



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Lent V (Passion Sunday)
6th April 2025



*We adore thee O Christ
And we praise thee:*

*Because by thy holy cross
Thou hast redeemed
the world.*

Neither do I condemn you

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 6th	LENT V / Passion 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) P&M Williamson (foundation Mass) <i>(St Charles par. council mtg)</i>	
Mon 7th	Lent feria / St John Baptist de la Salle 9.30 (HAD) DCA	
Tues 8th	Lent feria 9.30 (HAD) Marianne Wright (née Higgins) RIP (fam)	<i>BB Stations, 10.00</i>
Weds 9th	Lent feria 9.30 (HAD) Una Wilkinson RIP (AB)	
Thurs 10th	Lent feria 9.30 (HAD) Lillian Simpson RIP (fam)	
Fri 11th	Lent feria / St Stanislaus 9.30 (BB) DCA 12.15 (HAD) funeral service for Una Wilkinson RIP <i>(3pm HAD, Stations of the Cross)</i>	
Sat 12th	Lent feria / St Vincent Ferrer 9.30 (HAD) Sp int 10.15-11.15 (HAD) : exposition & adoration; 10.30 Mgr Moore Confessions	
Sun 13th	PALM SUNDAY 9am (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Claire Fletcher RIP (fam)	
<p align="center">FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (C)</p> <p align="center">Psalter Week 1</p> <p>Introduction: The Lord wipes away our iniquity.</p> <p>First Reading : Is 43 : The Lord showers good things on his people.</p> <p>Resp.Ps. WHAT MARVELS THE LORD WORKED FOR US! INDEED WE WERE GLAD.</p> <p>Second Reading : Philipp 3 : St Paul loses everything for Christ.</p> <p>Gospel : Jn 8 : Nor do I condemn you; sin no more.</p> <p>Comm ant: HAS NO ONE CONDEMNED YOU, WOMAN? NO ONE, LORD. NEITHER SHALL I CONDEMN YOU. FROM NOW ON, SIN NO MORE.</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, Maura Farrell, Joan Killeen, Winifred Cook, Maree Davies, Rita Dwyer, Christine Wild, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Gordon Handley, Jean Ashton, Bro Philip Revell, Keith Winston.

Please recall in prayer our deceased clergy & parishioners whose

anniversaries occur about this time; Revv Bishop James McGuinness, Peter Dooling, Bernard Allen, Owen O'Neill, Francis Horvath, Stephan Foster; Ken Dibble, Celia Draper, Winifred Chappell, Mary Simpson, Lillian Simpson, Anthony Murphy, Paul Patrick Reape, Claire Fletcher, Kathleen Dugdale, Rachel Naughton: May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY we enter into the holy season of Passiontide. We journey with Our Lord and his disciples toward Jerusalem and his sacrifice for us. As we enter the final two weeks of Lent we promise to stay close to the Suffering Servant.

THE GOSPEL This is an independent, floating story which does not fit well into the Gospel of John. In early manuscripts of the Gospels it floats around in various positions before it becomes anchored as an example of Jesus' saying just before, 'Our Law does not allow us to pass judgement on anyone without first giving him a hearing' (John 7.51). What did Jesus write on the ground, or was he just doodling to allow the accusers time to reflect on their self-righteousness? It is made clear throughout the Gospel of Luke that you cannot be a follower of Christ without first admitting your sinfulness. Peter in the boat tells Jesus to leave, for he is a sinner. Zacchaeus promises to make multiple restitution for his embezzlements. The woman at the supper weeps for her sins at Jesus' feet.

A PASTORAL LETTER from Cardinal Nichols is to be read this Sunday. This letter urges us to act swiftly in messaging our MP in the matter of the third reading of the Assisted Suicide Bill. There are cards at the back of church which can be used to help message your MP and urge opposition. However, I went to website <https://righttolife.org.uk/news> and followed the links to send an email to High Peak MP Jon Pearce. He sent a fulsome reply.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE We have noted the death on 25th March of **Una Wilkinson (66)** (Peter St. Hadfield). Her funeral rites are indicated for Friday next, 11th April at 12.15. May she rest in peace, and may her family & friends be comforted.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is arranged for Saturday mornings at St Charles. This devotion will be from 10.30 to 11.30, initially on the Saturdays of Lent. All, of course, are welcome.

RED MISSIO BOXES should be brought to church in the next few weeks, please.

OUR THANKS go to the dedicated parishioners who have worked to empurple our church & shrine images for the season of Passiontide.

ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT Join men from across the diocese on Saturday 12th April at Mount St Bernard Abbey.

MONSIGNOR MOORE has kindly agreed to return to the oratory at St Charles **next Saturday 12th April** to hear Confessions and offer absolution, from 10.30.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at St Charles on Friday afternoons at 3pm; at BB at 10am on Tuesdays.

HOME BAKE Many thanks to those who supported this BB fundraiser, which brought in over £350. In the context of BB fund-raising, unremarkable. To my mind, exceptional! Thanks and well done!

BOXED SETS of envelopes are available from the back of church. If you have use envelopes in the past, and are now switching to Standing Order (a recommended switch!) please let the treasurer know—at St Charles, Derek Handley; at Immaculate Conception Emma Soper. If however you want to start using boxed-sets: let them know also.

CENSUS Thank you to those who last weekend filled in parish census forms. If you were elsewhere last weekend, and missed the chance, there are forms at the back of church. Please complete, and hand them to helpful folk at the end of Mass.

SCHOOL HOLS Easter is very late this year. School holidays begin this weekend. We wish staff and pupils a happy and holy holiday.

SCHOOL THANKS The children at St Margaret's presented the Passion play during the week. Sadly I missed it, but it was acclaimed as wonderful. Equally praiseworthy was their sheaf of hand-painted Easter greeting cards to be passed on to housebound parishioners—who were delighted to receive them. And further thanks to the St Charles schoolchildren who painted delightful Stations of the Cross pictures, which now bedeck the walls in church.

REPOSITORY MESSAGE Lola advises that there are now plentiful Easter and Mass Intention cards available from the back of church.

FLOWERS FOR EASTERTIDE There will be baskets available this weekend at the back of church to help the Paschal floral decoration in our churches.

EASTER LILIES Envelopes are found at the back of BB church for you to purchase a lily at Easter in church. A £4 donation is sought.

NEXT SUNDAY we begin Holy Week with Palm Sunday.

BB folk please note Sunday-Mass time! This earlier start is to allow proper time for the blessing & distribution of palms, and the reading of the Passion Narrative.

The Holy Week timetable will be familiar to observant parishioners:

- Maundy Thursday at BB 7.30;
- Good Friday at HAD & BB - 3pm;
- Holy Saturday 7.30pm at HAD;
- and Easter Sunday - usual times & places.

WALSINGHAM SHRINE COLLECTION The recent one-off collection brought in over £265, which has been sent to the shrine. Many thanks.

TOTE WINNERS St Charles 1st, (£40) D Clough ; 2nd, (£20) A Brown.

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 "St Charles church/collection (or tote)" 00269177.

AND FINALLY A curious distraction stole my attention during recent days. Not the passage of another small herd of deer through the rectory grounds - that's almost a commonplace now. It is a daily tapping on the rectory windows. In virtually every room I put in an appearance, a long-tailed tit flies over and perches unsteadily on the window spars and taps, seeming to want my attention. Then off it flies to another window-pane and redoubles its tapping. Fascinating, distracting, delightful - and another mystery of the natural world, one I much prefer to the relentless guesswork about tariffs.

