused on men of scripture and what we can learn from them, and the Women's Retreat given by Sr Ann Swales on Saturday 25th March will be following the theme of 'Here I am Lord I Come to do your will' – How can we know and accept God's will for our lives? The Men's and Women's Retreat will be held at the Rosmini House of Prayer (LE7 4SJ) and cost £20 which will include lunch and a light breakfast. To book your place or for more information visit: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events, email adult_formation@dioceseofnottingham or call 0115 953 9841.

Our Bishop writes: 'THE RESTORATION OF COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS Although a decision has not yet been made on the exact date, the restoration of Holy Communion under both kinds is likely to be endorsed by the Bishops of England and Wales as taking place again from the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (6th April). The period of Lent is therefore a good opportunity for us to prepare by reflecting again on the Eucharist and particularly on receiving Holy Communion reverently, and on the correct language to be used when speaking of the consecrated species. To offer support with this, some catechesis will be prepared and distributed throughout the diocese to parishes, chaplaincies and schools in time for the first Sunday of Lent. The catechesis will also remind us that the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) makes clear that communicants have the right to choose whether they receive Holy Communion either on the tongue or on the hand. 'The communicant replies, Amen, and receives the Sacrament either on the tongue or, where this is allowed, in the hand, the choice lying with the communicant.' (GIRM, 161) The choice within the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, either on the tongue or on the hand, which had been somewhat restricted for health reasons during Covid, belongs once again to the communicant. It is essential that this choice, made by the communicant, is honoured and respected.'

THE SHROUD OF TURIN The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst will be hosting an exhibition during Lent on the Shroud of Turin from Thursday 9th to Wednesday 22nd March. Exploring the religious and scientific background to the Shroud, the exhibition includes a life-sized replica of the Shroud. A public talk by the curator of the project will take place at 7.00pm on Thursday 9th March. The exhibition will be open to public viewing from Friday 10th to Sunday 12th March. From Monday 13th March, the exhibition can be booked by parish groups for exclusive viewing. For further details and to book contact: events@christianheritagecentre.com or visit <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/shroud-of-turin-exhibition/>

THE SYCAMORE COURSE continues this week on Thursday 9th Feb.

THE WEDNESDAY GROUP was delighted to welcome Janis Birchall during the week. We learnt much about Padfield and its yesterdays, and yesterfolk. An illuminating and enjoyable couple of hours. Thank you! **"BAROQUE IN THE NORTH"** parishioner Claire Babington invites one and all to an afternoon concert from 2.30 next Sunday afternoon 12th Feb—admission £10 with concessions.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles : £40 D Want; £20 : D Shepley. Immaculate Conception : £40—Luke-Stocks; £20—John Hickinson. Renewed thanks to those who administer our parish totes, and to those who support the parishes by their memberships.

CANDLEMAS was celebrated reverence and delight by the schoolchildren who came to the church on Thursday. Inevitably the holding of and processing with candles by children might be hazardous. Thanks be to God, no incinerations were noted. Bu plenty of wax on bench and floor. When I went to the church later to start the wax-clean-up, I found that a ministering angel had beaten me to it . Thanks be to God for the secret ministry of parish angels unawares!

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.

AND FINALLY Ampleforth Abbey has sent booklets telling of their retreat programme for the year. A diverse array of delights on offer. Please go to retreats@ampleforthabbey.org.uk to discover more.