



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

**Trinity Sunday (a)
31st May 2026**



*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning,
is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end:
Amen*

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 31st	MOST HOLY TRINITY 9.15 (BB) Mallabar family welfare (SMH) 11am (HAD) for the parish	
Mon 1st June	St Justin, martyr 9am (HAD) private int	
Tues 2nd	feria NO PARISH MASS TODAY	
Weds 3rd	St Charles Lwanga & comps, martyrs NO PARISH MASS TODAY 10.30 : Weds Group meets	
Thurs 4th	feria 9.30 (HAD) DCA	
Fri 5th	St Boniface FIRST FRIDAY VISITS TODAY 9.30 (BB) forgotten souls in Purgatory (RW)	
Sat 6th	feria 9.30 (HAD) private int	
Sun 7th	CORPUS CHRISTI 9.15 (BB) Michael Rathburn RIP (SMH) 11am (HAD) for the parish FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS TODAY	

TRINITY SUNDAY (A)

Psalter Week 1

Introduction: We sign ourselves frequently in the name of the Trinity, whose feast we celebrate today.

First Reading : Ex 34 : The loving and faithful God renews his covenant with his people.

Second Reading : 2 Cor 13 : The grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is ours.

Gospel : Jn 3 : In our rebirth in Baptism we are incorporated into the Trinity.

Comm. Ant. SINCE YOU ARE CHILDREN OF GOD, GOD HAS SENT INTO YOUR HEARTS THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON,
THE SPIRIT WHO CRIES OUT: ABBA, FATHER.

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 : Revv Paul Klee, Neil McLaughlin, Frank Gavin; David Barnes, Patrick Kirwan, Cliff Yarwood, Eleanor Brierly, Tommy Bricknell, Anthony Bouchier, Elizabeth Jackson : *May eternal light shine on them : Amen*

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND we celebrate the mystery of the most Holy Trinity, the fundamental understanding of God's identity. Every time we make the Sign of the Cross we proclaim our faith in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

THIS SUNDAY we leave behind the month of May, Our Lady's month. During the month we have tried to pray the rosary each day before Mass.

June is declared **the month of the Sacred Heart** which is honoured on that feast day in a fortnight. The month of June might also be declared the month of the Blessed Sacrament.

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL At first sight this part of the dialogue with Nicodemus seems to mention only the Father and the Son. A chief concern of the Gospel of John is to show the relationship of loving obedience between Father and Son. The love and equality in a perfect relationship between a human father and a son is the nearest reflection of such love which we can envisage. In complete trust and confidence father gives to son everything that is his. His only interest is the advancement of the son. Son's only care is to please his father and to be as close to father as he can be, in word, action and relationships. Each has a vibrant and continuous bond of love for the other. Such a relationship may be rare in human family life, but it can model for us a pale reflection of the loving relationship between the Father and the Son. And the Spirit is in fact mentioned because the love itself is the living bond which unites the two. We must, however, appreciate that any such language limps and belittles the divine relationship, which is of a different order of perfection and intensity. Human language can never begin to render the divine reality, which is utterly beyond our comprehension.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK St Charles Lwanga and his companions (- 1885/7) Many Christians, Catholic and Protestant, were killed by the Ugandan king Mwanga. Some of them were servants in the king's palace or even his personal attendants. Charles Lwanga and his twenty-one companions (the youngest, Kizito, was only 13) were executed for being Christians, for rebuking the king for his debauchery and his murder of an Anglican missionary, for "praying from a book," and for refusing to allow themselves to be ritually abused by the king. They died between 1885 and 1887. Most of them were burned alive in a group after being tortured. Within a year of their deaths, the number of catechumens in the country quadrupled. St Charles Lwanga is the patron of Catholic Action and of black African youth, and the Ugandan martyrs' feast day is a public holiday in Uganda.

ANNUAL CLERGY CONFERENCE on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this coming week the Bishop invites the clergy of the diocese to come together for a time of fellowship, of prayer of celebration and guidance. We plan to gather together on the outskirts of Nottingham and enjoy conferences presented by distinguished speakers and fraternal fellowship the those few days. Kindly note that on Monday of this coming week mass will be

at 9am at St Charles. Thereafter the next parish mass will be on Thursday at 9:30 again at St Charles.

PUBLICATIONS : 'MY DAY BY DAY' for June is available from the back of church, as is the latest edition of the diocesan newspaper.

THE WEDNESDAY GROUP meets this week in the oratory on the 3rd from 10.30am.

FIRST FRIDAY Next Friday God willing being the first right day of the new month, I hope to make my customary visits to the parish sick & housebound.

NEXT SUNDAY we celebrate Corpus Christi. In the lead-up to that celebration we express our profound devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and try come during Quarant Ore to adore. **'O COME LET US ADORE HIM'** during the latter part of this week we have the traditional devotion of Quarant Ore. By custom throughout the Catholic world the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration in all Catholic churches for 40 consecutive hours leading up to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. We try to honour at least the principle of that adoration. On Friday at Immaculate Conception and Saturday at St Charles the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after morning Mass throughout the day for people to come and keep company with our beloved Lord who in the Gethsemane garden said, "could you not spend one hour with me?" Sign up lists are found at the back of the church to indicate a presence. This list does not necessarily need a name but just a tick or an indication that you are planning to come to be present before the Blessed Sacrament for that time.

Additionally, every Saturday morning at St Charles after the morning 9:30 Mass the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the lady Chapel for an hour and you are invited to come and spend time in the presence of our beloved Lord during those moments. Our eucharistic ministers have signed up to be on duty certainly for the next couple of months. I thank them for that commitment. I hope many people will want to come and spend that quiet time in the company of our Lord.

UPCOMING EVENTS at Immaculate Conception: Sat 13th June : Garden Fayre (church & grounds); Sat 21st June : Fathers' Day Home Bake.

SUE HOOLAHAN WRITES "We will be holding a Parish picnic on Saturday 4 July from 1pm to 4pm in St Charles church grounds. There will be fun for all the family - games for the children, raffle, cake stall, bric a brac/gifts etc. Bring your own picnic (though there will be some snacks available for sale.) Please also bring picnic rugs and/or chairs. There will be some tables and chairs available for those unable to bring their own. This is a joint event with the church and the school. The picnic will be followed by a vigil mass at 4pm. Look out for the posters around school and church!" If you have any items which may be suitable for the bric a brac /gift stall or raffle please bring them in and hand them to any member of the Parish council. We would also be grateful for donations to the cake stall. The names of Parish councillors will soon be displayed on a board at the back of church, but in the meantime if you are able to help in any way, or have any queries, please ring Sue Hoolahan 07596 728633

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles: 1st (£40) S Tetlow; 2nd (£20) A Carlton.

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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