



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

**Corpus Christi Sunday (a)
7th June 2026**



*O Sacrament most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
All praise and all thanksgiving
Be every moment thine!*

O Salutaris hostia!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 7th	CORPUS CHRISTI 9.15 (BB) Michael Rathburn RIP (SMH) 11am (HAD) for the parish FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS TODAY	
Mon 8th	feria 9.30 (HAD) Norma Slack (M&SR)	
Tues 9th	feria 9.30 (HAD) DCA	
Weds 10th	feria 9am (HAD)	(parish trip today)
Thurs 11th	ST BARNABAS apostle 9.30 (HAD) DCA	
Fri 12th	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus 9.30 (BB) private int (CF)	
Sat 13th	Immaculate heart of Mary 9.30 (HAD) dec'd of Canniffe fam RIP (AH) (Garden Fayre at BB)	
Sun 14th	11th ordinary Sunday 9.15 (BB) Joan Bone RIP (fam) 11am (HAD) Maryan RIP (MB)	

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY (A)

Psalter Week 2

Introduction: O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine!

First Reading: Deut 8 : God feeds his people with manna in the desert.

Responsorial Psalm: O PRAISE THE LORD JERUSALEM

Second Reading : 1 Cor 10 : We are community because of Communion.

Gospel : Jn 6 : Jesus is the bread come down from Heaven.

Comm. Ant. WHOEVER EATS MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM, 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, Ethel Farnsworth.

And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time : Revv Bishop McNulty, Peter Coyle; Elaine Whitehead, Roger Butler, Raymond Considine, Josephine Ashtiany, Tony Atherton, Josie Cowden, Bernard McCaughey : *May eternal light shine on them : Amen*

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY we celebrate the solemnity of *Corpus Christi*. *Corpus Christi* (Body and Blood of Christ) is the solemn commemoration of the institution of that sacrament. It is, moreover, the Church's official act of homage and gratitude to Christ, who by instituting the Holy Eucharist gave to the Church her greatest treasure. Holy Thursday, assuredly, marks the anniversary of the institution, but the commemoration of the Lord's passion that very night suppresses the rejoicing proper to the occasion. Today's observance, therefore, accents the joyous aspect of Holy Thursday.

The Mass and the Office for the feast was edited or composed by St. Thomas Aquinas at the request of Pope Urban IV in the year 1264 when the Solemnity was first celebrated. It is unquestionably a classic of liturgical prayer.

WELCOME to the families who are presenting First Holy Communion candidates attending Mass today at St Charles. I hope you have a happy day—including this holy event.

Many contributed generously to the funds to buy flowers for the decoration of St Charles for this great event. Thank you all.

NEXT FRIDAY we celebrate the Solemnity of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**. In the devotional calendar of the church, the month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. Since it is a solemnity, Friday Abstinence is put aside that day.

NEXT SATURDAY the diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place.

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL This is the last of the readings from the Bread of Life discourse. It moves on from seeing Christ as the Wisdom of God, who must be accepted and believed, to the sacrament of eating the bread of life. These correspond to the two halves of the Mass, first the service of the Word, then the Eucharistic banquet. We are all so diet-conscious nowadays that it is quite obvious that the food we eat affects us. By eating Christ we are assimilated into him. But, just as, if I am sick, food does me no good and can even harm me, so if I eat Christ sacramentally without wanting to be moulded into him, it does me no good at all. That is why Paul complained that the Corinthians were answerable for the death of Christ. And drinking the blood of Christ? Blood is the sign of life – if there is no blood, there is no life – and God is the Lord of life and death. So if I receive Christ's blood I take on his life, his divine life, as the gift of God. That has alarming side-effects: it means I share Christ's life with other Christians. We all live with the same life's blood. Do I really share my life, my talents, my goods with others, knowing that I share the same bloodstream?

SAINT OF THE WEEK **St Antony of Padua (1195? - 1231)** was first of all an Augustinian monk, but he was so impressed by the martyrdom of five Franciscans who had been spreading the faith in Morocco that he became a Franciscan friar himself, so that he could preach the gospel in Africa too. Illness obliged him to leave Morocco, and a storm then drove his ship to Sicily, so that he found himself taking part in the General Chapter of the Franciscans in 1221, where he met Saint Francis of Assisi himself. His preaching career

then took him to northern Italy and southern France, then a stronghold of the Albigensian heresy. Later he returned to Italy, to Padua, where he was an outstanding preacher and the first Franciscan theologian. His sermons are full of gentleness, but he reproved the wicked with fearless severity – especially backsliding clergy and the oppressors of the weak. His shrine is a centre of pilgrimage, and he is also the patron saint of the lost and found.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY Today we give best thanks to our Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers. Why 'extraordinary'? Because the Ordinary minister is a member of the clergy, whereas Extraordinary are drawn from the laity. But 'extraordinary' also in their service and commitment to the Lord and his people. Deo Gratias - et tibi gratias quoque!

THE PARISH TRIP TO LLANDUDNO leaves after Wednesday's morning Mass at St Charles.

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

ST CHARLES PARISH PICNIC on Saturday 4 July from 1pm to 4pm followed by a vigil mass at 4pm. 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) N Garlick; 2nd (£20) M Jarrett.

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.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to join a special overnight Pilgrimage to Walsingham (Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st June), taking place alongside the annual diocesan pilgrimage, with dedicated time, space and community for young adults. Staying at Elmham House (half board) pilgrims will share in the wider celebrations while also enjoying moments specifically for the young adult community and encounter. For any questions, contact Charles Archer, Young Adult Ministry Lead charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk Bookings at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/walsingham-2026.

RED BOXES Maureen B writes: "Thank you to all who brought in their Red Boxes during April and May. £415.00 has been donated to Missio from both parishes. The boxes will be emptied next during October, the month of the Rosary, so please try to put your spare coins in so we can support the Missions."

A BISHOP REFLECTS ON CORPUS CHRISTI "Whenever I hear the words 'Corpus Christi' I recall The Great Procession; The Blessed Sacrament was carried in the monstrance by the priest. Kneeling on the grass we sang 'O Salutaris' and 'Tantum Ergo' and bowed our heads as the priest blessed us with the Sacred Host. I believe that the Host was the same Jesus who moved among the people of Galilee, trod the road to calvary under the Cross, revealed himself as the risen Lord to Mary and the disciples, and gives himself to us at Mass with the promise of eternal life.

Today, I think of those who go to Mass, those who receive the Body of Christ at home or in hospital bearing illness and infirmity, those who approach the Church searching for truth and life, seeing something of the eternal in the sacraments and the lives of those who call themselves Catholics. The Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament, reaches out beyond the tabernacle and the church, through the lives of those who believe in him, to those who hunger and thirst in so many ways.

