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The Newsletter of **St Laurence Long Eaton**

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September 6th 2020

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

Christ Who Paid the Debt of Love

Christ became our brother and made himself responsible for us, his brothers and sisters. He contracted the debt of mutual love. All he asks of us is that we should do the same.

Mass

First Reading: *Ezekiel 33: 7-9*

Responsorial Psalm 94: 1-2, 6-9
O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: *Romans 13: 8-10*

Gospel: *Matthew 18: 15-20*

Hymns All NEH (Green):-

Introit: 408 Love Divine, all loves excelling,
Gradual: 73 My God, I love thee; not because
Offertory 384 Jesu, my Lord, my God, my All
Communion 283 Father, see thy children bending at thy throne
Recessional: 409 Love of the Father, love of God the Son
(All can be heard sung on Youtube or music streaming services.)

Notices:-

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

Church Bellringers

We have recently received an update as to the position of the bell ringing at St. Laurence from the tower captain David Marshall. In the current circumstances with regard to covid 19, it is not possible to undertake ringing the bells due to the small area of the ringing chamber and social distancing requirements. In the meantime it should be noted that we are seriously short of people to ring the bells, and would welcome anyone who may be interested in learning this skill to let us know ,so that when we can recommence the ringing, we can teach and train new ringers.

Ian Dew

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: *Ezekiel 33: 7- 9*

It is the role of a prophet first and foremost to show others how God sees them. Ezekiel is being exceptionally blunt when addressing the people of Israel; yet again they have turned their backs on God and each other. Sin has damaged the relationship and fabric of Israel. He warns the people that they can't just shrug off a God-given duty and responsibility for each other simply because they 'can't be bothered,' 'too busy,' or believe its 'nothing to do with me;' after all the greatest commandment is to love God and your neighbour as yourself.

Second Reading: *Romans 13: 8-10*

Paul is reminding the Christian community in Rome, how to live as followers of Jesus and he begins with the greatest of commandments (see above); then selects examples from the Ten Commandments. Despite these being negative expressions, they contain within them positive values that are necessary for a loving society. Paul points out that we can so easily fool ourselves into thinking that we are showing love, when it is actually selfishness. It is in his first

letter to the church in Corinth [1 *Corinthians* 13] where Paul gives us a benchmark for true love.

Gospel: *Matthew 18: 15-20* [*Luke 17: 3*]

Our Gospel reading from Matthew is about reconciliation. Jesus teaches us that sin damages and impedes our relationship with each other, society, and with God. The way we are to deal with sin is by acknowledging the wrong we have done whether intentionally or not. It is through the reconciling action of Jesus – His passion, death and resurrection that we all are forgiven, and strengthened through the Sacraments, prayer and by each other we resolve once again not to fall into sin.

Collect

O God by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.

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. Amen

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 6th September 23rd in Ordinary Time

Mass at St. Laurence 9.30 am

Tuesday 8th September Birth of the BVM

Zoom Mass 9.30 am

Wednesday 9th September

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 10th September St Gregory the Great

Zoom Mass 7.00 pm

Friday 11th September

Zoom Mass 12.00 noon

Sunday 13th September 24th 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: Arthur Potter, Hetty Hardy, Elizabeth Fletcher, Reg Richards, Daisy Whiting and Paul Smith.

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