

# GRIDIRON

The Newsletter of **St Laurence Long Eaton**

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**September 27th 2020**

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

**Christ Obedient Unto Death**

*We celebrate Christ who obeyed his Father's will not only in word but also in deed. And Christ assures us that it is never too late to turn to God and do his will.*

**Mass**

**First Reading: *Ezekiel 18: 25-28***

**Responsorial Psalm 24: 4-9**  
**Remember your mercy, Lord.**

**Second Reading: *Philippians 2: 1-11***

**Gospel: *Matthew 21: 28-32***

**Hymns All NEH ( Green ):-**

**Introit: 476 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim**  
**Gradual: 206 Christ is our corner-stone**  
**Offertory 332 All hail the power of Jesu's name**  
**Communion 301 O most merciful! O most bountiful!**  
**Recessional: 475 Ye holy angels bright**  
**( All except 301 can be heard sung on Youtube. )**

**Notices:-**

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**We welcome Fr. Michael today as our celebrant and preacher.**

## **Volunteers**

Volunteers needed to read, to do the responses and if possible be helped to host the zoom masses either on Wednesday mornings at 10 or Fridays at 12. Please ring Jennifer on 07971478765 if you can help. We hope to get a rota of people to participate as it seems Zoom mass during the week is going to continue for a while.

## **New Priest**

With regard to the selection of a new Priest, we are pleased to say that someone has now been chosen and further details will be announced at Mass on Sunday.

## **Childrens Society Boxes**

Please return your boxes to church ready for emptying as soon as possible, thank you .

Mary West

## **PCC Meeting**

A meeting of the PCC will be held after Mass next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October, please make every effort to attend as this is the first meeting of the new PCC.

Thank You

Simon Dew

## **Br Andrew Smith OPA writes:-**

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### **First Reading: *Ezekiel 18: 25-28***

The prophet Ezekiel continues his warnings about personal accountability, the consequences of sin, and God's mercy to the repentant sinner. He asks the question: "If the sinner must live with the consequences of his sins, what is the purpose of repentance?" The answer includes one of the most beautiful summaries of divine mercy in Scripture. God gives the assurance that He is always ready to forgive the sinner who humbly repents, turns away from selfishness, and restores fellowship with God. In His mercy, God even promises not to remember the transgressions which the sinner committed and repented.

**Second Reading: *Philippians 2: 1-11***

Paul writes that Christians should think about unity based on the Christian community's threefold experience with the Holy Trinity: Christ's gift of salvation, God the Father's love, and the Holy Spirit's guidance. Paul's appeal to humility and obedience is rooted in what appears to be an ancient Christian hymn that

Paul wrote that we must conduct ourselves in a manner that is worthy of Christ. Paul testified that he would remain faithful to Christ no matter what the circumstances of his life. Paul bravely professed that he would honour God whether he lives and continues his apostolic work of spreading the Gospel of of salvation in a life that belongs to Christ through his Christian baptism, or if he is martyred and can bear his witness of Christ in his death.

#### **Gospel : *Matthew 21: 28-32***

It is human pride that prevents repentance, as in the case of the chief priests and elders to whom Jesus addressed this parable. Their failure to humble themselves prevented them from acknowledging Jesus as Messiah. Jesus teaches that we must not allow pride to harden our hearts so that we fail to come to repentance, or close our eyes and ears to the message of Divine Love, like the proud and hard-hearted chief priests and elders. It is for all who know and admit that they need Jesus that he provides a sure path to follow on the pilgrimage to eternal life, first trod by His Mother Mary.

#### **Collect**

O God, who manifest your almighty power  
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,  
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us  
and make those hastening to attain your promises  
heirs to the treasures of heaven.

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 27th September 26th in Ordinary Time**

Mass at St. Laurence 9.30 am

#### **Tuesday 29th September Michaelmass**

Zoom Mass

9.30 am Meeting ID 772 9279 0737

#### **Wednesday 30th September**

Zoom Mass

10.00 am Meeting ID 749 1652 3156

#### **Thursday 31st September St Therese**

Zoom Mass

7.00 pm Meeting ID 782 8019 6572

#### **Friday 1st October**

Zoom Mass

12.00 noon Meeting ID 787 7524 1602

#### **Sunday 4th October 27th 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 and Vanessa Jackson.

Those who have recently died: and also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Kath Fletcher, Clarice Beresford, Amelia Brentnall, Richard Moss, Lily Hunt, George Campbell, Louise May Stanney, Minnie Kirk and Alice Borlase.

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#### **Contacts at St. Laurence**

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**For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals and any other parish enquiries** please contact the Churchwardens.

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#### **Website**

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