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The Newsletter of **St Laurence Long Eaton**

April 4th 2021

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Alleluia!

This Eucharist is our Alleluia; our song of thanksgiving and praise to the risen Christ who is our life and whose triumph over death we proclaim to all the world.

Mass

First Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

**This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.**

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

Hymns NEH (Green) :

Introit:	109	Hail thee, Festival Day
Gradual:	102	A brighter dawn is breaking
Offertory	104	At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Communion	310	We hail thy presence glorious
Recessional:	120	Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son

(All can be heard sung on Youtube.)

About today's Mass readings: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

First Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43

At Sunday Mass in Eastertide the first reading comes from the Acts of the Apostles. In today's reading St Peter is speaking to Cornelius. Cornelius was the Roman centurion who already revered God and had had a vision that he should invite Peter to come and instruct him. Peter shows that Jesus was a real human being. He went about, bringing God's peace to everyone he could meet. Nevertheless, he was executed as a criminal. So God reacted by raising him from death to a life that was totally new. This was the fulfilment of all the promises made to Israel, bringing to completion God's plan in creation. Life moved into a new gear. Peter expresses this that God has appointed the Risen Jesus to judge the living and the dead. The Jews expected that at the end of time, at the completion of all things, God would come to set everything to rights, to judge things according to their true worth. Now Peter says that Jesus is the one who will be this judge. Jesus is the Lord who will bring all things to completion and to judgment. By his rising from the dead Jesus comes to this position of supreme authority over the whole world. St Paul elsewhere put it that he was 'constituted Son of God in power' by the Resurrection

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

This reading is the visible tip of an iceberg, of which much more lies below the surface. St Paul here tells us that all our interest must be in heavenly things, the things of Christ, because we share Christ's life. What is more, that life is no ordinary life. What does all this mean? We share Christ's life because faith in Christ means that we put all our trust and hope in Christ. We have been baptised into Christ, that is, by baptism we have been dipped into Christ as into a river, and come up soaked with Christ, or dripping with Christ. I am growing into Christ, share his inheritance, his status as son of God. The well-spring of my life is no longer the ordinary, natural life which enables me to live, breathe, digest, feel, see, sing and play, love and hate. It is the Spirit of Christ which spurs me to generosity, service, kindness, self-control, peace and openness. This life, says Paul, is still hidden, and will be fully manifested only at the coming of Christ. But if I am to be true to my profession of faith in baptism, the principles on which I operate must be those of this risen life of Christ.

Gospel: John 20: 1-9

There are several accounts in the various gospels of the discovery of the empty tomb. The slight variations between them show all the marks of oral tradition, for in genuine oral tradition each 'performance' is different. Different people tell the story slightly differently, stressing different aspects. This story stresses the proof that the tomb really was empty, for the apostles examine the evidence carefully. Other accounts concentrate less on the evidence and more on the message, that they will meet the Risen Lord in Galilee. It was important to establish that the tomb was empty, to prevent the charge that the meetings with the Risen Christ were simply appearances of a ghost. Apart from the proof that this was a real, living and bodily person, these meetings stress two factors: the power of the Risen Christ and the commission given to the disciples. They are to go out into the whole world and spread the message, always accompanied by and strengthened by Christ himself. In this account Simon Peter is clearly the senior, authority figure, to whom the splendidly anonymous Beloved Disciple defers. But it is the love of the Beloved Disciple which immediately brings him to faith. And so must it be with each of us.

Collect:

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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



Please remember in your prayers:

Those who are sick, especially: Kath Green, Jean & Alan Smith, Peter Wrathall, twins Cosima and Tiadora and their mother Leigh Anne, Syd Warren, Maria Perkins, Grace Fouracres, Emma Gallagher, Dexter, Vanessa Jackson, Jean Jarvis, Keith Hann, Ben, Jemima, Lisa and Kes Grant priest with cancer.

Those who have recently died : Dawn Williams, Keith Brocks, Margaret Hall and also those whose anniversary of death falls this week. Roland Hudson, Muriel Rose Parker, William Alfred Wilson, Derek Shattower.

Fr David writes:

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

9.30am THE PARISH MASS at St Laurence

11.15am THE PARISH MASS at Holy Trinity

SOCIAL DISTANCING ... A REMINDER

Please remember that we **MUST** adhere to the guidelines. You should only mix with others from your household in church, and there should be no social activity either before or after Mass. You should leave church quickly and orderly, avoiding any unnecessary interaction with anyone. Should you need to speak to Father David, for example, please stand aside, socially distanced from others. These instructions may appear difficult but, unlike the previous lockdowns, we are allowed to gather for worship, although many people, understandably, will decide to stay away. **Hand sanitiser** is provided in both churches, but **do feel free to use your own if you would prefer**. At St Laurence there is an automated dispenser for use on entry, but please sign the Track and Trace sheet before use, unless you 'check-in' with the NHS Track and Trace app, available in both churches. **Although we are now in the first stage of the easing of the Lockdown these regulations still apply.**

Please also remember ... that the communion greeting 'The Body of Christ', is said only once, and we all respond together, **Amen**. The instructions are that Holy Communion is then given in silence. **Please do not say anything when the priest gives you the host.**

Easter Week in our parishes

Easter Monday 10.00am Mass *at St Laurence* **PLEASE NOTE BANK HOLIDAY TIME**

Easter Tuesday 9.30am Mass *at Holy Trinity*

Easter Wednesday 10.00am Mass *at St Laurence*

Easter Thursday 7.00pm Mass *at Holy Trinity*

Easter Friday 12noon Mass *at St Laurence*

Easter Saturday 9.00am Mass *at St Laurence* **An Easter week special!**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Until Covid restrictions are lifted there will be no set times for confession; please contact Father David for socially distanced appointments.

Father David's rest day this week is Thursday.

Next Sunday 11th April

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (Easter 2)

9.30am THE PARISH MASS *at St Laurence* – NOTE: THE TIME CHANGE HAS BEEN DEFERRED UNTIL THE FURTHER EASING OF LOCKDOWN

11.15am THE PARISH MASS *at Holy Trinity*

Notices

EASTER FLOWERS

If anyone would like to make a donation towards the Easter flowers, will you please give it to Mary West, Chris Ellis or Andrew Sheasby. Thank you.

SASHA ELLIS

As a Lenten offering, Sasha is having her hair cut to donate it to the Little Princess Trust, they provide free real hair wigs to children and young people up to 24 years who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment and other conditions. If you would like to sponsor/donate any money to support Sasha this will be sent along with her hair. Thank you Chris Ellis

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