



**CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE**

## **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY (c)**

**28th Sept 2025**



*O Angel of God  
My Guardian dear,  
To whom God's love commits me here,  
Ever this day be at my side,  
to light & guard,  
to rule & guide.  
Amen*

# *Aim to be saintly & religious*

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 28th	<b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY Harvest thanksgiving</b> 9.15 (BB) Michael Byrne RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) for the parish	
Mon 29th	<b>Ss MICHAEL, GABRIEL &amp; RAPHAEL archangels</b> 9.30 (HAD) CR Watters	
Tues 30th	<b>St Jerome</b> 11am (HAD) Requiem Mass for Winifred Cooke RIP	
Weds 1st Oct	<b>St Teresa of Lisieux</b> 9.30 (HAD) Holy Souls f/by Weds Group meeting, incl a quiz! 6pm HAD reception of Kathleen Hall's coffin into church	
Thurs 2nd	<b>Holy Guardian Angels</b> 11am (HAD) Requiem Mass for Kathleen Hall RIP	
Fri 3rd	<b>feria FIRST FRIDAY VISITS TODAY DV</b> 9.30 (BB) Angela Byron	
Sat 4th	<b>St Francis of Assisi</b> 9.30 (HAD) Crispin Danaher	
Sun 5th	<b>TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY</b> 9.15 (BB) private int 11am (HAD) for the parish	
<p align="center"><b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY (C) Psalter Week 2</b></p> <p><b>Introduction:</b> <i>The story of Dives &amp; Lazarus : "sic transit gloria mundi".</i></p> <p><b>First Reading :</b> <b>Amos 6 :</b> The sprawlers and the bawlers face exile.</p> <p><b>Resp.Ps. MY SOUL, GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD.</b></p> <p><b>Second Reading :</b> <b>1 Tim 6 :</b> Aim to be saintly &amp; religious.</p> <p><b>Gospel :</b> <b>Lk 16 :</b> The consolation of the poor; the vacuity of riches.</p> <p><b>Comm. ant:</b> <b>BY THIS WE CAME TO KNOW THE LOVE OF GOD: THAT CHRIST LAID DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US; SO WE OUGHT TO LAY DOWN OUR LIVES FOR ONE ANOTHER.</b></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, Rita Dwyer, Christine Wild, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Diane Wilson, Gordon Handley, Jean Ashton, Bro Philip Revell, Keith Winston.

**And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time;** Revv John Sullivan, Patrick O'Doherty, Jack McLean, Joe Jones; Kevin Wilson, Philip Dowling, Vince Gibson, Eleanor Dickinson, Charles Clarke, Julie Anne Ryan, Margaret Lathwood, Edward Baumber, Patricia Brookes, Anne Ivison, Liam Handley:

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

## **PARISH NOTES**

**THIS SUNDAY** All the parables of our Lord are based on everyday happenings. While we hope and pray that the case of the rich man described here is not an everyday occurrence, we cannot doubt but that such cases have happened and will happen again. This rich man is not in eternal torments because he was rich and even very rich. He is in eternal torments because he let his wealth become his master and forgot God and his neighbor and his own real welfare—eternal life. There are men like him in our world today, men who completely ignore their real future. While they are convinced that their stay on this earth is of very short duration and that they will have to leave it very, very soon, they still act and live as if they had a permanent home here.

**THE GOSPEL** This story of Jesus comes only in Luke, another of those dreadful warnings of the danger of wealth, for Luke gives us always the Gospel to the poor: contrast the welcome given to Jesus by the shepherds and the fabulously wealthy King Herod! Luke shows us those who blithely turn down their invitation to the banquet of the Kingdom in order to try out their new holiday cottage, their latest Porsche or the re-fitted yacht. Through the Crafty Steward he reminds us that those who want to make money are often sharper than those who want to make the Kingdom. Through the Rich Fool he reminds us that well-stocked barns are no remedy against death. For me there are three particularly horrible features of today's parable: firstly, the flea-ridden dogs licking Lazarus' sores: there are no pets in Palestine; dogs are either bristling guard-dogs or mangy curs. Secondly, the Rich Man's continuing self-absorption: even after death he still does not recognise Lazarus' existence and thinks only of his own burning tongue; contrast Abraham's gentleness: it almost looks as though he would cross the chasm if he could. Thirdly, the obdurate brothers; they are just not willing to listen, even to the most startling event; nothing will distract them from their own selfish pre-occupations.

**THIS WEEKEND** we are invited to give thanks for the fruits of the harvest. We pray many times "give us this day our daily bread"; a chance to be grateful to our provident Father for "giving us our daily bread" - and to pray also for those who laboured with crops to provide for us.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE** We have noted the recent deaths of **Kathleen Hall (94)(Simmondley)**, and **Winifred Cooke (93) (Pear Tree Close, Hadfield)**. Both Requiem Masses are indicated this week. Please see p. 2 for details. May light perpetual shine on them; may their relatives be comforted.

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT** is celebrated locally 22nd Sept to 5th October. Next Saturday at Bradbury House, 10-noon there is a coffee morning, with the usual attractions. All are welcome!

**OCTOBER is the month of the Holy Rosary.** It begins on Wednesday. Pope Leo has been urgent to remind us to pray the rosary daily - not least for peaceful settlements in Gaza and Ukraine. Our custom locally is publicly to pray the rosary daily before daily Mass. This devotion may be led by other than the clergy. We recontinue this tradition from Wednesday.

As part of our October Devotions to the Holy Rosary, Rob Cranston will host an **Online Rosary Session every Tuesday** The first session is Tuesday 7th evening at 7pm. This invitation is open to anyone from either of our Churches. If you wish to participate please email Rob (or have a word with him if you see him) at the following address: [cranston1948@aol.com](mailto:cranston1948@aol.com) and Rob will contact you with the relevant details.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST** is diaried for Friday 3rd this week. The familiar envelopes are available from the back of church. I'm sure that having listen to the story of Dives & Lazarus, you will be all the more eager to 'take and fill'!

'**CATHOLIC NEWS**' the monthly diocesan publication, is available from the back of church.

**FIRST FRIDAY** visits are planned for 3rd October.

**MAKING MUSIC** Erstwhile Immaculate parishioner Claire Babington has advised that on Sunday 12th October from 2.30pm, she and her musical friends will be presenting (once again) a live concert of baroque music in Immaculate Conception church. Tea and cake will follow, and donations are welcome!

**SAINTS ALIVE St Jerome (340 - 420)** was born in Dalmatia. He studied in Rome and was baptized there. He was attracted by the ascetic life and travelled to the East, where he was (unwillingly) ordained a priest. He was recalled to Rome to act as secretary to Pope Damasus, but on the Pope's death he returned to the East, to Bethlehem, where he founded a monastery, a hospice, and a school, and settled down to the most important work of his life, the translation of the Bible into Latin, a translation which, with some revisions, is still in use today. He died at Bethlehem. **St Thérèse of the Child Jesus (1873 - 1897)** Marie-Françoise-Thérèse Martin was born in Alençon, in France. Her mother, who already had breast cancer, died when Thérèse was four, and the family moved to Lisieux. Thérèse became a nun at the Carmelite convent there at the age of 15, after a long battle against the superior, who insisted that 16, or even 21, would be a more sensible age. In 1895 Mother Agnes the prioress, had commanded Thérèse to write her memoirs. Thérèse took a year to fill six exercise books. She presented them to the prioress, who put them in a drawer unread. A year after Thérèse's death, the memoirs were published in a small edition of 2,000. She was canonized in 1925, the Pope having suspended the rule that forbids canonization less than 50 years after someone's death. **The Holy Guardian Angels** The doctrine that every individual soul has a guardian angel has never been defined by the Church and so is not an article of faith, but is the "mind of the Church", as expressed particularly by St Jerome and St Basil. It is present in both the Old and New Testaments. As Jesus says, See that you never despise any of these little ones, for I tell you that their angels in heaven always gaze on the face of my Father in heaven. Thus even little children have guardian angels, and these angels remain in the presence of God even as they fulfil their mission on earth. Anciently, all angels were celebrated together on the feast of St Michael. A separate feast of the Guardian Angels began in Valencia in 1411. At the reform of the Breviary in the 16th century it was included among the local feasts, and it was raised to the status of a feast in the General Calendar in 1608, placed on the first free day after the feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. **St Francis of Assisi (1181 - 1226)** was the son of a prosperous cloth merchant in Assisi. When his father objected to having his goods sold without his consent to pay for the restoration of a church, the bishop commanded Francis to repay the money. He did. He also renounced his father and gave back everything he had ever been given, even his garments. He began a life of perfect evangelical poverty, living by begging and even then only accepting the worst food that people had to give. He preached to all the love of God and the love of the created world; because, having renounced everything, he celebrated everything he received, or saw, or heard, as a gift. A rich man sold everything and joined him in living next to a leper colony; a canon from a neighbouring church gave up his position and joined them also. They looked into the Gospel and saw the story of the rich young man whom Jesus told to sell everything; they saw Jesus telling his disciples to take nothing with them on their journey; they saw Jesus saying that his followers must also carry his cross. And on that basis they founded an order. Francis went to Rome himself and persuaded the Pope to sanction it, though it must have seemed at once impractical and subversive to set thousands of men (however holy) wandering penniless round the towns and villages of Europe. Because Francis was wearing an old brown garment begged from a peasant, tied round the middle with string, that became the Franciscan habit. Ten years later 5,000 men were wearing it; a hundred years later Dante was buried in it because it was more glorious than cloth of gold.

**RECENT TOTE WINNERS** St Charles 1st, (£40) S Tetlow; 2nd (£20) : N Shepley.

**THE WEDNESDAY GROUP** meets on 3rd this week. They will enjoy a Quiz!

**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.

