



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY (c)

Oct 5th 2025



O Lord, support us all the day long
till the shadows lengthen
and the evening comes
and the busy world is hushed
and the fever of life is over
and our work is done.
Then in your mercy,
grant us a safe lodging
and a holy rest
and peace at the last.

St John Henry Newman

Increase our faith!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 5th	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) Angela Clayton RIP (MD/MMB) 11am (HAD) for the parish	
Mon 6th	feria / St Bruno 9.30 (HAD) M Fleming RIP (D&KH)	
Tues 7th	Our Lady of the Rosary 9.30 (HAD) Jenny, birthday int (CF)	
Weds 8th	feria 9.30 (HAD) welfare J Grealish	
Thurs 9th	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN 11am (HAD) Wilf Toole RIP (D&KH)	
Fri 10th	feria / St Paulinus etc 9.30 (BB) welfare A Kavanaugh	
Sat 11th	feria no parish Mass today	
Sun 12th	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) M&J Cannon RIP (fam)	
<p style="text-align: center;">TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY (C)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psalter Week 3</p> <p>Introduction: <i>At the root of our religious conviction and connection is Faith.</i></p> <p>First Reading : Hab 1 & 2 : The upright man lives by faithfulness</p> <p>Resp.Ps. O THAT TODAY YOU WOULD LISTEN TO HIS VOICE! HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.</p> <p>Second Reading : 2 Tim 1 : The Spirit of power, love and self-control.</p> <p>Gospel : Lk 17 : If only you had faith!</p> <p>Comm. ant: WHEN THE LORD APPEARS, WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM, FOR WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS.</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, Arthur King, Maura Farrell, Joan Killeen, 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 Louis Williamson, Hermann Sabela, Ambrose Steen, James Beel: Margaret Durman, May Green, Mary Graham, Josie Cannon, Tony Perry: May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY Too many of us forget God and fail to give Him the thanks and the credit for our well-being which is his gift. We rush to Him when trouble strikes. In His infinite goodness He often answers such panic prayers. If, however, we had thought of Him every day and realized His place in our lives with how much more? We can all ask God today to "increase our faith." As regards our work for God's kingdom and for the salvation of ourselves and of our neighbour we are, like the Apostles, servants of God, and we should be proud of our status. We should be glad, that is, that He allows us to cooperate with Him in the building of His heavenly kingdom. Are we really dutiful servants in this regard? Let us ask ourselves seriously today: What have I done up to now to help to make God known to my neighbour who is ignorant of God and never thinks of what will happen him after death? I may not be able to put in words very clearly what I know and believe about God and the future life, but I can speak to Him far more convincingly by my way of living, by my daily actions

THE GOSPEL The two sections of this Gospel reading appear at first sight to be entirely separate, the first about faith, the second about the reward of service; but they do fit together. The faith required consists not in reciting a creed but in hanging on by one's finger-tips, through thick and thin, to God's power and will to save. In nothing else is there any hope, not in my own power or ability. That is why, in the second section, we have no right to expect any sort of reward as our due from God. Our work is valueless; only our admission of helplessness and our trust in God's power can save us. However, not all parables should be taken as allegories. The severe master here is not necessarily God, any more than the master who in another parable praises his crooked steward. When we hear the unyielding command of the master to the slave to expect nothing and to set about serving at supper, we cannot forget that at the Last Supper it was Jesus who put on his apron and washed his disciples' feet. We may be worthless slaves, but this gives us confidence that our Master ministers to us.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT is celebrated locally 22nd Sept to 5th October.

OCTOBER is the month of the Holy Rosary. 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 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 and Rob will contact you with the relevant details.

CAFOD envelopes Many thanks to those who have brought back their CAFOD family fast envelopes after Friday's event. There is a basket at the back of the church for the envelopes & for those who wish to make a cash contribution to CAFOD. Many thanks.

THE MASS COUNT has been taking place these last two weekends and the penultimate count takes place this Sunday, 5th of October.

NEXT SATURDAY we hope and pray that parishioner Damian Norton will be amongst those who will be admitted to candidacy for the permanent Diaconate at a service during mass at Oscott college. This is the college north of Birmingham near Sutton Coldfield that is the base for permanent deacons throughout

the country. Our parish Deacon Owen is very much at the heart of that training regime. We hope to join Damian and family for this important day and his journey towards ordination. There will be no parish mass next Saturday morning.

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

MISSIO UPDATE October is declared throughout the Catholic world as **World Mission Month**. Our Holy Father invites us to consider well the mandate that we should spread to God's holy word amongst those who don't know of him. Later in the month of course there will be the world mission collection.

Locally, Maureen B has asked that you bring your **Red Boxes** to church for emptying during this month.

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!

MISSION ENABLING FUND A message from the office in Nottingham acknowledges that our two parishes have pledged just short of £80,000 - close to our joint target of £100k. Renewed thanks to all those who contributed towards this remarkable generosity. One or two fund info-packs remain if anybody wants to go the extra mile.

SAINTS ALIVE Our Lady of the Rosary The feast of the Holy Rosary was instituted by Pope Pius V to celebrate the anniversary of the defeat of the Turkish fleet at the battle of Lepanto on the first Sunday in October 1571, which ended the threat of Muslim domination of the Mediterranean and was ascribed in part to the prayers and processions of the Rosary confraternity in Rome. Later the feast was moved to the fixed date of 7 October. **St John Henry Newman** was born on 21 February 1801 in London. As an Anglican clergyman for over twenty years he won renown as a preacher and theologian. A Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, he became one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement and a prominent figure in the Church of England. On 9 October 1845 he was received into full communion with the Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Passionist Congregation. After a period of study in Rome he was ordained priest on 30 May 1847. Returning to England he established the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri in Birmingham. He was an influential writer on many subjects, most notably the development of Christian doctrine, the true understanding of conscience, faith and reason, the role of the laity, and university education. In 1879 he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII. He died in the Birmingham Oratory on 11 August 1890. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on 19 September 2010 and canonised by Pope Francis on 13 October 2019. He is to be declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo on Nov 1st. **St Paulinus** was a monk from Rome sent to England by St Gregory the Great in 601. In 625 he played a large part in the conversion of Northumberland which by then had become the most powerful of the Anglo-Saxon kingdoms. He himself spent the last years of his life as Bishop of Rochester. He died there in 644.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles 1st, (£40) J Greenall, L Hockey, A Brown, Fr Don; 2nd (£20) : C Cowley, P Handley, J Bradley, J Ashton; **Immaculate Conception:** 1st, (£40) K Hall; 2nd (£20), Bob McKeown.

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.

Statement by Archbishop John Sherrington, to mark Baby Loss Awareness Week (9th - 15th October)

This is a national initiative of remembrance starting on Thursday. It is an opportunity to pause and acknowledge the deep sorrow suffered by parents who have experienced the loss of a baby, especially through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, or stillbirth and infant loss. Each of these losses involves the death of a small child. The parents need our compassion and support through their bereavement. It is an opportunity for prayer. Many women and parents carry this painful loss silently. It is difficult to talk about; the Church has also shared this difficulty. We encourage afflicted parents to pray in front of the Most Blessed Sacrament or light a candle for their children at any time. "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb" (Ps 139). The psalmist sings of the divine origin of every human life starting from conception. During this "Baby loss week", we recall all babies who have died before birth or in infancy and the families who mourn them. We encourage parents to seek strength in the motherly gaze of the Blessed Virgin Mary who watched her beloved Son die on the cross and who now beholds Him in eternal glory. May they find comfort in the hope of eternal life and in the tender mercy of God, who knows each child by name and holds them in His embrace.

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

