



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

11th Jan 2026



*"This is our faith;
it is the faith of the Church;
we are proud to profess it
in Christ Jesus Our Lord
Amen"*

(from the Rite of Baptism)

This is my well-beloved Son

Canon Don Bowdren

St Charles Rectory
Woolley Bridge Rd
Hadfield SK13 1PQ 852351
& 07762057572

*don.bowdren@dioceseofnottingham.uk /
daniel.bowdren@gmail.com*

Deacon: Rev Dr Owen Le Blanc

*longdendale-catholics.co.uk
Facebook@stcharleshadfield*

OUR SCHOOLS

St Charles Primary Hadfield SK13 7PQ
Head : Mrs B Quirke
Tel : 852692

St Margaret's & All Saints Federation
Gamesley SK13 6HB
Head : Mrs G Beaumont
Tel : 855818

St Philip Howard Secondary
SK13 8DR
Head : Mr J Kayes
Tel : 853611/861022

DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 11th	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Christine Wild RIP (JM)	
Mon 12th to Sat 17th : no parish Masses		
Sun 18th	Second Sunday in ordinary time : Peace Sunday 9.15 (BB) Ellen Storey RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) for the parish	
Mon 19th to Thurs 22nd : no parish Masses		
Fri 23rd	feria 11am (HAD) Requiem Mass for Joan Killeen RIP (AH)	
Sat 24th	St Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor 9.30 (HAD) Slawek's intention	
Sun 25th	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Sunday of the Word) 9.15 (BB) R Coleman RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) Barbara Stoppa RIP 3pm (HAD) Service to conclude the Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	
<div> <p>THE LORD`S BAPTISM (A)</p> <p>Psalter Week 1</p> <p>Introduction: The Spirit of God descends on Christ as he is baptised, to consecrate Him in the Father`s work.</p> <p>First Reading : Is 42 : The Servant of God proclaims true faith, and suffers to atone for the people`s sin.</p> <p>Resp.Ps. THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE.</p> <p>Second Reading : Acts 10 : Peter recalls the Holy Spirit at the time of the Lord`s baptism.</p> <p>Gospel : Mt 3 : "You are my well-beloved Son".</p> <p>Comm. Ant. BEHOLD THE ONE OF WHOM JOHN SAID: I HAVE SEEN AND TESTIFIED THAT THIS IS THE SON OF GOD.</p> </div>		

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, Rita Dwyer, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Diane Wilson, Gordon Handley, Jean Ashton, Keith Winston.

And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time; Peter Tierney, Emil Puttmann, Dennis Higgins, Austin Williamson; *Clare Hussell, Eileen Blomeley, Christine Clayton, Margaret Dunk, May Booth, Brenda Shaw, Meg Brickell, Anne-Marie Percy, Veronica Gray, Eileen Goddard:*

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

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY we celebrate the solemnity of ***the Baptism of Our Lord***. It brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the river to sanctify its waters. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes. The Father proclaims him; the Spirit in the form of a dove, hovers.

THE GOSPEL The account of the baptism of Jesus in Mark, the earliest gospel, is also the simplest. In Mark the Voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus himself, and there is no sign that others heard it; it is an experience of Jesus: 'You are my Son'. In Matthew the Voice is addressed to the bystanders: 'This is my Son'. This makes the private revelation into a public scene, a declaration that Jesus' work is about to begin. In the same way our baptism is a public scene, a declaration that we are committed to Christ in his Church – even if we don't remember it! Matthew also records the little dialogue of John's unwillingness to baptise Jesus. Why should Jesus enter into the community of repentance which John was forming? He was no sinner! However, it was a gesture that Jesus was entering fully into the condition of all humanity. He shared fully in human nature, the nature of a fallen humanity. At the outset of his ministry he must show this, for only so could he redeem the fallen human race. Jesus is not merely passive, for he himself joins with John in making the positive step: 'We must do all that righteousness demands'.

THIS SUNDAY there is a second collection for the Sick and Retired Priests fund of our diocese. I ask you to be generous.

WELCOME TO THE FAITH-FAMILY to those young ones baptised this Sunday during Mass.

A WELCOME VISITOR Fr Kevin Prince has kindly agreed to come on supply during my Sunday away (Sunday 18th). A warm welcome awaits him as ever. My thanks to him for this help.

THE OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY begins on 18th & concludes on Sunday 25th, with a 3pm Ecumenical Service at St Charles.

'A COLD COMING we had of it' this week. On the solemnity of Epiphany a goodly number of worshippers battled through challenging snowfall to come to join the Magi and pay homage to the Lord. And on Friday, I was glad that Mr & Mrs M were able to slide down Long Lane to be the congregation for our morning Mass. Must be winter! Global warming?

Come quickly!

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

- Joan Killeen's Requiem Mass is indicated for Fri 23rd Jan at St Charles at 11am;.
- Bill Wilson's Requiem Mass is indicated for Mon 26th Jan at St Charles at 11am;

LOURDES HELPERS Calling all **health care professionals and support workers** the **Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Health Team** needs you. Join us between Monday 13th and Friday 17th July for a unique opportunity to deliver care in a different context and provide advice and support to pilgrims during travel and whilst in Lourdes. We deliver community-based care in a hotel setting to a group of 200 pilgrims, with a small proportion needing regular care interventions and support to attend services and events. You must: Have experience as a registered nurse, nurse associate, paramedic, doctor or healthcare support worker; Have a passport which is current for a minimum of three months from the first date of travel; Be a UK or French citizen or have an appropriate visa to travel to France. For more details join our Teams information evening on **Thursday 15th January** from 7.30pm: email for the link: David Knight: david@sthughslincoln.org.uk or Dee Ellidge: dellidge@lincoln.ac.uk

ALTAR SERVERS RETREAT: A Retreat hosted by The Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service Exclusively for Altar Servers at The Briars Retreat Centre, Crich 30th Jan to 1st Feb 2026.

Step away from the busyness of parish life and join altar servers from across the Diocese for a unique and uplifting retreat weekend at The Briars. This special gathering is crafted to celebrate your ministry, strengthen your faith, and build lasting friendships with others who serve on the altar just like you. Across three days, you'll take part in engaging sessions, prayer and worship, team-building activities, and plenty of opportunities to relax and have fun. Whether you're new to serving or have years of experience, this retreat offers a welcoming space to reflect on your role, deepen your relationship with God, and grow in confidence and community. Experience a weekend at The Briars designed especially for altar servers — a time of fun, friendship, and renewal, where you can pause, receive, and journey alongside others who share your ministry. We can't wait to welcome you to The Briars. For more information - ndcys.com/sanctuary. The parish will meet the expense involved.

THE GLOSSOP PARISHES are hosting a presentation by Light of Faith (a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph), with the topic **New Directions in Catechesis: a new approach to sacramental preparation and catechesis is transforming families and parishes - could it work for yours?** The presentation is designed for parish clergy, parish lay leadership, parish catechists, head teachers, school chaplains, and anyone who helps in sacramental preparation. They would also love to welcome people who feel they could help parents in their task of passing on the faith to their children. This event is free (although donations are welcome to help the parishes pay the sisters' travel and accommodation costs and other expenses) and is on **Friday 6th February**, at 7.00pm, in St Mary's Parish Hall, Glossop. For details please see the poster or visit www.glossopcatholics.org.uk/newdirections.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles: 1st (£40) Anja Brown; 2nd Fr Don (20) .

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.

SAFEGUARDING If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact Karen our joint-parishes PSR. Email: Karen.ProctorPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk; / phone 07513 725411.

THIS NEWSLETTER has a two-week currency. The next edition is indicated for 25th Jan.