



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE



PARISH NEWSLETTER

***Easter Sunday (a)
5th April 2026***



Christ the Lord is risen today,
Alleluia!
Earth and heaven in chorus say,
Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high,
Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply,
Alleluia!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 5th	EASTER SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) 11am (HAD) Richard Revell RIP	
Mon 6th	EASTER MONDAY 9.30 (HAD) private intention	
Tues 7th	EASTER TUESDAY 9.30 (HAD) private intention	
Weds 8th	EASTER WEDNESDAY 10.30 (HAD) Requiem Mass - Terry Kane RIP	
Thurs 9th	EASTER THURSDAY 9.30 (HAD) private intention	
Fri 10th	EASTER FRIDAY 9.30 (BB) Lilian Simpson RIP (fam)	
Sat 11th	EASTER SATURDAY no parish Mass today	
Sun 12th	EASTERTIDE SUNDAY 2 (Divine Mercy) 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Claire Fletcher RIP (MW)	

EASTER SUNDAY (A)

Psalter Week 1

Introduction: *This Mass is our Alleluia! after Lenten preparation and Passiontide journeying with Him. He is risen indeed!*

First Reading: Acts 10 : The apostles rejoice to recall eating and drinking with him after the Resurrection.

Responsorial Psalm: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Second Reading : Col 3 : We are reborn into a new nature in Christ!

Gospel: Jn 20 : He must rise from the dead.

Comm. Ant CHRIST OUR PASSOVER HAS BEEN SACRIFICED, ALLELUIA; THEREFORE LET US KEEP THE FEAST WITH THE UNLEAVENED BREAD OF PURITY AND TRUTH, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA.

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 : Bishop McGuinness, Peter Dooling, Bernard Allen, Owen O'Neill; John Thornton, Ken Dibble, Celia Draper, Wilfred Chappell, Mary Simpson, Anthony Murphy, Paul Reape, Lillian Simpson :
May eternal light shine on them : Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN AND IS WITH US STILL! *We enter into the Easter Octave, when we 'stop all the clocks' and rest in the Garden of the Resurrection for eight days. Our journey then continues into the 50-day season of Easter. Hope you find chance to rest awhile!*

EASTER THANKS *Without doubt it has been the busiest time of the year liturgically. Profound thanks to those many parishioners who have laboured so energetically to serve the parish during Passiontide and the Sacred Triduum. May the Risen Lord shower you anew with his blessings.*

EASTER OFFERING *Thank you for your kindness to your priest in this weekend's collection - and for so many other kind gifts this season.*

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL *There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each 'performance' is different. Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story stresses the proof that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that they will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee. It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen Christ were simply ghost-appearances. Apart from the proof that this was a real, living and bodily person, these meetings stress two factors, the power of the Risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples. They are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied by and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account Simon Peter is clearly the senior, authority figure, to whom the Beloved Disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which immediately brings him to faith.*

WHITE FATHERS APPEAL *Fr Hugh Seenan travels north towards the end of this Easter Week to supply both parish Masses on Sunday 12th April (Second Sunday in Eastertide / Divine Mercy Sunday). He will ask for your generous support for the White Fathers Missions. I'm sure you'll be generous. I plan a six-day break from Friday 10th. Sadly, I will miss the parish Easter Lunch on 15th at Oaklands.*

LOLA *advises that new catalogue of religious artefacts is available for consultation & ordering at the repository stall.*

THE EASTER RAFFLE *has been well-supported. The winners will be drawn at the end of Mass this Sunday.*

NAME-CHANGE? *My diary reminds me that both Good Friday and Easter Monday are Bank Holidays. But what are banks I muse? None such in this area. Shouldn't future diary references be to*

Hub-Holidays? But that might confuse cyclists eager to head off on biking jaunts.

SEASONAL SOUNDS *'Tis the breeding season for birdlife, and from every corner of the rectory urgent mating calls are heard. None more persistent than that of a nuthatch whose lonesome lament virtually all day long seems not to attract a mate. Yet!*

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles: 1st (£40) A Black; 2nd (£20) P Handley.

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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Lord of Life

Most glorious Lord of Life, that on this day
Didst make the triumph over death and sin;
And having harrowed hell didst bring away
Captivity thence captive, us to win:
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin,
And grant that we for whom thou didest die
Being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin,
May live forever in felicity.
And that thy love we weighing worthily,
May likewise love thee for the same again;
And for thy sake that all like dear didst buy,
With love may one another entertain.
So let us love, dear love, like as we ought.
Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Edmund Spenser 1552-1599

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reckon his rod?
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.
And for all this, nature is never spent;
There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;
And though the last lights off the black West went
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.

G M Hopkins

*Happy
Easter*