

# TRINITY

The Newsletter of **Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

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September 6th 2020

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
( Year A )

## ***Christ Who Paid the Debt of Love***

*Christ became our brother and made himself responsible for us, his brothers and sisters. He contracted the debt of mutual love. All he asks of us is that we should do the same.*

Mass

First Reading: *Ezekiel 33: 7-9*

Responsorial Psalm 94: 1-2, 6-9

**O that today you would listen to his voice!**  
**Harden not your hearts.**

Second Reading: *Romans 13: 8-10*

Gospel: *Matthew 18: 15-20*

Hymns All NEH ( Green ):-

Introit: 408 Love Divine, all loves excelling,  
Gradual: 73 My God, I love thee; not because  
Offertory 384 Jesu, my Lord, my God, my All  
Communion 283 Father, see thy children bending at thy throne  
Recessional: 409 Love of the Father, love of God the Son  
( All can be heard sung on Youtube or music streaming services. )

## **Notices:-**

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### **Friends of Holy Trinity Ilkeston Lottery**

Because of the Covid-19 lockdown and subsequent issues with social distancing and interaction the lottery has not been drawn since February. Roughly half the contributions made by Friends on a regular monthly basis go for the monthly lottery prize whilst the other half is eventually paid towards the upkeep of the church. In view of the extraordinary circumstances we have faced over the last months the Trustees have considered how to deal with this. We would propose that for the six months March to August inclusive that the amount that would otherwise have been paid out in prizes is paid to the church fabric fund, so this will mean a payment of £360. The lottery prize draw will then start again in September. We hope that everyone who subscribes is happy with this - any questions please let Geoff know. **Geoff Raby, Nicky Bailey, Paul Smith and David Hudson (Trustees of Friends of Holy Trinity Ilkeston)**

### **Br Andrew Smith OPA writes:-**

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**First Reading: *Ezekiel 33: 7- 9***

It is the role of a prophet first and foremost to show others how God sees them. Ezekiel is being exceptionally blunt when addressing the people of Israel; yet again they have turned their backs on God and each other. Sin has damaged the relationship and fabric of Israel. He warns the people that they can't just shrug off a God-given duty and responsibility for each other simply because they 'can't be bothered,' 'too busy,' or believe its 'nothing to do with me;' after all the greatest commandment is to love God and your neighbour as yourself.

**Second Reading: *Romans 13: 8-10***

Paul is reminding the Christian community in Rome, how to live as followers of Jesus and he begins with the greatest of commandments (see above); then selects examples from the Ten Commandments. Despite these being negative expressions, they contain within them positive values that are necessary for a loving society. Paul points out that we can so easily fool ourselves into thinking that we are showing love, when it is actually selfishness. It is in his first letter to the church in Corinth [*1 Corinthians 13* ] where Paul gives us a benchmark for true love.

**Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20 [ Luke 17: 3 ]**

Our Gospel reading from Matthew is about reconciliation. Jesus teaches us that sin damages and impedes our relationship with each other, society, and with God. The way we are to deal with sin is by acknowledging the wrong we have done whether intentionally or not. It is through the reconciling action of Jesus – His passion, death and resurrection that we all are forgiven, and strengthened through the Sacraments, prayer and by each other we resolve once again not to fall into sin.

**Collect**

O God by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,  
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,  
that those who believe in Christ  
may receive true freedom  
and an everlasting inheritance.  
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

**Services for this Sunday and the week ahead:-**

For the time being the pattern of services continues the same as in recent weeks, with a Sunday Mass in church, and Zoom Masses at the usual times during the week. Zoom login details remain the same each week.

**Sunday 6th September 23rd in Ordinary Time**

Mass at Holy Trinity 11.00 am

**Tuesday 8th September Birth of the BVM**

Zoom Mass 9.30 am

**Wednesday 9th September**

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

**Thursday 10th September St Gregory the Great**

Zoom Mass 7.00 pm

**Friday 11th September**

Zoom Mass 12.00 noon

**Sunday 13th September 24th in Ordinary Time**

Mass at Holy Trinity 11.00 am

**Please remember in your prayers:-**

Those who are sick, especially: Margaret Tyler, Debbie Collins, Maria Perkins, Joyce Seals, Maureen Benson, Stuart Jackson and family, Andrew Smith, Amanda Green, Bethany, Betty Fisher, Michael Gallagher, and Tanya and family.

Those who have recently died: Vic Daniel, John Nottingham, and David Nottingham; and also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Evelyn Mitchell, Eric Stevenson, Agnes Beardsley, John Riley, Peter Bopstock, John Cooper, Roy Smedley, and James Phillips.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of the late Peter Bostock, and also of the late Eric Stevenson.

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