



**CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE**



**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**SUNDAY VI (a)  
Feb 12th 2023**



*'Theirs an endless road,  
a hopeless maze,  
who seek for goods  
Before they seek for God'  
(St Bernard)*

***They are happy who follow God's law***

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>MASS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
Sun 12th	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY</b> 9.15 (BB) K Laidlaw RIP (CW) 11am (HAD) Joan Enever RIP (fam)	
Mon 13th	<b>St Paul Miki &amp; comps, Japanese martyrs</b> 9.30 (HAD) Christopher Leach RIP (D&KH)	
Tues 14th	<b>Ss CYRIL &amp; METHODIUS</b> 9.30 (HAD) Tina Laporcdrrio (AH)	
Weds 15th	<b>St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bahkita</b> Noon (HAD) Requiem Mass for Eileen Goddard RIP (int LG)	
Thurs 16th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) DCA	(Sycamore 7pm, oratory)
Fri 17th	<b>St Scholastica</b> 9.30 (HAD) DCA	
Sat 18th	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b> 9.30 (HAD) for the parish	noon (HAD) Carney, baptism
Sun 19th	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY</b> 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Vincent O'Brien RIP (D&KH)	

  

**SIXTH SUNDAY (A)**

**Psalter Week 2**

**Introduction:** Choose between right and wrong. The Spirit guides you to righteousness

**First Reading :** Ecclus 15. No-one is forced to do wrong. We can choose.

**Resp.Ps. THEY ARE HAPPY WHO FOLLOW GOD'S LAW!**

**Second Reading :** 1 Cor 2 : Eternal Glory is part of God's promise to us.

**Gospel :** Mt 5 : Jesus' teaches the hard path to salvation.

## **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 Francis Brennan, Bernard Croft; Norman Mellor, Lisa-Marie Dineley, Sandra Murphy, Eileen Blomeley, James Flanagan: *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 sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (elsewhere it's called Sexagesima Sunday, i.e. second before Lent). In the Gospel we see both the divine power and the divine compassion of Jesus in this act of healing. The divine power was necessary in all instantaneous cures. Even if the diseases were curable, the ordinary process of nature took time to fight off the causes and to return the invalid to normality. Therefore, where there was an instantaneous recovery some power above nature, some supernatural cause brought it about. This divine power Jesus had, for he was himself divine, the Son of God.

**AFFIRMATION MASS** we welcome those First Holy Communion candidates and their families to Mass this weekend to renew their commitment to the journey towards Holy Communion in June.

**SAINT CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL** met last weekend. It was a full meeting, with very positive ideas for future developments in the parish. We felt the need to try to revive **parish social activities**. If you would like to be part of that process of revival, please let Christine James (864350) know of your interest. Based upon the response, a meeting will be arranged to discuss ideas. Furthermore there was a perceived need to try and reinvigorate '**Family Sunday Masses**'. If you want to give assistance to this enterprise, please let me know and we'll get together to plan.

**COLLECTION BOXES IN CHURCH** you can find at the back of church various boxes and containers for foodstuffs and other goods. These goods will go to our local food banks for distribution via the local church communities. You will see a list of needed goods in recent newsletters.

### **PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE/SAFEGUARDING OFFICER**

Our mission is to offer spiritual guidance and worship in our churches. We work hard to proclaim the message of God's Gospel to those who enter our Churches, and to those who sick, elderly and housebound. As we progress this mission, we are very mindful of our responsibility to the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults. To do this properly, we are required to have a Parish Safeguarding Representative in place to ensure that we are all following the safeguarding policies and procedures as set out nationally, and by our Diocese.

We remain grateful to Maria Boar, who for many years oversaw this task, connecting with both parishes. However, for quite some months now we have been without a replacement for Maria Boar, despite best efforts to secure one. The role itself encompasses a wide range of duties and covers both our churches. Some may think that is a weighty responsibility. Somewhat weighty, but vitally necessary. Anyone taking on this role will be given full training before they begin and ongoing support from the Diocesan Safeguarding team. The commitment to this role would be temporary – no more than two years, as we progress towards parish-coalescence. You will be rewarded by knowing that your efforts ensure that everyone is aware of their responsibilities for the safety of those people around them, especially the most vulnerable. Please don't think of it as a challenge but as an opportunity. If you want to know more, please ask Fr Don, and more information will be forthcoming.

**TOLLE LEGE** It would be good if we had more parishioners willing and able to **proclaim the sacred scriptures** from the lectern from time to time. If you are able to volunteer please let me know. A short time of assessment and guidance will be offered to those who accept this offer.

**QUI SERVIRE EST REGNARE** is the motto for our **altar servers**: to serve is to reign. Our band of altar servers has depleted over the years. Whilst we are grateful to the couple who do regularly serve, we need

more: young or old, male or female. Maybe some adults would welcome the chance to assist the clergy in sanctuary duties. Vesture is secondary; assistance is primary! Ask, and you will be welcomed!

**SCHOOLS OUT** half-term break begins towards the end of this coming week. The school children and staff members will take a welcome break from school activities for 10 days. We wish them a time of contentment and rest.

**THE PARISH DINNER** the parish Christmas dinner was postponed during Advent when a major waterpipe -burst occurred in Glossop. That dinner has been rearranged. I hope that at the Golf Club from 12:30 on a Tuesday those who have booked their place will be able to keep company and to enjoy a hearty meal together.

**LOCAL CHURCH CONNEXIONS** it has been good to support the charitable outreach of local church communities. Parishioners are playing their part in trying to help the disadvantaged by present economic and other difficulties. This is surely good and Godly way to keep the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. *Prosperet et procedet!*

**CHURCH REDECORATION** the work at Immaculate Conception church continues apace. The decorators are heading towards the midpoint of their work. We hope and pray that this could work will give new impetus to the works of the church and the parish. If you visit please look around and if you notice anything worthy of a comment, please let me know.

**CLAIRE BABINGTON** invites one and all this Sunday afternoon to Immaculate Conception church at 2:30 for a baroque concert. Full price admission is £10, and then concessions. Come one! Come all!

**THE PIETY STALL** through a message from Lola gives thanks for your support up to the Christmas season. Lola was delighted to be able to sell all her Christmas cards and Diaries. She has an ample stock of similar goods ahead of the Easter season. Come one! come all!

**PUBLICATIONS** both '**Magnificat**' and '**My Day by Day**' have sent helpful material in booklet form to assist you on the path of holiness during Lent, which begins in 10 days. Please check the back of the church and take with you these helpful booklets.

**LENT POSSIBILITIES** The Sycamore course will be coming to an end within a month. Parishioners have asked if there might be a time of gathering on some weekdays during Lent to look ahead to the next Sunday's scripture readings from Mass. This is a most helpful idea. Please let me know if you're interested in this enterprise which would begin during Lent. Clearly will you would need some helpful folk to prepare the way ahead of each weekly gathering. If you want to be part of that helpfulness or simply to attend please let me know.

**THE SYCAMORE COURSE** continues this week on Thursday 16th Feb at 7pm.

**RECENT TOTE WINNERS** St Charles; £40 : D Jordan; £20 : V Gebbett. Renewed thanks to those who administer our parish totes, and to those who support the parishes by their memberships.

**DEANERY MEETING** the first meeting for the clergy of the newly-extended Peak Deanery took place at St. Anne's church in Buxton during the week. The meeting was chaired by our new Dean, Fr Robbie O'Callaghan from Matlock. A number of retired priests who live within the Deanery were able to attend. Canon Bernard Needham and Fr Jim O'Hanlon were there in person; Mgr Jonathan Moore joined us virtually; sadly father Kevin Gradwell was hospitalised at the time of the meeting. I'm glad to report that he is now back in his retirement flat in Marple bridge. Three of the four Deanery Deacons were unable to be present but happily Rev Dr Owen le Blanc was able to be there in person. Frs Gerry Murphy and Martin Sylvester and yours truly made-up the complement. A very informative meeting with much mutual encouragement & support of our parish activities.

**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.

**FR PORPHYRIUS** has sent his greetings—and his new postal address : PO Box 79, Masaka, Uganda

**THE D.E.C. APPEAL** Many will have noted with horror the loss of life and the devastation caused by the recent earthquakes. Many will have responded to the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal for funds. The constraints on our purse and wallets are many of course. There are baskets at the back of church for any money you can spare. This will be sent expeditiously to the disaster-fund.  
Thank you.