



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

***Palm Sunday & Holy Week
13th April 2025***



O sacred head, sore wounded,

Defiled and put to scorn:

O kingly head, surrounded

With mocking crown of thorn;

What sorrow mars thy grandeur?

Can death thy bloom deflow'r?

O countenance whose splendour

The hosts of heav'n adore!

Hosanna to the Son of David!

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| DATE | MASS | OTHER |
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| Sun 13th | PALM SUNDAY 9am (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Claire Fletcher RIP (fam) | |
| Mon 14th | MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK 9.30 (HAD) Kevin Laidlaw RIP (fam) | |
| Tues 15th | TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 9.30 (HAD) Anthony Milton (J&CB) 10am (BB) Stations | |
| Weds 16th | WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK : no parish Mass today Chrism Mass, Cathedral 11.30 (Mgt Francis (néé Mansell) RIP (MR) | |
| Thurs 17th | MAUNDY THURSDAY 9.30 (HAD) morning prayer The Sacred Triduum begins with: 7.00pm (BB) Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (S Hickinson (D&JW) | |
| Fri 18th | GOOD FRIDAY 9.30 (HAD) morning prayer 3pm (HAD & BB) celebration of the Passion of the Lord (7pm BB, Stations of the Cross) | |
| Sat 19th | HOLY SATURDAY 9.30 (HAD) morning prayer 7.30pm (HAD) Easter Vigil & first Mass of Easter (R Revell & Bro P Revell) (fam) | |
| Sun 20th | EASTER SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) A Clayton RIP (MD & MMB) 11am (HAD) for the parish | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">PALM SUNDAY (C) Psalter Week 2</p> <p>Introduction: With Palms we hail our King and Redeemer.</p> <p>First Reading : Is 50 : The Suffering Servant.</p> <p>Resp.Ps. MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?</p> <p>Second Reading : Philipp 2 : Christ humbled himself; God raised him high.</p> <p>Gospel : Passion according to St. Luke</p> <p>Comm ant: FATHER, IF THIS CHALICE CANNOT PASS WITHOUT MY DRINKING IT, THY WILL BE DONE.</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, S Hickinson, 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 Joe McGovern, Laurence Hill, Robert Thornhill, John Abbott, Tony Colebrook; *Christine Elliot, Joan Grimshaw, James Tierney, Josephine Fallon, Patricia Wells: May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen*

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND we begin the most important week in the church's year—Holy Week. During this week we follow the footsteps of the Suffering Servant, our Lord Jesus Christ.

- ***This Palm Sunday*** we imagine ourselves with the palm-waving crowds at the gate to Jerusalem. We shout Hosanna as we greet our Lord on donkey-back journeying into the city that would host his judgement, Calvary-journey and death.
- ***Wednesday*** is sometimes called ***Spy Wednesday***, when Judas the traitor gets his 30 pieces of silver & makes his plans to betray Jesus. This is also the day for the celebration of “***The Chrism Mass***” in the cathedral. The three oils that are used in our liturgies throughout the coming year are processed into the Cathedral. The Oils of Baptism and for the Anointing of the Sick are blessed; the Oil of Chrism is consecrated by the Bishop.
- On ***Maundy Thursday*** we keep night-time company with Jesus and his apostles at the Last Supper table, and hear him say ‘this is my body; this is my blood’, and communicating his apostles at the first Mass. We journey with them to the garden of Gethsemane, and the dark shame of his betrayal and capture.
- On ***Good Friday*** we come to the sombre three-o'clock liturgy of his suffering and death, and come ‘silently away’ after venerating the Cross.
- On ***Holy Saturday*** towards sunset we proclaim “*Lumen Christi*”, and rejoice that the light extinguished on Good Friday is Resurrection-rekindled at Easter.

PLENTY OF PALMS Please take palms also for friends, relatives and fellow parishioners.

THE GOSPEL In Luke's version of the story of the Passion of Jesus many of the details are different from those of the other evangelists. This merely means that Luke stresses different aspects, for the narratives are as much commentaries on the significance of events as straight narratives. 1. At the Last Supper Luke gathers together sayings of Jesus on the future of the Church and how the leaders of the community should behave: they should serve their brothers and sisters, not like the arrogant leaders of secular regimes. Luke places here the promise to Peter, that he will strengthen his brothers. 2. Luke stresses that Jesus is in control of the whole sequence. At the Agony in the Garden, instead of the three distraught prayers of Jesus, there is only one, and Jesus is in perfect control, kneeling down and standing up again, rather than throwing himself upon the ground. At the end, instead of ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’, Jesus himself tranquilly yields his life into the Father's

hands, obediently completing his Father's will. 3. At the trial-scene there is no sign of the High Priest, nor of any verdict. It is more a disorderly rabble who hustle Jesus to Pilate and produced trumped-up charges. Pilate does not sentence Jesus, but merely hands him over to them 'to deal with as they pleased'. Jesus, on the other hand, continues his mission of bringing peace by the reconciliation of Pilate with Herod. 4. The crucifixion scene itself is a scene of conversions: Jesus continues right to the end his mission of bringing reconciliation. The women of Jerusalem mourn for Jesus. Jesus forgives his executioners. He welcomes the good thief into paradise. The centurion gives praise to God, and the crowds go home expressing their repentance. By contrast, it is the holy women who fulfil the Law of repose on the Sabbath. who can't make it to Mass.

POSTERS We have some 'This is Holy Week' posters. Post one at your home and share this week's journey with passers-by.

HOLY PLACES On Friday at the afternoon liturgy there will be the collection for the holy places in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

FASTING Good Friday is the 'other' day of fasting and abstinence, the first being Ash Wednesday.

HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL Kindly note that whilst the Vigil at Hadfield begins at 7.30, at All Saints in Glossop it is timed to begin at 9pm.

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

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

TOTE WINNERS *St Charles* 1st, (£40) L Wiedemann; 2nd, (£20) R Cranston.

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.

CHURCH GIVING The box-sets of envelopes are labelled and available from the usual places. There are plenty of spare sets if you want to take a box.

A POEM FOR PALM SUNDAY

THE DONKEY

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

~ G. K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

