

# St. Laurence's Catholic Church

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**15TH OCTOBER 2017**

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## CONFESSIONS

**Sat. morning after Mass; before Mass on Sat. evening; or by arrangement**

## EMERGENCY PRAYER

**LINES 9 A.M. - 9 P.M.  
276577, 351499, 354060**

## THE PILGRIM

[pilgrim@saintlaurence.org.uk](mailto:pilgrim@saintlaurence.org.uk)

6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Gerald Stewart)

## 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 a.m. Mass (Teresa Welford+)

9.30 a.m. Mass in School (Mr. & Mrs. Beckwith W.A.)

11.00 a.m. Mass (Mrs. Bridget Josaphine Keirnan+)

**Monday 16th October Feria**

9.30 a.m. Mass

1.30 p.m. Requiem Mass (Gene Kocian+)

**Tuesday 17th October St. Ignatius of Antioch**

9.30 a.m. Mass (Ann Noon+)

**Wednesday 18th October St. Luke**

9.30 a.m. Mass

**7.30 p.m. Conversations on Letter of St. Paul to the Romans**

**Thursday 19th October Feria**

9.30 a.m. Mass

**Friday 20th October Feria**

12 noon Requiem Mass (P.J Deane+)

**Saturday 21st October Feria**

9.30 a.m. Mass

6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Michael & Tommy Garrett+)

## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 a.m. Mass

9.30 a.m. Mass in School (Parish)

11.00 a.m. Mass

# SUNDAY READINGS



## **1st Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-10**

This reading from the prophet Isaiah has a vision of hope of a time of joyful celebration for all God's children, when every tear will be wiped away.

## **Psalm Response**

In the Lord's own house I shall dwell forever and ever.

## **2nd Reading: Philippians 4: 12-14. 19-20**

Paul writes that he can face the ups and downs of life with total confidence because he has God's help..

## **Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14**

No matter what race, religion, background they have, God invites all people to heaven.

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## **Parish Forum Monday 16th October 8p.m.**

Please join us in the Parish Room for our Parish open meeting (Forum meetings happen four times per year). We will be discussing the upcoming 60th anniversary of St. Laurence's Church, Christmas and Advent activities, timings of weekday Masses, social events and other Parish News.

## **'Catholicism'**

Following the Diocese's lead, we are screening the 10-part series '**Catholicism**' presented by Bishop Robert Barron,. Author, theologian and podcasting priest, he will explain *what* Catholics believe and *why* while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs and practices of the Catholic tradition.

A fascinating series which brings the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church to life so that you can better understand and share your faith.

The first 4 episodes will be shown on **3 Nov.**, **17 Nov.**, **24 Nov.** and **1 Dec.** with a further 6 episodes on dates to be confirmed after Christmas. Please arrive for **7.15p.m.** in preparation for the screening to start at **7.30p.m.** It will be followed by something to eat and drink and informal discussion.

## **First Holy Communion**

Thank you for the many enquiries about our First Holy Communion programme for children not attending a Catholic school. We will be running our course as usual in the Parish Room which will start on **Saturday 25th November.** More information in next week's newsletter.

I can, however tell you that the First Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated on the weekend of **June 2nd and 3rd 2018** If you would be interested in being part of the team please contact Fr. Pat.

## **Meet and Chat Afternoon with Tea Monday 16th October 2 - 4p.m.**

If anyone would like a lift, please contact any SVP member or call Liz on **07771 613102**

## **The Great Commandment: Charity as Friendship according to St. Thomas Aquinas**

A long conversation at Blackfriars, Cambridge, led by Fr. Bob Eccles o.p. on **Saturday 21st October** beginning with Mass at **9.30 a.m.**

First Session **10.15 to 12.15** in the Old Library followed by Buffet lunch.

Second Session **1.30 to 3.15 p.m.** Suggested donation **£10/£7**

Register at **robert.eccles@english.op.org**

## **Baptism Preparation evening**

On **Monday 23rd October** at **7.30 p.m.** in the Parish Room we have a preparation session for parents, godparents or family members planning for or wanting more information about Baptism. Do come along - you will all be very welcome.

## **Alter Servers Training**

The next training course will start in **mid October**. The course is open to anyone who has completed their first Communion. If you or your child is interested in attending please e-mail **Servers@room86.co.uk**

## **Recycled optical frames**

In Hungary there is a charity that collects used optical frames. In cooperation with optometrists they help people in need to get glasses they otherwise would not be able to afford. While eye tests are free, glasses are not (not even for children) which means that those below the poverty line simply cannot get access to glasses. This charity (Polgar Alapitvány) has recently won an award for their 'Chance for your Eyes' programme. If you have any glasses to donate there is a box **outside the School Office** and in the **Narthex of the Church**. Thank you.

## **Autumn Missio Magazines**

The Magazines are now available in the Church Porch. Please take one.

## **Accommodation wanted**

A 17 year old Italian girl in unsuitable accommodation at present, would like a room with a Catholic family until June of next year. Please contact Parish Office if anyone can help.



Many thanks for your generous offering to the parish last week of **£1161** plus **£637** each week by banker's order.

Retiring collection last week for **CAFOD Harvest Appeal £931**

### **Congratulations**

We welcomed into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism **PATRICK MONGAN.**

May he grow in the faith of Jesus Christ

### **CELEBRATE 28TH - 29TH OCTOBER**

This is a Catholic Charismatic Weekend for the whole family being held at Nicholas Breakspear School, St. Albans, phone **01727 760079** Booking office open now. These weekends provide for the wide variety of age groups within a joy filled, warm atmosphere. Worship, drama, teaching, workshops, Mass and friendships are all key elements that go to make up a Celebrate Weekend.

Places fill up very quickly and booking online is now open **stalbans@celebrateconference.org**. or phone Nessa **07712289434** or Sandy **07714462151** for a seat on the bus and for catering purposes.

### **Volunteers needed for GIFT**

We are looking for young adults to help lead the Youth Group and Confirmation Group.. Volunteers must be 16+ and have been confirmed. Great leadership opportunity for young adults to add to CV or university applications. Please contact **Helena@plai-theatre.org** if you are interested.

**Holy Hour** Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is every Wednesday **6.00 p.m. until 7.00 p.m.** All welcome even for just a few moments.

### **Soulfood Prayer Group**

Every **1st** and **3rd** Tuesdays at **8.00 p.m.** at St. Laurence's and every **2nd** and **4th** Tuesdays at **8.00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall of Our Lady & the English Martyrs church.

***Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:*** Jacinta Serantes, Hida Finney, Kathleen O'Dwyer, Marcus Carr, Esther Hervy, Patrick Harte, Mary McParlin, Ronald Newbugging, Johannes Bussmann, Fr. Ben Grist.

***Also for those who are sick:*** Louise McEwan, Martin Cox, Charles McEwan, Ruth Lindsey-Scott, Madeline Stacey, John Steel, Hyeyoen Kim, David Tomlinson, Patrick Hickey, Diogenes Da Costa, Kathie Scott, Marina Rowland, John Gannon, Teresa Brett, Angel Fernandez Garcia, Nora O'Reilly, Rebecca Londei and Portia Pedragosa.