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The Newsletter of **St Laurence Long Eaton**

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November 15th 2020

Thirty-third Sunday in OT (Year A)

Christ, the Head of His Household

Christ's family, the Church, today holds festival in honour of its Head, and brings to him the talents of a good wife, devoted children, and faithful servants.

Mass

First Reading: *Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31*

Responsorial Psalm 127: 1-5

O blessed are those who fear the Lord

Second Reading: *Thessalonians 5: 1-6*

Gospel: *Matthew 25: 14-30*

Hymns All NEH (Green):-

Introit: 206 Christ is our corner-stone
Gradual: 443 Rejoice, the Lord is King
Offertory 302 O Thou, who at thy eucharist didst pray
Communion 294 Just as I am, without one plea
Recessional: 445 Rock of ages, cleft for me
(All can be heard sung on Youtube.)

Notices

Sunday Mass during lockdown

During the current lockdown, Mass is not allowed to be celebrated in church and we shall be holding **Sunday Masses on Zoom** as we did during the first lockdown. These will start at 10.00 am and will be jointly with Holy Trinity and St Anne's Derby.

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.

Confirmation at St Laurence's

Owing to the second lockdown, the Confirmation service for Jay and Sasha Ellis which the Bishop of Ebbsfleet had been due to conduct on Sunday 22 November has been postponed to a date tba.

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: *Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31*

This is the epilogue to the Book of Proverbs. It forms an acrostic poem where each verse's first letter corresponds to a Hebrew letter in alphabetical order. This reading presents a series of wise sayings from a Mother to her Son concerning the qualities of an ideal wife. The entire poem may be symbolic since the prologue to the Book of Proverbs depicts "Wisdom" personified as a woman who invites everyone to a banquet at her house. The poem is a compliment to the moral strength of all godly women, and this God-given wisdom imbues His creation.

Second Reading: *Thessalonians 5: 1-6*

In St. Paul's letters, the "day of the Lord" refers to the "Second Coming" of Jesus. Paul compares the time leading up to the Last Judgment to a woman experiencing labour pains before childbirth. Night and darkness are symbols of sin and evil in Scripture. Paul says the coming of the Lord will take people by surprise like a thief in the night. We must be vigilant and walk in the light, as Jesus is the light; we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sins.

Gospel : *Matthew 25: 14-30*

Jesus tells a parable about the degrees of the fidelity of a Master's servants and their rewards according to their service. Jesus promises that those servants of His who strive to be faithful by using their gifts to serve the Church, each other, and the Kingdom will receive even more blessings to enrich their lives. However, the warning is that those who neglect their gifts will lose what God initially gave them. Those Christians who refuse to use their gifts are guilty of quenching the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Collect

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,
the constant gladness of being devoted to you,
for it is full and lasting happiness
to serve with constancy the author of all that is good.
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 15th November 33rd in Ordinary Time

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Tuesday 17th November St Hilda

Zoom Mass 9.30 am

Wednesday 18th Nov

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 19th November

Zoom Mass 7.00 pm

Friday 20th November

Zoom Mass 12.00 noon

Sunday 22nd November Christ the King

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: Glennis Lings and also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: James Wragg, Keith Lissett, Mary Ann Mc Covoy,, Frank Parker, Harris Albert Dew, Tom Allen, Vernon West and Mabel Nassau.

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