



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Easter V
18th May 2025

	<p><i>For all survivors and victims of sexual abuse: may they find justice and come to know healing. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.</i></p>
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I give you a new commandment

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 18th	SUNDAY V of Easter 9.15 (BB) Ella Cave's ints 11am (HAD) Stephen Furse RIP (PL)	
Mon 19th	Easter feria/St Dunstan 9.30 (HAD) for the parish	
Tues 20th	Easter feria / St Bernardine of Siena 9.30 (HAD) private int.	
Weds 21st	Easter feria / St Christopher Magallanes 9.30 (HAD) private int.	
Thurs 22nd	Easter feria /St Rita of Cascia 9.30 (HAD) Sp int.	
Fri 23rd	Easter feria 9.30 (BB) deceased of PL's family RIP (fam)	
Sat 24th	Easter feria 9.30 (HAD) holy souls	
Sun 25th	EASTER VI 9.15 (BB) David Barnes RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) for the parish	
<p align="center">FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER (C)</p> <p align="center">Psalter Week 1</p> <p>Introduction: <i>Christ puts new heart into us to love him and our neighbour better.</i></p> <p>First Reading: Acts 14 : Paul and Barnabas tell of the new heart they instil into their hearers.</p> <p>Resp Ps: I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOR EVER, O GOD MY KING</p> <p>Second Reading : Rev 21 : The Lord will wipe every tear from their eyes.</p> <p>Gospel: Jn 13 : We will be recognised as Our Lord's disciples in the love we have one for another.</p> <p>Comm ant: I AM THE TRUE VINE AND YOU ARE THE BRANCHES, SAYS THE LORD. WHOEVER REMAINS IN ME, AND I IN HIM, BEARS FRUIT IN PLENTY, ALLELUIA</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, Sue Dickinson, Jacob Ibbotson, Gordon Handley, Jean Ashton, Wilf Toole, Bro Philip Revell, Keith Winston.

And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time;

Revv Gerry McSpirit, Derl Daly, Kit McKeown, Charles Wall; Rashmi Parikh, Peter Kenyon, Mary Brady, Joan Fawley:

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 journey further into the Eastertide, extending our celebration of the Living Lord Jesus to Ascensiontide & beyond.*

THE GOSPEL This is the start of John's report of the great final teaching of Jesus at the Last Supper about the future of his Church and his disciples. From the sayings of Jesus the evangelist has composed a great discourse of Jesus about the obligations, duties and dangers which will come upon his disciples after his own death and resurrection. There were probably slightly different versions of this discourse, which were handed down by word of mouth; the slight impression of repetition results from the evangelist putting three versions one after another. As we approach the Birth of the Church at Pentecost we need to listen to how Jesus envisaged his community. This reading gives the essentials. At the head of the Christian community stands the glorified Son of Man, in whom God is glorified. But this is no distant figurehead, for he will come to be present among his disciples. And how? In the love which his disciples show for one another. One is reminded of the legend about the aged St John, wheeled into the church at Ephesus. When asked for the message of Jesus, all he would say was, 'My little children, love one another'.

SEDES OCCUPATA On Thurs May 8th we celebrated the minor commemorations of Blessed Catherine of Saint Augustine, and Blessed John Sullivan. And on that day, after a brief conclave there was in the late afternoon white smoke wafting from the chimney above the Sistine Chapel. The Holy Spirit had been brisk in his work, leading the Cardinals to elect Cardinal Robert Prevost to become our new pontiff. This gifted man, with citizenship of Peru and the United States and doubtless also of the Vatican state, chose the name Leo XIV. This was seen as a deference to Leo XVIII, a Pope who spoke loudly in favour of social change not least for those in lowly occupations. But there was another Leo to whom he might have been paying deference. Brother Leo was the closest friend and disciple of Francis of Assisi. He was his confidential advisor and mentor. So perhaps Pope Leo XIV was deferring to Pope Francis in this roundabout way.

This Sunday at St Peter's in Rome he will be installed formally and fully as our Pope. He will be given his personal fisherman's ring, and also his pallium, as principal Bishop not only of the Diocese of Rome but also the whole church.

It was fascinating to see how much public interest throughout the world was paid the funeral rites of Pope Francis and then the conclave process leading to the election of our new Pope. Might this be an indication not simply of a story and a process that's full of faith and hope rather than many of the despair-inducing stories of conflict and disharmony throughout the planet.

It may be the people will seek some sort of connection to our church as a result of this series of events at the Vatican. If so, I know that we will offer a kindly welcome and a friendly face.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE we have noted the death this week of **Brian Gee, (Whitfield House, Glossop)** husband of Hadfield parishioner, Monica. His funeral rites are indicated for St Charles church on Monday 2nd June at 10am. May he rest in peace; may his family be comforted.

MY THANKS AND YOURS to Mgr. Jonathan Moore & Fr Kevin Prince who came last Sunday to offer Mass in our churches. Both received with kindness, and much appreciation.

MAY PROCESSION next Sunday at the end of the bidding prayers at Immaculate Conception church we will have our may procession, hopefully blessed with lovely sunshine.

THIS MONTH As part of our May Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Rob Cranston hosts an Online Rosary Session every Tuesday evening at 7pm. 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.

A WELCOME VISIT How delightful it was to welcome the staff and pupils from St Margaret's Catholic school Gamesley to Mass at BB on Friday. They filled it with joy with their careful presentation, very clear reading and praying. And they can sing so well! Come again! come soon!

HADFIELD PARISHIONERS will take note that the members of the present parish council come to the end of their term of office in early June. We give thanks for their faithful service over some years. We are seeking nominations from parishioners who may wish to serve a brief term on the parish council over the next year or so. Please give this to your serious consideration either for yourself or for someone you might recommend. Furthermore St Charles parishioners will find the back of the church copies of present parish chairman Rob Cranston's report on the parish year. Please take a copy and read.

ON TUESDAY OF THIS WEEK the 20th May, we are invited by our bishops to spend time in prayer and reflection on the issue of the great sin of sexual abuse within our church. This has been a great scar on the body of our church these many years. Our prayer will be for the comfort of victims but also in reparation for the great wrongdoing done to them. This scourge has affected local parishes and our Deanery. It is always painful to listen to stories from the mouths of parishioners affected by this outrage. Please find time to pray that the healing touch of our saviour will be up on the wounded ones and the change of heart and sincere repentance be found in those guilty of abuse. Next Sunday is indicated as safeguarding Sunday when we may continue to pray for the safety of all those connected to our churches.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles 1st, (£40) M Stevenson, V Gebbett; 2nd, (£20) J Holland, E Green.

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 BB SPRING FAYRE is taking place as this newsletter is published. Many thanks to those who took part - I think in bright sunshine, which has been the hallmark of our days seemingly without end. Until Friday!

GARDEN DELIGHTS Booking are being taken for a trip to Chatsworth Gardens on Thursday 19th June. Contact any member of the Wednesday Group for details.

