

Wednesday 28th October Ss Simon and Jude
Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 29th October
Zoom Mass 7.00 pm

Friday 30th October
Zoom Mass 12.00 noon

Sunday 1st November 30th 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: Sandra Ware and also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Albert Cunnicliffe, Harriet Harding, Beatrice Fairfield, Winefred Osborn, June Potts, Wilfred Osborn, Ada Osborn, Nan Muffet, Francis Woolton,.

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(Year A)

October 25th 2020

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

The Commandment of Love

Today, through the strength that Christ gives us, we can celebrate with the joy of the Holy Spirit that great commandment of love which once had to be imposed on people under threat of God's avenging anger.

Mass

First Reading: *Exodus 22: 20-26*

Responsorial Psalm 17: 2-4, 47, 51
I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10*

Gospel: *Matthew 22: 34-40*

Hymns All NEH (Green):-

Introit: 467 Through all the changing scenes of life
Gradual: 419 O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace
Offertory 146 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
Communion 409 Love of the Father, love of God the son
Recessional: 383 Jesu, Lover of my soul
(All can be heard sung on Youtube.)

Notices

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

Sandra Ware

It was with great sadness that we learned of Sandra's sudden death last Friday ,16th October. Sandra was often either a server or the thurifer at Mass and a former churchwarden who worked tirelessly for the parish along with Pat Taft during Bishop Roger's time as the Vicar at St. Laurence's and Priest in Charge at Holy Trinity.

In October 2018 when Bishop Roger retired, the churchwardens of Holy Trinity and St. Laurence were planning to support both congregations through another interregnum when Pat sadly died. Sandra spent several weeks thinking deeply about what she should do - her health was not very good and eventually she decided that she should resign from being a church warden.

St. Laurence's church, its clergy and its people had a large place in Sandra's heart. She will be sorely missed - may she rest in peace and we will remember both her and Pat at this time each year. **Simon Dew and Jennifer Hulls Churchwardens**

Br Andrew Smith OPA writes:-

First Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26

Our First Reading is from the Books of the Law (Torah). This section of the Law is a collection of ethical and moral obligations that are divine commands. In this section, the main body of the Law, concerning the stranger and the disadvantaged of society, God commands the Israelites to be proactive to the plight of the stranger because of their experience as defenceless strangers in Egypt. God addresses the people in both the plural and singular as He will hold His people accountable as a nation and as individuals in their treatment of the 'unclean,' vulnerable, poor and oppressed of society. Throughout the Old and New Testaments the care of these people is central.

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 1: 5-10

St. Paul writes to the Christians of Thessalonica that he is proud of the courage and faith of the community. Paul rejoices at the effect the Holy Spirit has had on the community through the preaching of his missionary team. The Gentile converts have turned away from pagan idols to follow Jesus Christ and have become a model for all the faithful in Macedonia and Greece.

Gospel : Matthew 22: 34-40

A Scribe whose job is to teach the Law asks Jesus which is the greatest commandment out of ALL the Law and Jesus' answer is from two passages in the Torah. The greatest commandment He says is to love God with your entire being and to love your neighbour as yourself. It is really interesting to note that St. Matthew does not tell us the Scribe's response, but St. Mark tells us that the Scribe was impressed by Jesus' answer and in praising the Lord's response the Scribe demonstrated his deep spiritual understanding of Torah and moreover his willingness to acknowledge that Jesus' answer was correct. The Scribe's honest response prompted Jesus to commend him saying,"You are not far from the kingdom of Heaven." What would our honest response be and would Our Lord commend us?

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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 25th October 30th in Ordinary Time

Mass at St. Laurence 9.30 am

Tuesday 27th October

Zoom Mass 9.30 am

