



**CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE**

## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

***Sts Peter & Paul***  
***29th June 2025***



*My Lord  
&  
my God!*

# *You are the Christ*

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>MASS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
Sun 29th	<b>Sts PETER &amp; PAUL</b> 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Sp int	
Mon 30th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Pr.int	
Tues 1st	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Pr.int	
Weds 2nd	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Sp int	<i>f/by Weds Gp &amp; MEF group session</i>
Thurs 3rd	<b>ST THOMAS, apostle</b> 9.30 (HAD) Johanna Monaghan RIP, birthday remembrance (fam)	
Fri 4th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (BB) t'giving	<i>first Friday visits today DV</i>
Sat 5th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Dead List	
Sun 6th	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY</b> 9.15 (BB) t'giving 11am (HAD) for the parish	

### **Ss PETER & PAUL (c)**

Psalter Week 1

**Introduction:** Peter and Paul died so the good news could live.

**First Reading : Acts 12 :** The Lord saves St Peter from Herod.

**Resp. Ps. THE ANGEL OF THE LORD RESCUES THOSE WHO REVERE HIM**

**Second Reading : 2 Tim 4:** Righteousness comes to those who remain faithful.

**Gospel : Mt 16 :** You are Peter: to you I give the keys of the Kingdom

**Comm. ant: PETER SAID TO JESUS: YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD. AND JESUS REPLIED: YOU ARE PETER, AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH.**

### **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, Wilf Toole, Bro Philip Revell, Keith Winston.

***And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time;*** Revv James McCarthy, John Foley, Kevin Gradwell, John Atthill, Joe Finneran, Bob Rutledge; *Annie Kane, Stanislaw Slugocki, Linsey Doran, Linsey Millington, Elizabeth Wardle, Monica Krommendijk, Angela Kelly, Michael Doran:* May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen

## ***PARISH NOTES***

***THIS SUNDAY*** we honour the two greatest apostles, Sts Peter and Paul. The accent of the readings fall principally on St Peter. The choosing of Peter teaches us a lesson. The Church's foundation-stone and its first leader is not all-wise, all-knowing, good, heroic, and beautiful. He is a very ordinary man who makes about as many mistakes as we would in his place and kicks himself for them just as thoroughly afterwards. If St Peter had been a hero, we could easily have despaired of ever becoming like him. If St Peter had been great, and noble, and good, we could have told ourselves that the Church is for the saints, despaired, sat down, and not bothered. But the Church is not just for saints: it is for confused, impetuous, cowardly people like us – or St Peter. The rock crumbles, the ropes are frayed, the wood is rotten – but, although that improbable building, the Church, is made of such inferior materials, it grows (on the whole) faster than it collapses, and it is grace that holds it together. In the end, it was grace that gave the coward the courage to bear witness when it counted, grace that gave the fool the wisdom he needed to set the infant Church on her way, grace that taught the impetuous man patience and forbearance. We none of us admire ourselves, however much we would like to; let us not try to admire St Peter either, but admire instead the grace he was given, and pray that, weak as we are, we may be given it too and may use it.

***THE GOSPEL*** This gospel reading is a turning-point in the Gospel. Three times the disciples have been chided for their failure to understand who Jesus is, and now, with an almost perceptible flash of inspiration, Peter replies to the question with a full confession, not merely as in Mark that Jesus is the Messiah, but that he is son of the living God. Jesus replies by giving him a new name and explaining its meaning. The Aramaic name, Kephass, which Paul still uses (in Galatians 1-2), means 'Rock', which enables Jesus to play on the word for the foundation-stone of 'his assembly'. Is Jesus putting 'his assembly', his ekklesia, in parallel with the assembly of God which was Israel as the People of God in the Old Testament, and saying that his assembly is the new People of God? To Peter Jesus also gives the power to bind and loose, by the conjunction of opposites implying to the Semitic mind that he is giving all power. So much is widely recognised in all catholic teaching. But it is important to recognise that the same promise is made to the community itself in Matthew 18.18, the community discourse, giving it the same authority to bind and loose. To Peter, then, is given the power in the person of the Church.

***THIS SUNDAY*** the traditional collection ***Peter's Pence*** is to be taken at all Masses, which is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the Universal Church. For further details about the collection, see the Vatican's website: [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html)

**WELCOME TO JULY** In the church's devotional calendar this month is dedicated to Christ's Precious Blood.

**SAINTS ALIVE The First Martyrs of the See of Rome** When the city of Rome had been devastated by fire in the year 64, the Emperor Nero launched a persecution against the Christians, who were thrown to the wild beasts in the arena or soaked in tar and used as living torches. Their deaths are documented in the writings of the Roman historian Tacitus and in Pope St Clement's letter to the Corinthians. **St Oliver Plunkett (1625 - 1681)** was archbishop of Armagh and primate of All Ireland from 1668, at a time when the country was in a state of civil and religious disorder after the interventions of Oliver Cromwell. He persevered for ten years in his effort to ameliorate this state of affairs, until the discovery of a non-existent "Popish Plot" against the English government (invented and revealed by Titus Oates, who implicated many before he was executed for his part in it) gave the authorities an excuse to act against many prominent Catholics. Plunkett was arrested in Ireland but taken to London for trial; one of his companions was saved by being appointed as Bavarian Ambassador to London and therefore acquiring diplomatic immunity, but for Plunkett there was no such escape, and he was hanged at Tyburn, cheating his executioners by dying before he could be ceremonially disembowelled. **St Thomas the Apostle** is famous for doubting the resurrection of Jesus when his fellow apostles told him about it; but if he is the sceptical apostle, he is also the believing apostle, for having seen and touched a risen man, he made the immediate leap of faith and so became the first apostle to call Jesus God. Nothing is known about Thomas's later career. A well-known apocryphal document called the Acts of Thomas relates his missionary journeys to Persia and India. Such a journey would have been easy enough – important trade routes lay that way – and if some of the apostles went west, to Rome, the centre of the world, there is no reason why some others should not have chosen to go east, to the edge of the known world.

**FIRST FRIDAY VISITS** I plan to make my customary visits on 4th July.

**RECENT TOTE WINNERS** **St Charles** 1st, (£40) K Holtom; 2nd, (£20) L Hockey;

**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.

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

- The **Wednesday Group** meets this week after morning Mass on the 2nd.
- The annual interdiocesan **Padley Pilgrimage** in honour of the martyrs Blessed Robert Ludlam and Blessed Nicholas Garlick is being celebrated next Sunday 6th July. Pilgrims are invited to arrive early and picnic in the grounds; then to meet at Grindleford Station (S32 2JA) at 3pm before the procession to the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Ralph (Hallam) at 3.30pm, with Bishop Patrick preaching.
- **Charlesworth Carnival** is on Sat July 12th.
- The annual diocesan **pilgrimage to Lourdes** begins on Monday 14th July, returning on Friday 18th July. I hope to join that pilgrimage. If you have prayer or candle requests, please get them to me soon.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS** were celebrated at St Charles last Sunday. It was a reverent, devout and delightful occasion. The outfits worn by the candidates were matched by the spectacular floral displays. Ou thanks to catechists, teachers and flower arrangers.

**THE MISSION ENABLING FUND** Next Wednesday the 2nd July at Hadfield we will have a general meeting. Whether you have engaged with this campaign or otherwise you'll be welcome to attend.

**'MAGNIFICAT'** and **'MY DAY BY DAY'** for July are available from the back of church. . . . As is the **Diocesan Newspaper**.

**SAFEGUARDING** If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact Karen Proctor. Email: Karen.ProctorPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk; / phone 07513 725411.

**PETER TIDE** is the name given throughout Christendom to this time of the church's year, reflecting the celebration of today's apostolic saints. It is the time when customarily ordination to sacred ministry takes place. Yesterday Pope Leo ordained 32 young men as priests in St Peter's Basilica. It is the time when many ordained ministers celebrate the anniversary of their ordination. Ad Multos Annos!

