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The Newsletter of **St Laurence Long Eaton**

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August 30th 2020

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Year A)**

Christ Who Overcomes the Reluctance of the Flesh

It comes to us as no surprise that the Prophet Jeremiah should have felt reluctance to offer himself as a living sacrifice to God's will, because we all experience the same reluctance to accept the cross. But what consolation it is to know that Christ experienced the same reluctance of the flesh and had to struggle to overcome it.

Mass

First Reading: *Jeremiah 20: 7-9*

Responsorial Psalm 62: 2-6, 8-9

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: *Romans 12: 1-2*

Gospel: *Matthew 16: 21-27*

Hymns All NEH (Green):-

Introit: 456 Teach me, my God and King
Gradual: 416 O God of Bethel, by whose hand
Offertory 273 And now, O Father, mindful of the love
Communion 282 Faithful Shepherd, feed me
Recessional: 439 Praise to the Holiest in the height

(All can be heard sung on Youtube.)

Notices:-

We welcome Fr. Giles as our celebrant and preacher this week.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Thank you to everyone who was present at the meeting last Sunday 23rd August, it was very well attended and conducted with professionalism by the Area Dean, Karen Padley to whom we offer our grateful thanks. The results of the appointments will be displayed on the notice board in the church porch.

Church Collections

Dear all,

Could I kindly ask for all collection and envelope collection , if possible be paid via a cheque or setting up a Bank transfer .This would greatly help us when paying the money into the bank. With the Covid situation we are having to queue outside the bank as the banks are only allowing 1 or 2 people in at a time.

Many Thanks

Andrew Sheasby Church Treasurer

Br Andrew Smith OPA writes:-

First Reading: *Jeremiah 20: 7-9*

Jeremiah may have been the most unpopular prophet of his time. He told the King and his fellow countrymen to surrender to their national enemy, Babylon. He regularly criticized the religious establishment. God even told him to withdraw from society, dramatizing the disaster awaiting Judah. As a result no one liked him, people gossiped, derided and plotted against him and he felt tricked and abandoned by God. Yet deep down burned a love for his countrymen and God that prevented him from keeping silent.

Second Reading: *Romans 12: 1-2*

These two verses introduce a watershed. Up until now, Paul through this Epistle has been addressing the philosophical and theological concerns that the Christians in Rome had over the resurrection of Jesus and of their own resurrection. Paul, now directs his concerns and teaching to the 'body,' and the Christ-like morality and practical living that is expected. Paul saw the body not merely as an outer shell to house the soul/spirit, but as the expression of the whole person. So he warns against the misuse of the body, especially since the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit in the case of the believer.

Gospel : *Matthew 16: 21-27* [see also *Mark 8: 31-33; Luke 9: 22*]

Up until now Jesus' emphasis was on teaching the people, and what the Disciples saw and heard confirmed their understanding of the person of Jesus. However, they were quite unprepared to understand His teaching on the suffering and death that His earthly life would involve. Although this prospect was absolutely necessary for Jesus, for Peter it was something that the Lord could dismiss from consideration, hence His powerful rebuke. Their thoughts were so taken up with the prospect of a physical Kingdom they were perplexed and disturbed to find that it was going to be quite a different experience; even Jesus assuring them of His resurrection fell on deaf ears.

Collect

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Services for this Sunday and the week ahead:-

For the time being the pattern of services continues the same as in recent weeks, with a Sunday Mass in church, and Zoom Masses at the usual times during the week. Zoom login details remain the same each week.

Sunday 30th August 22nd in Ordinary Time

Mass at St. Laurence 9.30 am

Tuesday 1st September

Zoom Mass 9.30 am

Wednesday 2nd September

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 3rd September St Gregory the Great

Zoom Mass 7.00 pm

Friday 4th September

Zoom Mass 12.00 noon

Sunday 6th September 23rd in Ordinary Time

Mass at St. Laurence 9.30 am

Please remember in your prayers:-

Those who are sick, especially: twins Cosima and Tiadora and their mother Leigh Anne, Syd Warren, Maria Perkins, Dawn, Grace Fouracres, Jack Grocock, Vanessa Jackson and Glennis Lings

Those who have recently died; and also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: John Flint (p), Mary Swann, Arthur John Evans, John Lucas Hudson, Sydney Spick and Ada Colton

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