



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Twenty-second Sunday (a)
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"Not all of us can do
great things.
But we can do
small things
with great love."

Mother Teresa

Take up your cross daily

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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Sun 30th	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) for the parish 11am (HAD) Stretta Duggan	
Mon 31st	feria / St Aidan BANK HOLIDAY 9.30 (HAD) Mary Cullian	
Tues 1st Sept	feria 9.30 (HAD) Nuala's welfare (D&JW)	
Weds 2nd	feria NO MASS TODAY : Weds Group meets this morning. A speaker is arranged.	
Thurs 3rd	St Gregory the Great 9.30 (HAD) Maureen Curran	
Fri 4th	feria / St Cuthbert FIRST FRIDAY VISITS 9.30 (BB) K Laidlaw RIP (fam)	
Sat 5th	feria / St Teresa of Calcutta 9.30 (HAD) M T Greaves' welfare (DW) <i>f/by Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Sun 6th	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY 9.15 (BB) PP's welfare 11am (HAD) for the parish	

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY (A)

Psalter Week 2

INTRODUCTION Christ calls us to follow his way of the cross.

FIRST READING : **Jer 20** : Accepting the Lord`s word has meant insults for the prophet.

RESP PS : **FOR YOU MY SOUL IS THIRSTING, O LORD MY GOD**

SECOND READING : **Rom 12** : Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.

GOSPEL : **Mt 16** : If anyone wants to follow Him, then he must renounce himself and take up his daily cross.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON : How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep
for those who fear you.

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, Isabella Phillips, Arthur King, Val Gebbett, Rita Dwyer, Tom Travis, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Diane Wilson, Jean Ashton, Keith Winston.

And our deceased clergy & parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Revv B Welsh, James Monaghan; *Philip Battey*, Ernest Quinlan, Joan Haley, Francis Pollitt, Patrick Clarke, Alan Yardley, Phyllis Byrne: May eternal light shine on them: may they rest in peace : Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND we come to the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary time—the last Sunday in August. Its theme is challenging: No wonder Peter rebukes Jesus! Jesus “began to show his disciples” what faithful discipleship demands: denying self, losing self, letting self die. Jesus teaches his disciples to let go of self so that a new self can be given. What we relinquish is ourselves as we are now; what we are given is a new self born from identifying completely with Jesus. It takes a lifetime of discipleship to turn from wanting to rebuke Jesus’ way of living through the cross to embracing it. It takes a lifetime of discipleship to let Jesus transform our life into his Life.

THIS SUNDAY’S GOSPEL What a turn-around! A moment ago Peter was being congratulated on at last realising the Jesus was the Christ. He was promised the keys and authority to make decisions valid in heaven. Now Jesus shoos him away and tells him that he is Satan, the Tempter. Why the change? Jesus had told Peter that his role as Christ Messiah was to suffer and die in order to achieve his purpose, and Peter shied away from it. What is your particular soft option? What is the difficult task Christ is asking of you, and you avoiding? We are no better than his first disciples! In the gospel this will happen twice more: three times Jesus foretells his passion and each time the disciples simply fail to understand. Each time Jesus again puts it bluntly that you cannot be a Christian without following Jesus in carrying a Cross. We see people suffering the whole time, physical disabilities, breakdown of relationships, heartless treatment from others, financial worries – and then we grouse at a twinge of pain or a hurtful word. Carry the Cross behind Jesus? Yes, of course I will, but if you don’t mind, I’ll just take that section which is well padded and fits my shoulder nicely. No point in unnecessary splinters in my neck.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE We lament the recent death of **Philip Hughes (85)**, erstwhile headteacher at St Charles school. May he enjoy eternal rest. His funeral takes place at St Charles on 9th Sept at 11.30.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK **St Aidan**, a native of Ireland, was a monk on Iona. When the Christian King Oswald returned from exile on Iona to his kingdom of Northumbria, he invited the monks of Iona to provide missionaries to instruct his people in Christianity. After initial difficulties, Aidan was consecrated bishop and sent with a group of Irish monks to begin this task. He established a monastery on the island of Lindisfarne which became the centre of a major missionary effort in the North of England. The monastery also became a valuable centre of learning and an important training ground for the education of English boys who would continue the work of evangelisation. From Lindisfarne Aidan journeyed throughout Northumberland, usually on foot, and working closely with King Oswald who found him to be a wise adviser and a good personal friend. After Oswald’s death in 642, Aidan continued this work under his successor, Oswin, but when Oswin himself was killed nine years later, Aidan did not long survive him and died two weeks later in 651. According to Bede, Aidan was a man of great gentleness and moderation, outstanding for his energetic missionary work. His influence on the North of England was enormous, and his wise promotion of Christian education among the native English laid the solid foundation for the spread of the Gospel in the centuries which followed his death. **Pope St Gregory the Great (540 - 604)** was the first monk to be elected Pope. He reformed the administration of the Church’s estates and devoted the resulting surplus to the assistance of the poor and the ransoming of prisoners. He negotiated treaties with the Lombard tribes who were ravaging

northern Italy, and by cultivating good relations with these and other barbarians he was able to keep the Church's position secure in areas where Roman rule had broken down. His works for the propagation of the faith include the sending of Augustine and his monks as missionaries to England in 596, providing them with continuing advice and support and (in 601) sending reinforcements. He wrote extensively on pastoral care, spirituality, and morals, and designated himself "servant of the servants of God."

CHAIRPERSONS WANTED Help is needed to bring some chairs down from the organ loft to the back of St Charles church? Please meet Sue Hoolahan at the back of church after Mass this Sunday if you can help.

THE SEASON OF CREATION begins next **Tuesday, 1st September**, and runs until Sunday 4th October, uniting Christians across the world in prayer and action to care for our common home. This year's theme, "Living Water", invites us to reflect on God's life-giving presence in creation and our responsibility to protect and nurture the gift of the natural world.

RECENT TOTE WINNERS St Charles: 1st (£40) K Holtom; 2nd (£20) P James;

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.

OPEN DOORS It is good that at BB on Friday evening 5-6pm kindly folk staff the church to welcome passers-by to call in for a moment's stillness & prayer. It is equally good that on Saturday mornings at St Charles the extraordinary Eucharistic ministers facilitate Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.15 to 11.15.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS: A MESSAGE FROM DAMIAN N "Dear friends, thanks indeed for your continued encouragement in my Diaconate studies. I am particularly grateful for the continued prayers. I know some are interested in where I'm up to! When I go back in September I will be starting Year 3 (which is actually my fourth year of study!), so 3 years down, 2 to go! I continue to really enjoy the time at Oscott each month, finding the various assignments challenging, but also very interesting. Much of the content is new to me, and it all needs research and reflection. Being able to start to serve at BB has been a really valuable help this year and will stand me in good stead. There are 10 of us in Year 3, a really supportive bunch of chaps from various dioceses. Particular thanks too to Cathy, Canon Don and Deacon Owen for their continued support with my studies! Please be assured of my prayers for you all."

AND FROM SUE HOOLAHAN: HOLIDAY QUIZ We plan to have a quiz night with a twist on Thursday 17 September from 7-9pm in St Charles church. Tea/coffee and cakes provided. £3 entrance to be collected on the night. Come and join us with stories about your favourite holidays (and the ones that went wrong).

THE HOLY FATHER'S MESSAGE for the Season of Creation: "As we observe the world day of prayer for Creation, we are once again invited to contemplate the gift of life and to cherish the earth that sustains it, for they are tangible ways of offering praise to our Creator. Today, we are witnessing many crises and much human suffering. At the same time, it seems that the disruption to the harmonious balance of creation is accelerating. These phenomena are not unrelated; they are a single plea for healing and peace arising from a wounded world. The God of life, revealed in Jesus Christ, offers a peace that the world cannot give: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (Jn 14:27). This peace is neither superficial nor fleeting; it flows from the enduring love of Christ and his care for every human person. Yet this promise of peace stands in stark contrast to the realities we see in many parts of the world. The prophet Isaiah spoke of a time when nations "shall beat their swords into ploughshares" (Is 2:4), transforming what destroys life into what sustains it. But today, we too often witness the very opposite, as efforts continue to be directed toward violence and war".

NOTE WELL I plan to be on hols from Mon 7th to Fri 25th Sept. I'm delighted that Fr Kevin Prince has agreed to say Sunday Masses on 13th & 20th Sept.