



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

**SUNDAYS 23 to 25 (c)
Sept 7th - 27th 2025**



*"We fly to thy patronage,
O Holy Mother of God;
despise not our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from all dangers,
O glorious and
blessed Virgin. Amen."*

Your faith has saved you!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 7th	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) welfare Mary Cullen 11am (HAD) for the parish	2pm BB council meeting
Mon 8th to Sat 13th	No parish Masses	
Thurs 11th	1.15pm (HAD) funeral service for M Fleming RIP	
Sunday 14th	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 9.15 (BB) welfare J Grealish 11am (HAD) for the parish	
Mon 15th to Sat 20th	No parish Masses	
	Tues 16th 1pm (HAD) funeral of Barbara Owen RIP	
Sun 21st	TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) welfare A Kavanaugh 11am (HAD) for the parish	
Mon 22nd to Fri 26th	No parish Masses	
Sat 27th	9.30 (HAD) JE Maloney RIP (fam)	
Sun 28th	TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) M Byrne RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) for the parish	
<p style="text-align: center;">MASS INTENTIONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">These intentions will be honoured (DV) elsewhere during the next fortnight:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In thanksgiving (CF) 2. Carmel & Tony Zawodniak, (golden wedding anniversary) (D&CN) 3. Graham McKenna RIP (D&CN) 4. Welfare Bridget Baxter 5. Welfare Terese Mitchell 6. Welfare E Stanbury 7. Welfare T O'Brien 8. Welfare M Trainer 9. Welfare P Conry 10. Sp int (AB) 11. Birthday bouquet (DB) 12. Hilary Cowell's welfare (JS) 		

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, Rita Dwyer, Christine Wild, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Diane Wilson, Gordon Handley, Jean Ashton, Bro Philip Revell, Keith Winston, Arthur King.

And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Revv Oswald Lofthouse, Paul Casartelli, Bishop Dunne, Alfred Baldwin, Chris Hogan, Joe Carty, Hugh Doherty, Terry Fellows; *Terry Grogan, Stanley Davies, Fred Fletcher, Peter Felstead, Norbert Normyle, Paddy Farrell, Michael Byrne, Kevin O'Brien, William Grimshaw, Ted Dugdale, John E Moloney, Billy Redmond, Iness Binks:*

May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY Following Christ means making our way to heaven. It is by fulfilling our worldly duties in a Christian way that they are dedicating themselves to His service. This is their total commitment to Christ. The married man or woman who is loyal to his or her life-spouse and to the family, if there is one, and who provides diligently and honestly for his own and the family's spiritual and temporal welfare. He always does this with the intention of pleasing God, in following Christ and moving steadily day by day towards our heavenly destiny.

THE GOSPEL Jesus does not pull his punches, and here delivers a series of devastating body-blows to anyone who is looking for easy discipleship. All through this journey up to Jesus' own death at Jerusalem the cost of discipleship has been a recurrent theme: 'Let the dead bury their dead', the Parable of the Rich Fool, 'From one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded', 'Father against son, son against father', and now 'Hate father and mother' and 'Give up all your possessions'. A certain amount of the vigour of these demands may be attributed to a Semitic mode of expression, ease of superlatives and lack of comparatives, but there is no doubt about the absolute demands made on the disciple. When Jesus made these demands he knew what lay ahead of him, and was only asking his disciples to follow his own course. We must count the cost before beginning to build the tower. Most of us have, of course, already started to build the tower. There is no turning back from the plough, only prayer for a courage and loyalty which exceed our own powers.

THE SEASON OF CREATION, continues through to Oct 4th –the feast of St Francis of Assisi.

FR KEVIN PRINCE has kindly agreed to supply on the two Sundays when I am away. I'm sure you'll make him welcome.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE We have noted the recent death of Barbara Owen (88). May perpetual light shine on her; may her family and friends be comforted. Her funeral rites are indicated for Mon 15th Sept at St Charles.

A TIME OF TRANSITION Monday 8th of September is a busy day for many diocesan priests who are moving that day to take up new appointments. The Peak Deanery is being reshaped.

- *Fr Emmanuel Abbem* leaves Marple Bridge to take up his new appointment as parish priest of St Joseph's, Matlock with All Saints Hassop;
- *Fr Robbie O'Callaghan*, our Dean, leaves Matlock, not least with his two dogs! to St Mary's parish in Grimsby;
- *Canon Andrew Cole* moves from Grimsby to St Mary's, Derby;

- Fr Gerry Murphy leaves Buxton to retirement in Mackworth, Derby;
- Fr Greg Tobin and his assistant Fr Benjamin move from St Mary's Derby to Buxton, overseeing Chapel-en-le-Frith and New Mills, and Marple Bridge. Phew! You and I wish them many thanks for their ministry and implore God's blessing in their new assignments. **IN THE MEANTIME** I hope to take up residence for a fortnight or so to the parish of St Sebastian, Canical.

WELCOME BACK Our schools reopened this week—into “Advent Term I”. May the staff and students know the overpowering presence of the Holy Spirit in their midst.

CHANGE AND DECAY How briskly autumn has come round: the leaves are falling so early this year. But thanks be to God for the enormous providence of this year's fruits!

*'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;*

*To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.'*

A CLOUD OF WITNESSES Padre Pio was born in the small village of Pietrelcina in southern Italy, and joined the Capuchin friars at the age of 16. He became a priest seven years later, and spent fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was very much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. Many miracles were popularly ascribed to him during his lifetime. He died a few days after the fiftieth anniversary of his receiving the stigmata, and over 100,000 people attended his funeral. **Our**

Lady of Walsingham: The lady of the manor of Walsingham in Norfolk, Richeldis de Faverches, was instructed by a vision of the Virgin Mary to build in her village an exact replica of the house in Nazareth in which the Annunciation had taken place. The vision occurred, according to tradition, in 1061, though a more likely date for the construction of the shrine is a hundred years later. This feast celebrates the shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Walsingham, one of the great pilgrimage centres of medieval times. The original house was destroyed at the Reformation, but the Shrine was re-established at King's Lynn in 1897 and the Slipper Chapel became the National Shrine in 1943. **St Vincent de Paul (1581 - 1660)** was born in Aquitaine and became a priest. He devoted his whole life to the service of the poor. He founded a congregation of priests for missionary work, groups of laymen to help paupers and galley-slaves, and, with St Louise de Marillac, the Sisters of Charity. **Bl Carlo Acutis** is amongst those canonised this Sunday by Pope Leo. Deo Gratias!

RECENT TOTE WINNERS **St Charles** 1st, (£40) D Holtom; 2nd (£20) : K Corker.

AFTERNOON TEA Next Saturday at 2pm at 283 Hadfield Rd you are welcome to a garden party, hosted by Nuala S.

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 ‘MISSION ENABLING CAMPAIGN’ draws to a close in our parishes this Sunday. You are asked to receive and fill in a small card, returning it before you leave church after Mass.

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

THE DIOCESAN JUBILEE OF ALTAR SERVERS will be celebrated with a Mass for all Altar Servers in the Cathedral on Saturday 27th September.

PLEASE NOTE that I plan to begin my annual holiday on Monday, returning in time DV for Sunday 28th, when the next edition of the newsletter may be expected.

