



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

God, who in your great Providence
chose St Joseph to be the husband
of your most holy Mother;
grant, we pray,
that we may be made worthy
to have him as our intercessor in heaven,
whom on earth we venerate
as our holy Protector:
who lives and reigns world without end.
Amen.

Unless a grain of wheat dies . . .

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 17th	FIFTH LENT 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) DCA	
Mon 18th	Lent feria / St Cyril of Jerusalem 9.30 (HAD) private int	
Tues 19th	ST JOSEPH, Husband of Our Lady 9.30 (HAD) DCA	
Wed 20th	Lent feria / St Alkmund 9.30 (HAD) private int	
Thurs 21st	Lent feria 9.30 (HAD) Holy Souls	
Fri 22nd	Lent feria / St Turibius 9.30 (BB) DCA	2.30 (HAD) Stations of the Cross
Sat 23rd	Lent feria 9.30 (HAD) DCA	10.30 (HAD) Mgr Moore's Confessions
Sun 24th	PALM SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) private int	
<p style="text-align: center;">FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (B)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psalter Week 1</p> <p>Introduction: Christ the grain is crushed to fine flour for our eternal sustenance.</p> <p>First Reading : Jer 31 : I will give them a new covenant, forgetting their sin.</p> <p>Resp.Ps. A PURE HEART CREATE FOR ME O GOD</p> <p>Second Reading : Hebr 5 : Christ obeyed - and won salvation for us through his death.</p> <p>Gospel : Jn 12 : I shall draw all men to myself.</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, Christine Wild, David Healey, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Beatrice & John Eaton, Keith Winston.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Revv Arthur Bird, William Baigent, Pat Reidy, James Earley; ***Stephen Bardsley, Doris Howbrook, Jean Gilmore, Jack Middleton, Lady Moira Pendry, Jack Maycock, Doreen Hopkinson, Irene Gardner, Kath Baker:***

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them: may they rest in peace. Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND we come to the fifth Sunday in Lent. This is known as Passion Sunday, marking the start of the season-within-a season of Passiontide. The focus in the prayer-life of the church is on the sufferings of our Saviour, as we follow his footsteps towards Jerusalem and his final week on earth.

THE GOSPEL This moving gospel reading is the immediate prelude to the account of the Last Supper and the Passion. It is full of Jesus' dread and confidence at what he knows is approaching. In the gospel of John there is no agony in the garden before Jesus' arrest, for in John the story of the Passion is so shaped that it is clearly the triumph of the Son of man. There is no mention of humiliation or mockery. Jesus remains in control from the beginning, when he permits the guards to take him into custody, till the end, when he calls out that he is ready to die, 'It is complete'. This is all the hour of the exaltation of the Son of man, when Jesus is raised up in every sense. All the more important, then, for John to show before the Passion that the cost for Jesus was real, with this little dialogue in prayer between Jesus and his Father. This is John's equivalent of the prayer in the garden. The second reading from Hebrews shows that there were in early Christianity strong but slightly variant traditions of Jesus' prayer before his Passion. All express his very human fear, his unshakable commitment to his task and his loving confidence in his Father's care.

A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES : The feastday of ***St Patrick*** coincides with Sunday, and is not liturgically celebrated this year. I hope he is celebrated secularly by his devotees! ***St Cyril of Jerusalem (315 - 386)*** Was born of Christian parents and succeeded Maximus as bishop of Jerusalem in 348. He was active in the Arian controversy and was exiled more than once as a result. His pastoral zeal is especially shown in his Catecheses, in which he expounded orthodox doctrine, holy Scripture and the traditions of the faith. They are still read today, and several of the Second Readings of the Office of Readings are taken from them. He died in 386. He is held in high esteem by both the Catholics and the Orthodox, and he was declared a Doctor of the Church by the Pope in 1883. ***St Joseph :*** Nothing is known of St Joseph except what is said of him in the Gospels. He was a carpenter; he accepted the will of God; and he supported Mary and brought up Jesus. From the human character of his son we can see that he was a good and responsible father. He is widely venerated as a patron of artisans who honourably do good work with the gifts God has given them, and of workers in general. To those who exercise the role of an adoptive parent, whether formally or informally, whether over one child or as the support of a whole family, he is a source of inspiration.

WELCOME VISITOR it was good to keep company with Fr Daren during the week. He and his boundlessly energetic spaniel Sasha came to visit the rectory and then catch up with friends here and there. I invited him to come and celebrate a couple of weekends later in the year - an invitation he cheerfully accepted.

THE RECENTLY APPEALING MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER have written to

give you thanks for your second-collection generosity of well over £500.

TIME TO PRAY at Immaculate Conception on Tuesday morning is **postponed** this coming week.

LENT CONFESSIONS Monsignor Moore has kindly agreed to come and hear confessions in the oratory **next Saturday 23rd March** from 10.30am.

REPOSITORY Lola advises that she has for sale plenty of Easter cards for sale. Additionally she has first Holy Communion cards, rosary beads, missals for use at Mass, pens and bracelets etc. - are available from the stall at the back of Saint Charles church ideally before Sunday Mass. Your custom will always be welcome.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles : £40: S Shaw; £20 : D Bernard.

STANDING ORDERS: Immaculate Conception : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "St Margaret's church/ collection (or tote)" 00510567. St Charles : Sort Code 30-13-32 A/c "Charles church/collection (or tote)" 00269177.

MAGNIFICATS for Holy Week are still available.

FINAL CALL for you to bring your Missio Red Boxes to church for emptying.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER Please use the envelopes found at the back of church to make donations florally to decorate our churches at Eastertide.

ST CHARLES SOCIAL COMMITTEE invites parishioners on Sunday to enjoy Irish delights after Mass. Gaelic coffee, Irish tea brack, and scones will be available to enjoy. Shamrock need not be produced worn to avail of this kindness.

THE WEDNESDAY GROUP invites all parishioners to come and enjoy a lunchtime feast at Taylor's fish and chip shop in Woodley. This delight will be on Wednesday 10th April, in the second week of Eastertide. All parishioners are welcome to come along and enjoy good company the finest fare, and delightful Pascal ambience. A sign-up list is found at the back of church.

LIARA'S HAIR Many parishioners were delighted to take note of 8-year-old Liara's intention to sacrifice her lovely blonde hair for the benefit of children who have lost their hair because of medical conditions. Her hair will be turned into wigs to bring comfort to such disadvantaged children. Please go to liamhandley.muchloved.com/ and follow the links to sponsor Liara's sacrifice.

FATHER JOHN DALEY was the dedicated and much-loved parish priest of many years commitment in Leicester. His energy was boundless, not least in organising hugely-informative pilgrimages which many parishioners from throughout the diocese and beyond enjoyed thoroughly. His life as a Rosminian priest was wonderfully various and endless commitment. Father John died this week at his parish house in Leicester. May he be richly rewarded for his many-faceted ministry to so many groups and people. May he rest in peace.

SAINT MARGARET'S SCHOOL CHILDREN are planning to come to Mass next Friday at Immaculate Conception church. We look forward to welcoming them, and praying with them for the Lord's Passiontide blessings.

SNAIL MAIL is often used as a derogatory term for Royal Mail's postal service. However it is apparent that snails are more energetic in reaching their destinations than the present delivery system. Currently post is delivered to the rectory at best once a week, and that delivery may include post that was posted well over a fortnight ago. This is a significant inconvenience to those who write to me for a signature of attestation or similar on documents that are quite urgent. I enjoy writing correspondence, and prefer it to sending emails. I note the cost of postage stamps is rising faster than the slowdown in postal delivery. So, I may have to think again. But those who do write to the rectory, please be aware that a response may reach your doormat sometime in Advent.

HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE

PALM SUNDAY, 24th Mar

WEDNESDAY 27th Mar

MAUNDY THURSDAY, 28th Mar

GOOD FRIDAY 29th Mar

HOLY SATURDAY 30th Mar

EASTER SUNDAY 31st Mar

Blessing & distribution of palms : usual Mass times

The Chrism Mass in the Cathedral with the blessing of the sacred oils by the Bishop.

SACRED TRIDUUM begins with

7pm (BB) : **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Afternoon liturgy of the Passion of the Lord:

3pm both churches;

7.30pm (HAD) **Easter Vigil & first Mass of Easter**

usual Mass-times.