



**CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE**



**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**LENT 5 (a) Passion**  
**22nd March 2026**



Joy and woe are woven fine,  
A clothing for the soul divine,  
Under every grief and pine,  
Runs a joy with silken twine.  
It is right it should be so,  
We were made for joy and woe,  
And when this we rightly know,  
Through the world we safely go.

*William Blake*

***Lazarus! Come forth!***

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>MASS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
Sun 22nd	<b>LENT V (Passion Sunday)</b> 9.15 Una McDermott RIP (D&JS) 11am (HAD) for the parish	<i>BB Council mtg 2pm</i>
Mon 23rd	<b>Lent feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) DCA	
Tues 24th	<b>Lent feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Holy Souls	
Weds 25th	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b> 9.30 (HAD) Angela White RIP (VG)	
Thurs 26th	<b>Lent feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Dead List	
Fri 27th	<b>Lent feria</b> 9.30 (BB) private int	<i>f/by Stations; Stations (HAD) 3pm</i>
Sat 28th	<b>Lent feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) foundation Mass	
Sun 29th	<b>PALM SUNDAY (clocks forward 1hr)</b> 9.15 for the parish 11am (HAD) Terry Kane RIP	

*(note: Terry's funeral Requiem Mass is dated for Weds 8th April (Easter Week))*

## **FIFTH LENT (A)**

### **Psalter Week 1**

**Introduction:** Where there are darkness, sin and death: Christ is with us as Redeemer.

**First Reading :** Ez 37 : The spirit of God offers new life to the people of Israel.

**Resp.Ps. WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY AND FULLNESS OF REDEMPTION.**

**Second Reading :** Rom 8 : Addressing the decadent Romans, St Paul tells that true life is spiritual.

**Gospel :** Jn 11 : Jesus, the Lord of life, raises Lazarus from the dead.

**Comm. ant. EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL NOT DIE FOR EVER, SAYS THE LORD.**

## **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, Arthur King, Maura Farrell, Rita Dwyer, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Diane Wilson, Jean Ashton, Keith Winston.

***And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time :*** Eamonn O'Hara, John Daley, Terence Makings, Tom O'Keefe; Anne Gregory, Christopher Eaton, Stephen Bardsley, John Fallon, Norma Clarke: ***May eternal light shine on them : Amen***

## ***PARISH NOTES***

***THIS SUNDAY*** we celebrate the fifth Lenten Sunday. The Church invites us to turn our attention to the realities that are perhaps the most 'scandalous' in human experience, the death of a loved one. In this Gospel we see all those who are being supportive of Martha and Mary at the moment of their brother, Lazarus' death.

Also called "Passion Sunday," this Sunday marks the beginning of ***Passiontide***, a deeper time of Lent. The Liturgy of the Word of this day speaks of re-creation, resurrection, and new life.

***THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL*** The third of these great Johannine gospel readings on the Sundays of Lent, grips us with the story of Jesus' gift of life to his friend Lazarus. This is not the same as the gift of life to us by Jesus in the resurrection, for Lazarus returns to ordinary human life, and will die again, whereas the Christian resurrection transforms us into a new way of life, giving us a life which is a participation in the divine life. But the resurrection of Lazarus is the last and greatest of Jesus' signs, his marvellous works which point towards and hint at this final gift of divine life. The first of the signs was the transformation of the water of the Law into the wine of the messianic wedding banquet at Cana. These signs show who Jesus really is. As well as showing the divine power of Jesus – for only God can give life – they also show the real, human love of Jesus for his friends. He is upset by Lazarus' death and weeps for him, sharing the human sorrow of his family as he shares our sorrows too.

***THE ANNUNCIATION*** is celebrated on Wednesday. This is known as Lady Day. It used to be New Year's Day until the middle of the 18th century. Why so important? God dared to ask; Mary dared to say yes. Our Saviour is conceived, and nine months later we celebrate his birth.

***PURPLING*** Kindly parishioners ask 'why the covering of images in purple cloth?' This ancient ritual is entirely voluntary, and applies when recommended by the conference of Bishops (and our local Bishop). And that's our case locally. Our images can aid our prayers and devotions. The 'purpling' invites to focus solely on our suffering saviour. My thanks to those who assist in this enterprise in our churches.

***EASTER FLOWERS*** Our floral artists, enjoying a Lenten from their gifted labours, are looking a fortnight ahead. The little brown envelopes attached to the newsletters at St Charles are for donations towards the flowers for Easter. Similar envelopes are found at the back of Immaculate Conception. There are baskets at the back of both churches this Sunday and next for donations to be given. Thanks to everyone for their generous support throughout the year.

***LOLA*** advises that a small number of Easter greeting cards are available from the repository at the back of St Charles church.

***CAFOD'S LENT APPEAL*** A third group walk will take place on ***Saturday 28th March***. Meeting at

10.30am at St Charles, Hadfield. A circular walk via Old Hadfield, Padfield and Waterside taking in 12 churches and chapels past and present. (2 hrs).

**AN EASTER RAFFLE** has been organised. Tickets on sale at the back of St Charles Church after Mass for the next 2 weeks. The Draw will be on Easter Sunday. Prizes will include bottles of wine & several Easter eggs and chocolates.

**COMMUNICATIONS** Both our parishes have WhatsApp groups. To join the St Charles group, please message Sue Hoolahan on 07596 728633. The parish also has a facebook page - Facebook@stcharleshadfield. And of course we have a website - [longendale-catholics.co.uk](http://longendale-catholics.co.uk).

**CLOCKS SPRING FORWARD** Next Sunday night, before we wave our Palms.

**HADFIELD READERS** Rob writes: "We need readers please for the services on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. There is a form available on the table at the back of the Church for anyone who wishes to take part in these readings."

**A TIME FOR EUCHARISTIC REFLECTION:** This will be taking place at the Annunciation church, New Mills (SK22 3BW) next Saturday 28th March, starting with tea and coffee at 9.30am and finishing at 2.00pm. The theme of this day is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; we will be exploring and reflecting on some of the saints' thoughts on Adoration, as well as the practicalities of organising a service. There will also be an hour of Eucharistic Adoration at 11.00am. Whilst this day fulfils the requirements for Eucharistic Ministers to complete an annual day of renewal, all interested parishioners are welcome to attend and learn more about this beautiful sacrament. Please bring a packed lunch.

**NEXT SUNDAY** we celebrate Palm Sunday, and so begin Holy Week. Please be aware that there will be the proclamation of the Passion Narrative at Mass, which will extend Mass-time somewhat.

The proposed Holy Week timetable:

- \* **Palm Sunday**, 29th March. Blessing of and procession with Palm Crosses.
- \* **Cathedral Chrism Mass** 11.30 Weds 1st Apl :
- \* **Maundy Thursday**, 2nd at BB 7pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Last Supper;
- \* **Good Friday** 3rd at HAD & BB - 3pm; Stations of the Cross (**BB**) 7pm
- \* **Holy Saturday** Vigil 4th at 7.30pm at HAD;
- \* **Easter Sunday** 9th - usual times & places

**RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles:** 1st (£40) L Hockey; 2nd (£20) R Cranston. **Immaculate Conception:** 1st (£40) A Deary; 2nd (£20) B Hodson.

**A RECONCILIATION SERVICE** with confessions, will be held next Palm Sunday afternoon, 3pm, 29th March at St Mary's church, Glossop.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** for April-start are available for existing boxholders. If you also want to use this channel of financial support, please let me know.

**ST CHARLES WEDNESDAY GROUP** has organised a coach trip Llandudno on Wednesday 10th of June. The cost is £10 per person. Some places still available. If you'd like to go please let Shirley Higginbottom or any member of the Wednesday group know. Immaculate Conception parishioners can give their can speak to Denise Walsh who will make proper arrangements.

**CALLED TO PRAYER** The Presentation sisters have petitioned the Holy See for the canonisation of their foundress Nano Nagle. The sisters seek a miracle wrought through her intercession. Please pray through her intercession for the healing of Sister Teresita, who is terminally ill.

**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](mailto:Karen.ProctorPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk); / phone 07513 725411.