

# GRIDIRON

The Newsletter of **St Laurence Long Eaton**

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( Year A )

October 11th 2020

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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## ***The Lord's Wedding Feast***

*In Christ Jesus, God fulfils all our needs, as lavishly as only God can. All of us, no matter how unworthy we may be, are invited to the wedding feast of his Son. We have only to respond to his invitation to come, and enter.*

Mass

First Reading: *Isaiah 25: 6-10*

Responsorial Psalm 22  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever.

Second Reading: *Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20:*

Gospel: *Matthew 22: 1-14*

Hymns All NEH ( Green ):-

Introit: 456 Teach me, my God and King  
Gradual: 64 Be thou my guardian and my guide  
Offertory 56 Songs of thankfulness and praise  
Communion 282 Faithful Shepherd, feed me  
Recessional: 383 Jesu, Lover of my soul

## Notices

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

### **Announcement of new Parish Priest**

We are delighted that an announcement has recently been made from the Bishop of Derby's office that Fr David Lawrence-March has been appointed as the new Vicar at St Laurence's and Priest-in-Charge at Holy Trinity. We are all looking forward to his arrival which we hope, and expect, to be before Christmas. The Covid-19 crisis makes it difficult to say at this stage exactly how we will be able to welcome Fr David but we will give further news when we can.

Fr David is currently the Priest-in-Charge of two parishes on the Isle of Wight and before that spent a large part of his ministry in school chaplaincy. He himself is delighted to be coming to us as our Parish Priest and is very much looking forward to meeting both congregations

**Jennifer and Simon**

### **Christmas tree festival**

Because of the corona virus situation it has been decided not to hold a tree festival this year.

## **Readings and Collect for the 28th in OT:-**

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**First Reading: *Isaiah 25: 6-10***

The reading from the Book of Isaiah is a prophecy regarding the promised salvation that was to come. "On the mountain" is a figure of speech that is traced to pre- Israelite, Canaanite literature, representing a glorious heavenly banquet of eternal happiness. This prophetic passage expresses the longing of the people for the days of the absolute triumph of God over the enemies of His chosen people and the Messianic banquet that will follow in the Kingdom of God.

**Second Reading: *Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20:***

St Paul places his complete trust in the Lord to provide for his daily needs. Paul had learned to be content with whatever he had. He had learned the secret of being well fed, this referring to spiritual food. He found strength in the Lord Jesus. While Paul had to endure for a while, he saw the grace of God that came with such suffering. He endured all that was being sent his way for the sake of the spreading of the Gospel.

**Gospel: *Matthew 22: 1-14***

In the Gospel of Matthew, we see that there is a spiritual meaning involved. We are no longer at a Great Feast but at a Royal Wedding Feast. It is a Wedding Banquet that the Father gives for His Son. The Son is Jesus. The Bride is the invisible Kingdom of God on earth, the Mystical Body of Christ that is made visible through the Church. These generous invitations echo the abounding love and mercy of God that reaches out towards all, forgiving the sins of those who will sincerely repent of their sin in order to embrace a life of righteousness. *[The notes on the Readings, by Fr Tom, previously appeared in the Newsletter three years ago.]*

### Collect

May your grace, O Lord, we pray,  
at all times go before us and follow after  
and make us always determined  
to carry out good works.

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:-

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#### Sunday 11th October 28th in Ordinary Time

Mass at St. Laurence 9.30 am

#### Tuesday 13th October St Edward Confessor

Zoom Mass 9.30 am

#### Wednesday 14th October

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

#### Thursday 15th October St Theresa of Avila

Zoom Mass 7.00 pm

#### Friday 16th October

Zoom Mass 12.00 noon

#### Sunday 18th October 29th in Ordinary Time

Mass at St. Laurence 9.30 am

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.

### 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: Clarence Albert Stevens, Pat Whittall, Florence Mellors, Elise Harrison, Mary Anthony, John Alan Monk, Gordon Proctor (pr) and Betsy Pateman.

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### Contacts at St. Laurence

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