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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

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6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Paul & Mary Black's 60th Wedding Anniversary) *Blessing please*

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 a.m. Mass

9.30 a.m. Mass in Church (Parish)

11.00 a.m. Mass

Monday 4th September Feria
9.30 a.m. Mass (Elizabeth Afua Paul-Mensar+)

Tuesday 5th September Feria
9.30 a.m. Mass (Ida & Gracie's birthday)

Wednesday 6th September St. Teresa of Calcutta
9.30 a.m. Mass (Romano+)

Thursday 7th September Feria
9.30 a.m. Mass

Friday 8th September The Nativity of the BVM
12.30 p.m. Mass (Thanksgiving, protection & guidance for 1st Grandchild)

Saturday 9th September Feria
9.30 a.m. Mass (Martin & Rose [thanksgiving])
6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass (Warren Coyle+)

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.00 a.m. Mass (Lucy Canning's intentions)

9.30 a.m. Mass in School (Ken Penn+)

11.00 a.m. Mass (Parish)

SUNDAY READINGS



1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9

In our reading from Jeremiah today the prophet remembers how he has suffered rejection because of the truth he proclaims, but he recognizes that the love of God is more important to him than popularity.

Psalm Response

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

2nd Reading: Romans 12: 1-2

Saint Paul speaks to the Romans about the core of the Christian life: our faith in the mercy of God. It is because we have been gifted with God's glorious mercy that we must respond in obedience and service to his will.

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27

Faced with the prospect of imminent death people do not waste words but focus on what is most important. In today's Gospel Jesus refuses to turn back from the path he has taken, even though he knows it will lead to the cross. For him, the worst thing is not to die, but rather not to live as his Father wants him to live.

The Pilgrim

THE PILGRIM will be available this weekend. Please take a copy.

Cafod Connect2:Peru

THIS weekend is our regular retiring collection "*A Pound for Peru*" when each family is asked, if possible, to give **£1** to fund our parish project which supports two poor parishes in Peru. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Update from Connect2:Peru

See Cafod noticeboard in Narthex for news of wonderful redevelopment of children's play park with our partners in CEAS and Warmi Huasi and read about an important step forward for the people of Cruz de Mayo in their relationship with the hydroelectric company over the management of Lake Paron. Thanks you for your continued support.

Catholic Womens' League, Cambridge Section

The CWL will be holding a light lunch at St. Laurence's after the **12.30 p.m.** Mass on **Friday 8th September**. Donations will be for CWL Charities. All are welcome to attend meetings of the League. The lunch will be followed by a talk about **EMMAUS**.

Wanted by the SVP for families in our Parish

Clothes for 9 - 12 month old baby boy, a 2 - 3 year old girl and a 3 - 4 year old boy needed. Also a double buggy.

Please leave in the Narthex for **SVP** or call **07771 613102** for collection.

Lunch Club

On **Thursday 7th September** the Lunch Club will be meeting at the Heath Court Hotel, Newmarket for lunch at 12 noon. If you wish to go please telephone Anne Maddocks, **351499** or Joel Fernandes **07805 402869** for further details and transport.

Mass for the Innocent 7.30 p.m. 13th September

If you have suffered miscarriage, stillbirth, or had the pain of handing your little one back to God through abortion, come and find peace and release which is yours for the asking. This Mass is for both men and women. ***Please take a flier for those who you may feel are in need.*** You are all welcome. For more info please phone **01223 704640** or **07714462151**.

GIFT - Growing in Faith Together

GIFT is St. Laurence's Youth Group for young adults aged 11 - 16 years old. The Youth Group's original goals are to build a community of young parishioners that can support one another through Confirmation and as they prepare for their college years. Through games, nibbles and team building activities led by the Holy Spirit, this will be a great chance for the youth to get to know other young parishioners and strengthen their commitment to the parish. The first meeting will take place **Friday, September 22nd from 6 - 8pm in the Parish Room.**

Volunteers needed for **GIFT** - we are looking for young adults to help lead the Youth Group. They 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.

Accommodation wanted

A professional male parishioner is looking for accommodation to rent with car parking facilities. Present accommodation being sold. Please telephone **07881535940** or email **johnrpowlitch@googlemail.com**



Many thanks for your generous offering to the parish last week of **£1038** plus **£430** each week by banker's order. Retiring collection will be for **Connect2:Peru**

Congratulations

We welcomed into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism **MARGARET PHILOMENA SHERIDAN** and **ERIN EVELYN GIPP**.

May they grow in the faith of Jesus Christ

Vigil for Peace - Sunday 10th September 7 - 8pm in advance of the international arms trade fair in London DSE1

This is organised by the Cambridge Justice and Peace group & Pax Christi. *'We don't need guns and bombs to bring peace. We need love and compassion'* - St. Teresa of Calcutta.

Conversations on LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Every Wednesday (**from 6th September**) in the Parish room with Fr. Bob from **7.30 pm - 8.30 pm** followed by refreshments. New Revised Standard Version recommended. **ALL WELCOME.**

Little Ways Healing Day

The Little Ways Healing Day which is in Oxford on **21st October**, is a Regional Day **ONLY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ON THEIR COURSE**. It is a closed session. My apologies to everyone. Sandy

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: John Collins, Warren Coyle, Brian Lewis, Mary Hunt, Thomas Hunt, John Riddy, Donald Eagling, John Tyrell, Thomas Wood, Owen Murray, Arthur Noakes, Matilda Piper, Joan Rowe, Filomena Martinelli, Johanna Rowan.

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 and Rebecca Londei .