



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

***Easter Sunday & Easter week
20th April 2025***



Christ the Lord is risen today,
Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say,
Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply,
Alleluia!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 20th	EASTER SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) A Clayton RIP (MD & MMB) 11am (HAD) for the parish (<i>Hacking bapts during Mass</i>)	
Mon 21st	EASTER MONDAY 9.30 (HAD) Anthony Milton (J&CB)	
Tues 22nd	EASTER TUESDAY 9.30 (HAD) Sue Hickinson's welfare (N&DS)	
Weds 23rd	EASTER WEDNESDAY 9.30 (HAD) S&M Redford's welfare (J&CB)	
Thurs 24th	EASTER THURSDAY 9.30 (HAD) M Doyle RIP (AB)	
Fri 25th	EASTER FRIDAY 9.30 (BB) Sue Hickinson's welfare (AS)	
Sat 26th	EASTER SATURDAY 9.30 (HAD) Teresa Mangan (MG)	
Sun 27th	SUNDAY II of Easter (Divine Mercy) 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) David James RIP (PJ)	
<div> <p>EASTER SUNDAY (C)</p> <p>Psalter Week 1</p> <p>Introduction: <i>This Mass is our Alleluia! He is risen indeed!</i></p> <p>First Reading: Acts 10 : The apostles rejoice to recall eating and drinking with him after the Resurrection</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> <p>Second Reading : Col 3 : Look to Heaven, where Christ is in Risen glory.</p> <p>Gospel: Jn 20 : He must rise from the dead.</p> <p>Comm ant: CHRIST OUR PASSOVER HAS BEEN SACRIFICED, ALLELUIA; THEREFORE LET US KEEP THE FEAST WITH THE UNLEAVENED BREAD OF PURITY AND TRUTH, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.</p> </div>		

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, Sue 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; Rev Colin Mitchell; Sheila Doyle, Mary Griffin, Norman Wain, William Stevenson, Janet Porter, Catherine Smith: May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN AND IS WITH US STILL! We enter into the Easter Octave, when we 'stop all the clocks' and rest in the Garden of the Resurrection for eight days. Our journey then continues into the 50-day season of Easter. Hope you find chance to rest awhile!

EASTER OFFERING Thank you for your kindness to your priest in this weekend's collection - and for so many other kind gifts this season.

EASTER THANKS Without doubt it has been the busiest time of the year liturgically. Profound thanks to those many parishioners who have laboured so energetically to serve the parish during Passiontide and the Sacred Triduum. May the Risen Lord shower you anew with his blessings.

THE GOSPEL There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each 'performance' is different. Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story stresses the proof that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that they will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee. It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen Christ were simply ghost-appearances. Apart from the proof that this was a real, living and bodily person, these meetings stress two factors, the power of the Risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples. They are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied by and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account Simon Peter is clearly the senior, authority figure, to whom the Beloved Disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which immediately brings him to faith.

WELCOME to the family of the church and our parish:

- Jane Lancaster - received into church membership at BB at Easter Sunday morning Mass;
- Olivia & Ella Hacking, baptised during St Charles Easter morning Mass.

NEXT SUNDAY There will be a cake-bake sale at St Charles after morning Mass. Alice, one of our altar servers, is seeking funding-help towards a school trip later in the year to Uganda. This trip will doubtless help the young ones to meet up with the Big Five game animals, but also give chance for helpfulness at a local school. Please give this venture your support.

TOTE WINNERS *St Charles* 1st, (£40) J Ashton; 2nd, (£20) M Brierley.

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.

THE WEDNESDAY GROUP have planned a trip on Thursday for a late-lunchtime visit to a renowned fish & chip shop (I think in Woodley!), Speak to any member if interested.

LOOKING AHEAD As part of our May Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Rob Cranston will host an Online Rosary Session every Tuesday evening at 7pm. The first session is Tuesday 6th May. This invitation is open to anyone from both our Churches. If you wish to participate please email Rob at the following address: cranston1948@aol.com and Rob will contact you with the relevant details.

ALSO LOOKING AHEAD I have booked to go away on a clergy retreat Mon 28th Apl to Fri 2nd May incl.

Death, and darkness get you packing,
Nothing now to man is lacking,
All your triumphs now are ended,
And what Adam marr'd, is mended;
Graves are beds now for the weary,
Death a nap, to wake more merry;
Youth now, full of pious duty,
Seeks in thee for perfect beauty,
The weak, and aged tir'd, with length
Of days, from thee look for new strength,
And Infants with thy pangs Contest
As pleasant, as if with the breast;
Then, unto him, who thus hath thrown
Even to Contempt thy kingdom down,
And by his blood did us advance
Unto his own Inheritance,
To him be glory, power, praise,
From this, unto the last of days.

Henry Vaughan

