



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

12th Sunday (a)

21st June 2026



Grant me oh Lord, good digestion,
and also something to digest.
Grant me a healthy body, and
the necessary good humour to maintain it.
Grant me a simple soul that knows
to treasure all that is good
and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of
evil,
but rather finds the means to put things
back in their place.
Give me a soul that knows not boredom,
grumbles, sighs, and laments,
nor excess of stress, because of that
obstructing thing called "I."
Grant me O Lord, a good sense of humour,
Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke
to discover in life a bit of joy,
and to be able to share it with others.
St Thomas More

There is no need to be afraid!

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 21st	12th ordinary Sunday 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Christine Wild RIP (M&SR)	
Mon 22nd	Ss JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE (martyrs) 9.30 (HAD) Mgr JEM & Joan (D&JW)	
Tues 23rd	feria 9.30 (HAD) dead list	
Weds 24th	BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 9.30 (HAD) Holy Souls	
Thurs 25th	feria 9.30 (HAD) PJ Merrick RIP (RP)	
Fri 26th	feria 9.30 (BB) H Souls	
Sat 27th	feria 9.30 (HAD) PP's ints	
Sun 28th	SOLEMNITY OF Ss PETER & PAUL apostles 9.15 (BB) Cn T Quinn's welfare (SQ) 11am (HAD) Sister Collette RIP (PJ)	

TWELFTH SUNDAY (A)

Psalter Week 4

Introduction: Once again the Lord in his Word encourages us not to fear.

First Reading : Jer 20 : He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

RESP. IN YOUR GREAT LOVE ANSWER ME O LORD

Second Reading : Rom 5 : The gift considerably outweighed the fall.

Gospel : Mt 10 : Do not be afraid of those who can kill the body.

Comm ant: THE EYES OF ALL LOOK TO YOU, LORD, AND YOU GIVE THEM THEIR FOOD IN DUE SEASON

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 Brindle, Ron Hudson; Derek Garlick, Olive Kiely, Evelyn Matthewman, Bernard Booth: *May eternal light shine on them : Amen*

PARISH NOTES

THIS SUNDAY is the summer solstice, and the first day of meteorological summer, and the longest day in the year. But summer hols are still ahead!

It is the twelfth Sunday in ordinary time.

We also mark the **Day for Life** under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website:

www.dayforlife.org.

The second collection will go towards the Day for Life Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website.

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL This whole chapter of Matthew brings together and sums up what Jesus has to say to his apostles about declaring his teaching in the face of hostility and persecution. Jesus himself was fearless in proclaiming his message. He 'taught with authority', as the gospel constantly tells us. His disciples are sent out to do the same. We do not often meet with real persecution, though it may yet happen. The martyrs of communist Russia or Vietnam lived many years of peaceful Christianity before unexpectedly facing martyrdom. The monk martyrs of Algeria did not reckon on martyrdom when they went to Algeria. The only preparation for martyrdom can be fidelity and prayer. More often we face mockery for holding to Christian principles, and that too can be difficult to bear. We can be accused of narrow-mindedness, lack of appreciation of human values, blind obedience, sentimentality, naivety, and a host of other hurtful slurs. Jesus did not promise that the Father would prevent the sparrows falling to the ground! Nor is it always easy to respond to such slurs with the patience and generosity as well as the truthfulness which Jesus would have shown. 'A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar', said St Francis de Sales.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK **St John Fisher (1469 - 1535)** was born in Beverley, in Yorkshire. He studied theology at the University of Cambridge, and had a successful career there, finally becoming chancellor of the University and bishop of Rochester. He wrote much against the errors and corruption into which the Church had fallen, He supported the validity of King Henry VIII's marriage to Catherine of Aragon, and for this he was briefly imprisoned. When the King had divorced Catherine, married Anne Boleyn, and constituted himself the supreme Head of the Church in England, John Fisher refused to assent. He was imprisoned in the Tower of London on a charge of treason, and on 22 June 1535, a month after having been made a Cardinal by the Pope, he was executed. **St Thomas More (1477 -**

1535) was born in London, the son of a judge, and himself became an eminent lawyer. He married twice, and had four children. Thomas More was a close friend of King Henry VIII. As a judge, he was famous for his incorruptibility and impartiality, and he was made Lord Chancellor – the highest legal position in England – in 1529. When Henry VIII demanded a divorce from Catherine of Aragon, Thomas More opposed him. He resigned his titles and retired from public life; It was demanded that he take an oath to support the Act of Succession, which effectively repudiated papal religious authority. He refused, and was imprisoned in the Tower of London. After the execution of John Fisher, he was tried on the charge of high treason. He went to his execution, on 6 July 1535, with a clear conscience and a light heart; he told his judges that he wished that “we may yet hereafter in Heaven merrily all meet together to everlasting salvation.”

CHURCH CLEANING A message from St Charles’ “Gleam Team”: ‘We are cleaning the church next Friday (26th). We hope that new Gleamers may join in. If Friday morning is difficult, then come for 30 minutes another time and gleam away. Just let us know and guidance will be offered.’ Contact Anne B on 07435563143.

VOCATIONS PRAYER CARD You can find these cards at the back of church for you freely to take—and pray. They feature images of two youthful saints recently canonised : St Pier Giorgio Frassati & St Carlo Acutis.

SPUC CARD is also found at the back of church, inviting you to send for a ‘fightback action pack’ connecting with the SPUC campaign against abortion up to birth.

NEXT SUNDAY we honour Sts Peter & Paul, our foremost apostolic leaders in faith, There will be a second collection for Peter’s Pence, supporting the works of St Peter’s successor, Pope Leo.

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) C Brown; 2nd (£20) L Hockey.

BB FAYRE A remarkable £1157.90 was raised for parish funds during & after last weekend’s fayre. Well Done!

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.

NEW LECTORS wanted for Sunday Mass Readings and Bidding Prayers at St Charles. A fresh rota is being prepared for August’26 onwards. There is a form at the back of Church for names or contact Rob Cranston and he will add you to the rota.

ST CHARLES BORROMEO ONLINE ROSARY every Tuesday evening at 7pm.. Please contact Rob Cranston at cranston1948@aol.com and he will send you a link to join in.

OUR NEARBY NEIGHBOURS have messaged :“**The People’s Emergency Briefing**”, a film about climate change, will be screened at All Saints Parish Church. Church Street. Glossop. SK13 7RU on Sunday 5th July at 3.30pm. Refreshments provided.

YOUNG PEOPLE aged 14-18 are invited to the ASCENT’s Alpha Holy Spirit Day on Saturday 11th July, from 12.30pm until 6.30pm, at The Briars Retreat Centre, Matlock, DE4 5BW. The cost of the Day is £3, and more details are available from themether@theascenk.co.uk

BISHOP’S INVITATION Bishop Patrick has recorded three short, guided meditations, just twenty minutes each. You press play, and he prays with you from beginning to end. You can pray them in a church, before the Blessed Sacrament, if you are able. You can just as easily listen at home, on a walk, or with your headphones in on the way to work. You can listen on your own or with friends, family or fellow parishioners. There is nothing to prepare and no particular way to pray. Bishop Patrick leads you through the prayers; you only have to make a little time. Go to the diocesan website for more info. Or message me and I’ll send you the link.