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The Newsletter of **St Laurence Long Eaton**

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(Year A)

October 18th 2020

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

The Lord of History

God is king. Earthly rulers, political regimes, Cyrus or Caesar, are called by God to reveal something of his power and majesty and his plan for the human race. But they only hold their power for a short time. Our concern is not with them, but with God whom we worship in this celebration.

Mass

First Reading: *Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6*

Responsorial Psalm 95: 1, 3-5, 7-10
Give the Lord glory and power.

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5*

Gospel: *Matthew 22: 15-21*

Hymns All NEH (Green):-

Introit: 206 Christ is our corner-stone

Gradual: 379 In the Cross of Christ I glory

Offertory 271 Alleluya, sing to Jesus

Communion 416 O God of Bethel, by whose hand

Recessional: 417 O God, our help in ages past

(All can be heard sung on Youtube.)

Notices

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

Childrens Society

Christmas cards will be available to view at the back of church on Sunday for people to order, please keep social distanced. Thank you Mary West.

Harvest Festival

On Sunday 25th October we will celebrate harvest, please bring goods for us to donate to the Canaan Trust who have had a difficult year due to corona virus.

Br Andrew Smith OPA writes:-

First Reading: *Isaiah 45:1, 4-6*

At times earthly rulers can become God's instrument of salvation. This is what God announces through His prophet Isaiah concerning Cyrus, the pagan king of Persia, in the First Reading. Isaiah foretells the appointment of a man named Cyrus as God's vehicle of good in restoring the covenant people of Israel/Judah to their homeland after the years of the Babylonian exile. King Cyrus of Persia, to his credit, historically fulfilled his divinely appointed destiny.

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5*

In the Second Reading, St. Paul tells the Thessalonian Christians that they can fulfil the destiny for which God created them by becoming images of Christ and instruments of God's love and peace. Paul teaches that our Christian virtues are found in the labours and works of love we offer when we live in the image of Jesus Christ and continue His earthly ministry. Our works of love joined with the works of others within the Christian community give vitality to the Church militant; moreover these works build upon the works, labours and acts of love of those gone before. No act of love however small is ever wasted.

Gospel: *Matthew 22 : 15-21*

In the Gospel Reading, when confronted by the religious and civil leaders concerning the payment of the Roman Emperor's tax, Jesus makes the point that God has authority over all, even Emperors, Kings and Princes. While the Roman coin used to pay the tax had the image of the Roman emperor on the face of the coin, the emperor was created by God, and he bears the image of his Creator. Therefore, the emperor, like all human beings, is subject to the sovereignty of God the Father, the Divine King over his life.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.

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 18th October 29th in Ordinary Time

Mass at St. Laurence 9.30 am

Tuesday 20th October

Zoom Mass 9.30 am

Wednesday 21st October

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 22nd October

Zoom Mass 7.00 pm

Friday 23rd October

Zoom Mass 12.00 noon

Sunday 25th October 30th in Ordinary Time

Mass at St. Laurence 9.30 am

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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: Paul Miller (pr), David Tudor (pr), Joseph Frank Quinn, John Ian Casbault Joan Porter, Frank Smith, Michael Battison, Eric Powell, Pat Taft and Valerie Anne Povey.

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