CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 1st November 2026

ALL SAINTS DAY

Masses this week:

Sun 1st Nov	(BB)	9.15	S Thomas RIP (AC)
	(HAD)	11am	for the parish
Monday 2nd	(HAD)	9.30	C Orr RIP (D&KH)
Tuesday 3rd	(HAD)	9.30	M Canniffe RIP (AH)
Weds 4th	(HAD)	9.30	H Mantel & Beryl F (KDH)
Thurs 5th	(HAD)	9.30	for the parish private int
Fri 6th	(BB)	9.30	Rita Shaw (JB)
Sat 7th	(HAD)	9.30	J Holland welfare
Sun 8th Nov	(BB)	9.15	Rev R Dick RIP (Orr fam)
	(HAD)	11am	P Schreiner RIP (KH)

SAINTS ALIVE This week we honour: **Saint Martin de Porres (1579 - 1639)** was born in Lima in Peru, the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a black ex-slave. His mother gave him a Christian education and he became a pharmacist and a nurse. Despite his father's opposition he entered the Dominican Order as a lay brother in 1603 and spent his life working for the sick and the poor. Many people of all ranks would come to him for advice. He had a great devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He has been named as a patron saint of those of mixed race.

St Charles Borromeo (1538 - 1584) was a leading figure of the Catholic Reformation was born in a castle on the shores of Lake Maggiore in northern Italy, to a powerful family. When his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV in 1559 he was summoned to Rome and made a cardinal. Among many other responsibilities he was made administrator of the vacant diocese of Milan. In 1563, he was ordained priest. He was soon consecrated as

Archbishop of Milan, but the Pope would not let him leave Rome because he was needed there. He worked on the catechism, the Missal and the Breviary, and reformed his own diocese as well as he could from a distance through trusted deputies. At length Pius IV died and in 1566 his successor permitted Charles to take up residence in his diocese. He began reform from the top, giving much of his property to the poor. He set up the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine to teach children the faith: it was the beginning and inspiration of the Sunday School movement. Charles encountered determined opposition to his programme of reform. Members of a rich and corrupt order of monks were so opposed to being reformed that one of them dressed as a layman, joined Charles's household at evening prayer, and shot him. The assassin's bullet did not penetrate Charles's clothing.

Charles's final visitation was of the cantons of Switzerland in 1583. He died on 3 November 1584 at the age of 46.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK : Peter James, Isabella Phillips, Arthur King, Val Gebbett, Rita Dwyer, Mike Lally, Jacob Ibbotson, Diane Wilson, Jean Ashton, Keith Winston, Joan Hill.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR ABOUT THIS TIME: Revv John Buckley, Bill Saunders; *Teresa Bolger, Mary Whitham, Terence Curran, Ron Howbrook, Jack Seale, Bernard O'Hare, Bernard Moran: May eternal light shine on them: may they rest in peace : Amen*

TOTE WINNERS (HAD) : £40 L Hockey; £20 D Bernard;

PIETY STALL A lavish catalogue and wish-lists are found in the stall area for you to order Christmas cards (real Christmas cards!) and other delights.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST slips & envelopes are found at the back of church. Please fill in & return as soon as possible.

MASS ATTENDANCE We report to the Diocese our average Sunday Mass attendance in early autumn. Over four weekends: Hadfield 88; Broadbottom 52.

DAILY DOINGS

***** There is a second collection this Sunday for our local hospice.

***** The Wednesday Group meets after morning Mass on Wednesday, welcoming a guest speaker and enjoying a shared table.

*****Fri 13th Nov : St Margaret's children to BB Mass. The Feast of St Margaret of Scotland

*****Sun 15th : First Holy Communion affirmation Mass, Hadfield

***** Sun 29th Nov : Hadfield finance cttee meeting.

*****Fri 18th Dec : parish Christmas lunch: Oaklands, Gee Cross. Menu sign-up sheet at the back of church.

LET US PRAY! **PRAYER OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO**

Almighty God, you have generously
made known to human beings
the mysteries of your life through
Jesus Christ Your Son in the Holy Spirit.
Enlighten my mind to know these mysteries
which your Church treasures and teaches.
Move my heart to love them
and my will to live in accord with them.
Give me the ability to teach this Faith to others
without pride, without ostentation, and without personal gain.
Let me realize that I am simply your instrument
for bringing others to the knowledge
of the wonderful things you have done
for all your creatures.
Help me to be faithful to this task
that you have entrusted to me. Amen