

The Church of Saint Laurence, Upminster  
**PORCHTALK**



Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February

**Welcome to Saint Laurence.**

Adventurers (groups for children and young people) meet during the 9.30 am Mass. Leaders will normally invite children to join in with these at the appropriate point in the service. Activity packs and children's service books are available from the back of church.

You are warmly invited to stay for refreshments in the Minor Hall after the 9.30 Mass.

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| <b>Today</b>                | Holy Communion                      | 8.00 am       |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> February   | Sung Parish Mass                    | 9.30 am       |
| <i>Sunday next</i>          | Baptism                             | 11.30 am      |
| <i>before Lent</i>          | Quinquagesima Lunch,                | 12.30 for 1pm |
|                             | Organ Teaching                      | 3.00pm        |
|                             | Evensong on Zoom                    | 6.30 pm       |
| <b>Monday</b>               | Organ Teaching                      | 9.15.am       |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> February   |                                     |               |
| <b>Wednesday</b>            | Morning Prayer, Lady Chapel         | 8.45 am       |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> February   | Staff Meeting, Parish Office        | 9.00 am       |
| <i>Ash Wednesday</i>        | Said Mass, with imposition of Ashes | 11.00 am      |
|                             | Sung Mass with imposition of Ashes  | 8.00 pm       |
| <b>Thursday</b>             | Organ Teaching                      | 9.00 am       |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> February   |                                     |               |
| <b>Friday</b>               | Organ Teaching                      | 9.00 am       |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> February   | Coffee Morning, Main Hall           | 10.30 am      |
|                             | Organ Teaching                      | 2.00 pm       |
|                             | Stations of the Cross               | 7.30 pm       |
| <b>Next Sunday</b>          | Holy Communion                      | 8.00 am       |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> February   | Sung Parish Mass                    | 9.30 am       |
| <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> | Compline on Zoom                    | 6.30 pm       |

*Evensong readings this Sunday: Ecclesiasticus 48.1-10, Matthew 17.9-23*

*Mass readings next Sunday: Romans 5:12-19, Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7, Matthew 4.1-11*

*Compline readings next Sunday: Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 16-end, Luke 15:1-10*

**Saturday Pathsweepers:** 21<sup>st</sup> Feb - Skinner & Mowat

**Coffee:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - Beryl, Maureen & Walter

*Please let Revd Susannah or Deborah Masterson know of anyone who is ill or in need of a pastoral visit, or housebound and wanting to receive the sacrament at home – or if you would appreciate a conversation or visit for any reason.*

# NOTICES

**During our Parish Mass today** we welcome George and Noah Snazel and their family following their recent baptisms.

**Coffee today** will be in the Minor Hall. The Lent lunch also begins there with drinks from 12.30pm, followed by lunch at 1pm in the Main Hall.

**Gill Roome would like to thank** everyone who supported her card sale and raffle. £255 was raised for the Lent Charity Meningitis Now of which £75 was taken on the raffle.

**Ash Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February** - There will be a Said Mass at 11am and a Sung Mass at 8pm, both with the opportunity to receive the sign of the cross in ashes.

**Stations of the Cross** - once again we will be sharing this liturgy with St Joseph's Catholic Church on Friday evenings in Lent. All at 7.30pm, venues as follows - St Laurence: 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 6<sup>th</sup> Mar, 20<sup>th</sup> Mar. St Joseph's: 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 13<sup>th</sup> Mar, 27<sup>th</sup> Mar.

**Lent book/course:** We will be holding a Lent course on Wednesdays in Lent (25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup> Mar, 11<sup>th</sup> Mar, 18<sup>th</sup> Mar, 25<sup>th</sup> Mar) at 11.45am in the Parish Office. We will be using the book 'Meeting God in John' by David F. Ford. Please let Susannah know if you would like to join the course. You will need to purchase a copy of the book. If you cannot attend the course, you may still like to follow the book at home - it is suitable for both group and individual use.

**Servers** - If any children or adults would be interested in joining our team of altar servers, please speak to Susannah, or to Michael Masterson. We are always pleased to welcome new participants!

**Save the Dates** -Building Improvements fundraising events: Quiz (run by Tony Bloomfield) - evening of Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May; BBQ - late afternoon/early evening of Sat 18<sup>th</sup> July. More details to follow!

**Revision of Electoral Roll** will be from 1st March to 22<sup>nd</sup> March. You are eligible for the roll if you are aged 16 or over, baptized and consider yourself a member of St Laurence. If you would like an application form, or have any questions, please speak to Keith Stewart, our Electoral Roll Officer, on 01708 227928.

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting.** Please note that the date for this year's APCM is Sunday 19th April, after the 9.30am Mass. At this meeting we will be electing Parochial Church Council members, Church Wardens and representatives for Deanery Synod - important decision-making roles and groups in the life of the church. Please speak to Susannah if you would be interested in considering these roles.

*Please consult notice boards under the tower and in the porch for other notices and further information*



# AT THE MASS

15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

*Sunday next before Lent*

**Introit** 541 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour

**Setting** Mass of St Thomas - Thorne

## **Collect of the Day**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **Exodus 24:12-end**

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

## Responsorial Psalm 2

*cf. v. 12* Hap - py are all who take their re - fuge in him.



7 I will proclaim the decree of the Lord; ♦  
he said to me: 'You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.  
8 'Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance ♦  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.  
9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron ♦  
and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'

10 Now therefore be wise, O kings; ♦  
be prudent, you judges of the earth.  
11 Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling kiss his feet, ♦  
lest he be angry and you perish from the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
12 Happy are all they ♦  
who take refuge in him.

### 2 Peter 1:16-end

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**Alleluia**

Taizé

## **Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

### **Welcome following Baptism**

We welcome George and Noah into our fellowship, following their recent baptism.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: [name], by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**All    We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
         we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
         we welcome you.**

The priest will give George and Noah a lighted candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

**All    Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

**Offertory hymn**            422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

**Anthem**                    My eyes for beauty pine – Text: Bridges.  
                                      Music: Howells.

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| <b>Communion hymn</b>  | 281 Tis good, Lord, to be here                            |
| <b>Final hymn</b>      | 488 Church of God, elect and glorious                     |
| <b>Organ Voluntary</b> | Allegro Risoluto from Plymouth Suite<br>- Percy Whitlock. |

## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

*Prayer request forms are available at the back of church. Please use them if you wish us to pray for someone.*

**Sunday:** Pam Chapman, Keith Sharp, Steve Martin, Vicki Hobbs, Fr. Gareth Bowen, Ricky Schrembri, Mary Ann Madden, Rosalind Manley, Simon Pols, Brian Shaw, Glynis Whiting, Sylvia Wilson, Maria, Marie Tyler, Alan Butcher, Daphne Martineau.

**Wednesday:** Denise Comer, Baby Charles, Doreen, Michael Folkes, Mary Greig, Stanley Oliver, Alan Jones, Sandra Clarke, Michael McSweeney Terry Evens.

**Additional Prayers:** All those receiving Home Communion.

**Recently departed:** Geoffrey James, Matthew Murray.

**Anniversaries of the departed:** Lilian Staines, Fred McGuire, Jack Woodroffe, Hilda Goer, Joan Kydd, Daphne Sawyer, Joan Herbert, Jim Menah, Joan Larkin, Roy Walker, Pat Worton, Margaret Blanch

## CHARITY OF THE MONTH FEBRUARY AND MARCH



Donation envelopes are on the notice board at the back of church.

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## **DONATIONS**

A cash collection will be taken during Sunday morning services for church funds, which support our mission and ministry including the upkeep of this historic site. If you do not carry cash, we also have a card machine located by the main door which can be used before or after the service.

If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider Gift Aiding your donation - either via the machine or (for cash) using the envelope available in the pew. This means that your donation will be worth more to the church but at no extra cost to you.

If you would like information about joining our Planned Giving scheme, leaflets are available from the back of church.

Thank you - whatever you feel disposed to give will be thankfully received and faithfully applied.

## **EASYFUNDRAISING**

The church is registered (as St Laurence Church, Upminster) on [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) - if you register an account, select the church as a cause and download the web browser extension then every time you spend money on many retail websites and have activated the extension, a percentage of your spend will be donated to St Laurence at no cost to you. The individual amounts are small but every little adds up - please help us via this route if you can.

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP.....**

If you would like to know about sponsorship, please pick up a leaflet from the back of church or speak to Jean and Cheryl (Churchwardens), Susannah (Rector) or Verity (Parish Administrator).

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**Welcome to the Parish Church of Upminster.** If we have not met you before, do introduce yourself. If you wish, give these details to one of the officials.

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**Revd Susannah sends a weekly email about services, news and events.  
Please email her if you would like to receive her emails.**