



**CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE**



**PARISH NEWSLETTER**

**Ss PETER & PAUL**

**28th June 2026**



O God, the Shepherd  
and Ruler of all Your faithful people,  
mercifully look upon Your servant  
Leo our Pope,  
whom You have chosen  
as the chief Shepherd  
to preside over Your Church.  
We beg You to help him edify,  
both by word and example,  
those over whom he has charge,  
that he may reach everlasting life  
together with the flock  
entrusted to him.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*You are the Christ!*

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>MASS</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
Sun 28th	<b>SOLEMNITY OF Ss PETER &amp; PAUL apostles</b> 9.15 (BB) Cn T Quinn's welfare (SQ) 11am (HAD) Sister Collette RIP (PJ)	
Mon 29th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Beryl Freeman RIP (KMH)	
Tues 30th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Brendan McMenamin RIP	
Weds 1st July	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Betty Iacobucci RIP	
Thurs 2nd	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Gail Welsh RIP	
Fri 3rd	<b>St THOMAS, apostle</b> <i>First Friday visits today</i> 9.30 (BB) Johanna Monaghan RIP (fam)	
Sat 4th	<b>feria</b> 9.30 (HAD) Thomas JuChu Chaw RIP 4pm (HAD) vigil Mass for Sunday : Brid Clancy	
Sun 5th	<b>14th ordinary Sunday</b> 9.15 (BB) Peter Urquhart RIP 11am (HAD) for the parish	

### **Ss PETER & PAUL (A)**

Psalter wk 1

**Introduction:** Peter and Paul died so the good news could live.

**First Reading :** Acts 12 : The Lord saves St Peter from Herod.

**Resp. Ps.** THE ANGEL OF THE LORD RESCUES THOSE WHO REVERE HIM

**Second Reading :** 2 Tim 4: Righteousness comes to those who remain faithful.

**Gospel :** Mt 16 : You are Peter: to you I give the keys of the Kingdom.

**Comm.ant** Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

## **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 John Athill, Joe Finneran, Bob Rutledge, Kevin Gradwell, John Foley, Jim McCarthy; Derek Garlick, Olive Kiely, Evelyn Matthewman, Bernard Booth: *May eternal light shine on them : Amen*

## **PARISH NOTES**

**THIS WEEKEND** we celebrate (transferred from Monday to Sunday) the two greatest Apostles, Ss Peter & Paul. Our customary '**Peter's Pence**' collection takes place today. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV in his mission of service to the universal Church, and of solidarity with his mission to bring the Gospel throughout the world. The Vatican has prepared informational and multimedia materials to illustrate its significance of Peter's Pence, available at: [www.ObolodiSanPietro.va](http://www.ObolodiSanPietro.va)

**THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL** This gospel reading is a turning-point in the Gospel. Three times the disciples have been chided for their failure to understand who Jesus is, and now, with an almost perceptible flash of inspiration, Peter replies to the question with a full confession, not merely as in Mark that Jesus is the Messiah, but that he is son of the living God. Jesus replies by giving him a new name and explaining its meaning. The Aramaic name, Kephias, which Paul still uses (in Galatians 1-2), means 'Rock', which enables Jesus to play on the word for the foundation-stone of 'his assembly'. Is Jesus putting 'his assembly', his ekklesia, in parallel with the assembly of God which was Israel as the People of God in the Old Testament, and saying that his assembly is the new People of God?

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK : ST OLIVER PLUNKETT** was archbishop of Armagh and primate of All Ireland from 1668, at a time when the country was in a state of civil and religious disorder after the interventions of Oliver Cromwell. He persevered for ten years in his effort to ameliorate this state of affairs, until the discovery of a non-existent "Popish Plot" against the English government (invented and revealed by Titus Oates, who implicated many before he was executed for his part in it) gave the authorities an excuse to act against many prominent Catholics. Plunkett was arrested in Ireland but taken to London for trial; one of his companions was saved by being appointed as Bavarian Ambassador to London and therefore acquiring diplomatic immunity, but for Plunkett there was no such escape, and he was hanged at Tyburn, cheating his executioners by dying before he could be ceremonially disembowelled. **ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE** is famous for doubting the resurrection of Jesus when his fellow apostles told him about it; but if he is the sceptical apostle, he is also the believing apostle, for having seen and touched a risen man, he made the immediate leap of faith and so became the first apostle to call Jesus God. Nothing is known about Thomas's later career. A well-known apocryphal document called the Acts of Thomas relates his missionary journeys to Persia and India.

**ST CHARLES PARISH PICNIC** is next 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

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**RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles:** 1st (£40) A King; 2nd (£20) A Carlton. **BB:** 1st (£40) A Cave; 2nd (£20) Fr Don.

**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.

**BIDDING PRAYERS** If you would like to compose the prayers for an upcoming Sunday, please do so, and send them to me by Thursday evening. Customarily the first prayer is for the church leadership, and the second for national leadership.

**MASS INTENTIONS** I am always grateful to receive requests for Mass to be offered for a particular intention. Many times the donor specifies a particular date /place & time.

Occasionally Sunday-Mass requests are for an already-booked intention. In these cases : 'first-come, first-served' and it would be necessary to move the later-requested date a day or so.

**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 next 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 [esther@theascenk.co.uk](mailto:esther@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.

**A HOT WEEK** While trying to endure lassitude-inducing daily heat, I found myself frequently humming the Pentecost anthem 'Veni Sancte Spiritus' with its especial verse:

*Thou, of all consolers best,  
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,  
Dost refreshing peace bestow;  
Thou in toil art comfort sweet,  
Pleasant coolness in the heat,  
Solace in the midst of woe.*

*On occasions I would nip into the coolest place in Hadfield—our church, to seek and find that coolness in the heat. 'Dulce refrigerium indeed'!*

**STAY COOL!**