



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY (c)

16th Nov 2025



IN OUR JUBILEE OF HOPE

*We pray for all who are poor:
May we help those who are poor,
bringing God's justice, charity,
and hope
to each situation.
Amen*

Your endurance will win you your lives

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 16th	THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) DCA 11am (HAD) for the parish	
Mon 17th	ST HUGH OF LINCOLN (Diocesan patron : feastday) 9.30 (HAD) family welfare (CF)	
Tues 18th	Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul 9.30 (HAD) Anthony & Beryl (CF)	
Weds 19th	St Elizabeth of Hungary No parish Mass today	
Thurs 20th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Dead List	
Fri 21st	Presentation of Our Lady in the temple 9.30 (BB) Mary Norton RIP (SL)	
Sat 22nd	St Cecilia 9.30 (HAD) Dead List (<i>seasonal fair, BB 11am-3pm</i>)	
Sun 23rd	CHRIST THE KING 9.15 (BB) Mary Norton RIP (Cass fam) 11am (HAD) M & D Garlick RIP (baptism during Mass)	
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY (C) Psalter Week 1 Introduction: <i>The Lord stays with His people - even to the end of days</i> First Reading : Mal 3 : The Sun of Righteousness will shine out. Resp.Ps. THE LORD COMES TO RULE THE PEOPLES WITH FAIRNESS Second Reading : 2 Thess 3 : Work in the Lord`s service: His reward is sure. Gospel : Lk 21 : Stay faithful: your endurance will win you your lives! Comm. ant: TO BE NEAR GOD IS MY HAPPINESS,		

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, Keith Winston.

And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Revv Alan Molyneux, Bill Purdy, Joe Neary; John Ryan, Marjoprie Byrd, Kieran Grogan, Michael Fernley, Michael Wenner, Liam Handley:
May they rest in peace, and let perpetual light shine on them : Amen

PARISH NOTES

JUBILEE OF THE POOR *This Sunday 16th November the Church throughout the world prays for those who are poor, in whatever ways. As we honour this special day, we recall the Jubilee theme 'You, O lord, are my hope'. Pope Leo commends our respect for this theme: "The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel. The celebration of the World Day of the Poor is meant to remind our communities that the poor are at the heart of all our pastoral activity. This is true not only of the Church's charitable work, but also of the message that she celebrates and proclaims. God took on their poverty in order to enrich us through their voices, their stories and their faces. Every form of poverty, without exception, calls us to experience the Gospel concretely and to offer effective signs of hope."*

END OF TIME *This 33rd Sunday is the last ordinary time numbered Sunday till mid January. Endings and beginnings!*

THE GOSPEL *Luke was writing his Gospel after the devastation of Jerusalem by the Roman armies in 70 AD, and the way he frames the words of Jesus suggests that he had witnessed the devastation. Massive blocks of stone, thrown down from the walls, are still lying there as they fell, scattered at the base of the Temple. The message of this passage is, then, the same as Paul's: the end is sure, but is not yet. Jesus prepares his followers for what is to come before the cataclysmic finale. He warns against false Messiahs, political leaders or other saviour-figures who claim to 'put the world to rights'. His followers will be continually challenged to give an account of their beliefs, harassed and martyred in every age, betrayed by those they thought their friends. There is a promise that Jesus will give the words and wisdom for reply; there is a promise of protection from real harm; but there is no promise that it will be a quiet and easy life. A constant theme in Luke's Good News is that the followers of Jesus must follow him in his difficulties and trials. Only with like endurance will they keep in his footsteps.*

NOVEMBER *is the month of the Holy Souls. Dead Lists and associated envelopes are found at the back of church. The names you inscribe will be placed on the altar at every Mass celebrated during the month, and prayers offered for their eternal welfare. Dead lists are updated as further names are offered to me. Please visit the memorial shrines at the front of our churches and pause to pray for the faithful departed.*

THE SAINTS *this week: ST MARGARET OF SCOTLAND (1046 - 1093) was born in Hungary of Anglo-Saxon and Hungarian parents. When William of Normandy conquered England she found refuge with King Malcolm III of Scotland, and they were married in 1070*

and had eight children. She reformed the royal court, founded monasteries, and supported major reforms of Church life. She died in Edinburgh on 16 November 1093. She is remembered for the happiness of her marriage, for her devotion to prayer and learning, and especially for her generosity to the poor. **ST HUGH OF LINCOLN (1140 - 1200)** was born near Grenoble in France and entered the Carthusian monastery of La Grande Chartreuse at the age of 25. In 1175 he was asked by King Henry II of England to become prior of a Carthusian house in England, and a decade later he was appointed bishop of Lincoln, a post which he accepted only when directly commanded to do so by the prior of La Grande Chartreuse. His diocese was the largest in England, and he spent the rest of his life in ceaseless work there. He delegated much authority. He was a friend (and critic) of successive kings, but also worked with his own hands on the extension of his cathedral. He gained a great reputation for justice, the care of the sick, and the support of the oppressed: he risked his life to help the Jewish community. He died in London on 16 November 1200 and was declared a saint in 1220, the first Carthusian to be canonized.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY In unity with Eastern Christianity, and commemorating the dedication in 543 of the New Basilica of Saint Mary, built next to the Temple at Jerusalem, this feast celebrates Mary's "dedication" of herself to God from her infancy, inspired by the Holy Spirit, whose grace had filled her ever since her immaculate conception.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH this year will be at Windy Harbour on Wednesday 17th December 12.30 pm for 1.00pm. Two courses £28 or three courses £31 which includes the tip. The menu is on display at the back of both churches as is a form to fill in your food choices. There is a £10 non-refundable deposit which should be given to Nuala Shepley as soon as possible. Everyone is welcome to come along.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS **St Charles:** 1st (£40) M Brierley ; 2nd (£20) P Pover.

FUNDRAISING There will be a pre-advent Christmas fayre at Immaculate Conception next Saturday 22nd November.

HOSPICE COLLECTION It was good to visit Willow Wood Hospice during the week, and hand over the £165 generously collected at Masses on November 1st. The thanks from the admin staff was effusive!

CAFOD GIFTS The catalogue of gifts supplied by CAFOD has arrived. Albeit it is rather early (Advent is still a fortnight away), I have left them at the back of church for you freely to take.

LOOKING AHEAD John Miles has once again agreed to present the annual service of nine lessons and carols at Immaculate Conception church. This is timetabled to take place on Monday 22nd December at 7.30. Singers are always sought to swell the choir. Rehearsals are scheduled for Mondays 8th and 15th December. If you can lend a voice, you'll be welcome.

REPAIR CAFÉ The repair café is held at Hadfield Methodist church on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 10am-1pm. They are in need of an electrician. Could you, or do you know of anyone, that can help? Please contact Sue 07596 728633 or Rob 07825953868, or Bruce Levitan at Hadfield Methodist.

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.

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