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The Newsletter of **St Laurence Long Eaton**

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(Year A)

November 8th 2020

Thirty-Second Sunday in OT (Year A) /Remembrance

The Bridegroom is here

The whole of the Christian life, our response to the love of Christ, our waiting with joyful hope for his coming, is summed up in today's celebration in a single word: Wisdom

Mass

First Reading: *Wisdom 6: 12-16*

Responsorial Psalm 62: 2-8

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

Second Reading: *Thessalonians 4: 13-18*

Gospel: *Matthew 25: 1-13*

Hymns All NEH (Green):-

Introit: 417 O God, our help in ages past
Gradual: 490 Judge eternal, throned in splendour
Offertory 273 And now, O Father, mindful of the love
Communion 491 Lord, while for all mankind we pray
Recessional: 495 God is working his purpose out
(All can be heard sung on Youtube.)

Notices

Sunday Mass during lockdown

At the time of going to press with this newsletter the relevant legislation has not yet passed through parliament and there is strong lobbying from the churches and other worship groups to try to keep open for public worship. The likelihood, however, is that churches will not be able to open for public worship for at least the next four weeks so we will be resuming **Sunday Masses on Zoom** as we did during the first lockdown. This will start next Sunday 8 November at 10 am and this will be jointly with Holy Trinity and St Anne's Derby. There is the possibility that the legislation could be amended on it's passage through parliament but this is unlikely. In this event we would contact you later in the week with an update.

The code for accessing the Sunday Zoom Mass is as before but for your information it as follows:- 712 5721 9217.

You can also access the meeting by telephone on any of these numbers:- 0203 051 2874 0203 481 5237 0203 481 5240 0131 460 1196, entering the meeting code above plus #, then ignoring the request for a participant code but simply pressing the # sign again.

It might also be said that these arrangements are expected to last at least until Advent Sunday on 29 November. That will sadly necessitate the postponement of the Confirmation Service we were planning for 22 November. Fr David is to be licensed on 1 December and we hope he will be able to lead services back in our churches on 6 December.

Sandra Ware RIP Funeral Arrangements

The arrangements remain substantially as previously announced. The main change is that the Silver Prize band will no longer be able to play in person, but recordings will be used so we will still be able to appreciate their music as part of the services.

5:00pm Monday 9 November.

Sandra's body will be received into St Laurence. A Requiem Mass will then be celebrated, to be attended primarily by close family and members of the church family. This will include the eulogy/address so that these are not missed by those who are unable to attend the funeral service. We do not expect numbers to exceed the limit but if you are planning on attending it would be appreciated if you could confirm to Fr Giles in advance by phone or e mail if possible so that we can make contingency plans if the numbers are in danger of over-running. At present it looks like there will be plenty of capacity for all those who have so far indicated an intention to attend with some space still spare.

10:15am Tuesday 10 November.

Funeral Service at St Laurence to be followed by private cremation. Recordings of music by the Silver Prize Band will be playing in church from 10:00. For this service priority will be given to family and friends. Numbers are likely to be at or very close to capacity. Anyone from the church family wishing to attend the funeral rather than the requiem please contact Fr Giles to check whether this will be possible. We will do the best we can to accommodate everyone inside but cannot guarantee this.

Glennis Lings RIP - Funeral Arrangements

Glennis's body will be received into church at 4:30 pm on Monday 16 November. Fr Giles will then celebrate a Requiem Mass to pray for Glennis and for all in the parish in this time of pandemic. The funeral will take place at 1:00pm on Tuesday 17 November followed by burial at Longmoor Cemetery. Glennis had a relatively small family and sadly several, including one of her two sons, are unwell and unable to attend. There will be plenty of space within the statutory limits such that anyone from the church family will be most welcome at either or both services.

Br Andrew Smith OPA writes:-

First Reading: *Wisdom 6: 12-16*

Our first reading teaches us that it is the Wisdom of God that guides us in making right decisions and we are strongly urged to seek her on our individual and corporate pilgrimages in this life. God gives us control of our lives through the gift of free-will and we are told that Wisdom gives us the ability to govern ourselves in doing what is right and good according to Moral Law. Wisdom is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, and it is Jesus Christ who is the perfection and fulfilment of God's Wisdom.

Second Reading: *Thessalonians 4: 13-18*

St. Paul explains what will take place when the Lord Jesus returns in glory to gather His Church. His resurrection is the hope of our future resurrection. We must watch for Jesus Christ's return which signals the Church's final victory. He will gather all who acknowledge Him as Lord and Saviour, and both the living and those who are 'asleep' will join Him in the clouds to begin the climax of salvation history.

Gospel : *Matthew 25: 1-13*

Jesus gives another "Kingdom of Heaven" parable, this time using a traditional custom as a vehicle for this teaching, in which the focus is watchfulness and preparedness. The virgins are waiting for the coming of their

bridegroom to take them into the wedding feast. The virgins represent the Christian communities waiting for Jesus the Bridegroom to take them to the wedding feast that is the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. It is the five wise virgins who are watchful, prepared and ready who meet the bridegroom. Jesus exhorts us to be prepared and vigilant because we do not know when He will return.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep us from all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.
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:-

Sunday 8th November 32nd in Ordinary Time / Remembrance

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Tuesday 10th November St Leo the Great

Zoom Mass 9.30 am

Wednesday 11th Nov St Martin of Tours / Foundation of Forward in Faith

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 12th November

Zoom Mass 7.00 pm

Friday 13th November

Zoom Mass 12.00 noon

Sunday 15th November 33rd in Ordinary Time

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Please remember in your prayers:-

Those who are sick, especially: Bob Hulls, 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, Glennis Lings and also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Cyril Peet, John Richards (Bp), Lilian Mary Newcombe, Elizabeth Wragg, Jim Twoney, David Devonport, Pat Hill, Leslie Comery, George William Lings, James Carrol, Doreen Trippitt, Rene Gasgoyne, Peter Malcolm Lings, Florence Smith and Rex Marshall.

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