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THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR
THE PARISH OF ST LAURENCE, LONG EATON
in the Diocese of Derby and the See of Oswestry
www.st-laurence.net

Sunday 6th November 2022
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9.30am THE PARISH MASS
Presider and preacher: Father David

Welcome to our worship this Sunday. Baptised and communicant members of any Christian denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion; if you'd prefer to receive a blessing, please carry a Mass booklet or hymn book with you when you come to the communion point. Gluten-free communion hosts are available – please let a sidesperson know if you require one. Large-print copies of the Order of Mass and children's Mass Booklets are also available. Refreshments are served after Mass in the Hall – please join us.

We begin today our **Health Church Initiative Octave of Prayer.**

Music at St Laurence's this morning

*Today's hymns are from **Hymns Old and New***

Introit	416	Lead us, heavenly Father
Gloria	Gloria 3	
Offertory	418	Let all mortal flesh keep silence
Sanctus	Sanctus 3	
Agnus Dei	Angus Dei 2	
Post Communion	220	Come, praise the Lord
Recessional	663	The Mass is ended*

**The first verse is sung before the Angelus, the remaining verses following.*

Thought for the week

Don't waste your energy and your time – which belong to God – throwing stones at the dogs that bark at you on the way. Ignore them.

St Josemaría Escrivá

Father David's rest day this week is Saturday

THIS WEEK at ST LAURENCE

Wednesday 10.00am Mass

Friday 12noon Mass

*Mass is also celebrated at Holy Trinity, Ilkeston,
on Tuesday at 9.30am and on Thursday at 7.00pm.*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

***A priest is usually available to hear confessions
forty-five minutes before Mass on weekdays,
from 8.30am on Sundays, or by appointment.***

Next Sunday 13th November 2022

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Remembrance Sunday

9.30am THE PARISH MASS OF REQUIEM

for all victims of war

Presider and preacher: Father David

This week's spiritual link from New Pilgrim Path:



New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week:

Anglican and Roman Catholic Prayers for the Dead

New Pilgrim Path's featured website this week continues to explore the November theme of remembering our dead. Roman Catholic and Anglican churches offer a rich treasury of prayers for the dead and for the bereaved, including for those who suffered, sudden, tragic or unexpected deaths. These prayers can offer consolation and hope. Access some of them at www.newpilgrimpath.ie.

New Pilgrim Path is a labour of love. Our small team of two people run it on a shoestring. We neither look for nor accept any form of financial support such as advertising and donations. Our only way of promoting the site is through word of mouth. If you find our website useful, please share the link: www.newpilgrimpath.ie. New Pilgrim Path introduces fellow Christians of all denominations to the great wealth of online spiritual resources that our small

team has discovered and continues to discover. We provide links to, and a brief description of, a variety of resources we have explored and found valuable. In addition to our permanent pages, each week we feature a **Website of the Week**, **Poem of the Week** and **Music of the Week**. We hope these links will help visitors to encounter the person of Christ.

PRAYERS, PLEASE ...

The Sick: Alison Allcorn, Judy Crisp, Elvena Dew, Steven Elliot, Renée Else, Grace Fouracres, Keith Hann, Kati Hart, Jane Hessey, Julie Hunt, Pauline Lawley, Angela Pown, Ian Rogers, Joanne Roughton-Arnold, Bill Turner, Jemima, John and Natalie.

The Recently Departed: Charles Culbert (funeral on Tuesday), Crispin Harrison priest of the Community of the Resurrection, David Rockley.

Anniversaries of death this week: Bruce French, Richard Phillips (Sun), Violet Hopewell, Richard Phillips (Mon), Cyril Peet (Tue), John Richard first Bishop of Ebbsfleet, Lilian Newcombe, Elizabeth Wragg, Jim Twomey, David Devonport, Leslie Comery (Wed), George Lings, James Carrol, Doreen Trippitt (Fri), Rene Gasgoyne, Peter Lings (Sat).

COVID 19 – IT HASN'T GONE AWAY! OUR RESPONSIBILITY OF CARE FOR EACH OTHER PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Following the further lifting of restrictions, but in light of the continuing risk of infection, here at St Laurence you are requested to be measured in your contact with others, who may still be anxious and very concerned. **The Sharing of the Peace** will continue in a 'socially-observant' manner – please don't move around the church. The priest will continue to sanitise his hands before distributing the host, and may choose to wear a face visor/covering during the administration.

PLEASE COLLECT YOUR HEALTHY CHURCHES INITIATIVE INFORMATION LEAFLET AFTER MASS THIS MORNING IF YOU WERE NOT HERE LAST SUNDAY

Items for inclusion in The Gridiron ...
*should be sent to Father David by **Wednesday lunchtime**, please.*

Father David presents ...
A WINE AND CHEESE EVENING
This Friday, 11th November, at 7.00pm
Please sign-up by TODAY if you'd like to attend.

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OF ST LAURENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR
LONG EATON**

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A FORWARD IN FAITH PARISH IN THE SEE OF OSWESTRY AND



About today's Mass readings:

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

In the year 167 BC the Syrian Empire dominated Palestine, and King Antiochus IV Epiphanes decided to make an important step towards unifying his Empire by wiping out the singular worship and religious customs of the Jews. He met stronger resistance than expected, and a great persecution was necessary. The resistance was led by three brothers who were given the name 'Maccabee' or 'Hammer'; they give their name to two biblical Books. Today's reading gives one incident in that persecution. The lasting importance of such an heroic stance was the development of the doctrine of resurrection to new life. Until that time Israel had seen the dead confined to Sheol, a wretched half-life, where the dead had no strength and could not even praise God. Now they saw that God would raise up to new life those who had died for their faith in the persecution. By the time of Jesus this belief in the resurrection of the dead to new life was standard in Israel. Only the traditionalist Sadducees did not accept it.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

The small Christian community at Thessalonika was getting worried. Paul had taught them that Christ had conquered death: for those baptised into Christ death was no more. But then some of the Christians had died. So Paul wrote to them that Christ would soon come in a triumphal procession, bringing with him his followers who had already died. This must have thrown the Thessalonians into a frenzy of excitement at such an imminent Coming, for Paul writes this second letter to them to calm them, explaining that the Coming is not so utterly imminent. They must continue to live life in the world, for there must first be a period in which evil is still at work, a period in which the Word of the Lord is still spreading, as it is among them, and in which they need protection from evil (or the Evil One). The Christian cannot opt out of the world, so needs the strength of the Lord to live the ways of the Lord in a world which fundamentally fails to recognise such ways. And, of course, that is as relevant for Christians today as it was for the Thessalonian church in the First Century AD/CE.

Gospel Reading: Luke 20:27-38

Since they did not believe in the resurrection or any sort of life after death, the Sadducees are trying to make fun of Jesus. By the Levirate Law of Judaism, if a man marries and dies without begetting a son, his nearest male relative is bound to marry his brother's widow and raise up a son in his late brother's name to carry on his line. The Sadducees' neat mockery is to ask

what happens if this is repeated seven times (and worse than that, for, in Judaism, the perfect number 'seven' means *ad infinitum*). Jesus, again with typical neatness, turns their argument by returning to this fundamental text of scripture, God's reply to Moses at the Burning Bush. Not only is this in the present tense, 'I am (still) the God of patriarchs long dead', but it is the fundamental text which guarantees God's rescue and protection to his people through thick and thin. This is one more instance of Jesus' deep control of scripture, of the way he passes over the flippant and superficial arguments of his opponents to penetrate to the basic sense of scripture. To God no-one is 'dead and gone', but we all remain safe in his hands.

Two Saints for this week

St Leo the Great (d. 461). 10th November

St Leo was born in Etruria and became Pope in 440. He was a true shepherd and father of souls. He constantly strove to keep the faith whole and strenuously defended the unity of the Church. He repelled the invasions of the barbarians or alleviated their effects, famously persuading Attila the Hun not to march on Rome in 452, and preventing the invading Vandals from massacring the population in 455. Leo left many doctrinal and spiritual writings behind and a number of them are included in the Office of Readings to this day. He died on this day in 461.

St Martin of Tours (316-397). 11th November

St Martin was born in the Roman province of Pannonia (approximating to the western half of modern Hungary) in about 316 and was educated at Pavia in Italy. He was baptized, left the army and after spending some time as a hermit on an island off the Ligurian coast, founded a monastery at Ligugé in western France, where he lived a monastic life guided by St Hilary of Poitiers. Later he was ordained priest and became bishop of Tours. In his actions he gave an example of what a good shepherd should be. He founded other monasteries, educated the clergy, and preached the Gospel to the poor. He died on this day in 397. The famous story about St Martin is that while a soldier in Amiens he gave half of his military cloak to a beggar and later had a dream in which the beggar revealed himself as Christ. He was a favourite saint in medieval England, and his feast day was popularly known as Martinmas.

