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The Newsletter of **Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

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November 8th 2020

Thirty-Second Sunday in OT (Year A) /Remembrance

The Bridegroom is here

The whole of the Christian life, our response to the love of Christ, our waiting with joyful hope for his coming, is summed up in today's celebration in a single word: Wisdom

Mass

First Reading: *Wisdom 6: 12-16*

Responsorial Psalm 62: 2-8

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

Second Reading: *Thessalonians 4: 13-18*

Gospel: *Matthew 25: 1-13*

Hymns All NEH (Green):-

Introit: 417 O God, our help in ages past
Gradual: 490 Judge eternal, throned in splendour
Offertory 273 And now, O Father, mindful of the love
Communion 491 Lord, while for all mankind we pray
Recessional: 495 God is working his purpose out
(All can be heard sung on Youtube.)

Br Andrew Smith OPA writes:-

First Reading: *Wisdom 6: 12-16*

Our first reading teaches us that it is the Wisdom of God that guides us in making right decisions and we are strongly urged to seek her on our individual and corporate pilgrimages in this life. God gives us control of our lives through the gift of free-will and we are told that Wisdom gives us the ability to govern ourselves in doing what is right and good according to Moral Law. Wisdom is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, and it is Jesus Christ who is the perfection and fulfilment of God's Wisdom.

Second Reading: *Thessalonians 4: 13-18*

St. Paul explains what will take place when the Lord Jesus returns in glory to gather His Church. His resurrection is the hope of our future resurrection. We must watch for Jesus Christ's return which signals the Church's final victory. He will gather all who acknowledge Him as Lord and Saviour, and both the living and those who are 'asleep' will join Him in the clouds to begin the climax of salvation history.

Gospel : *Matthew 25: 1-13*

Jesus gives another "Kingdom of Heaven" parable, this time using a traditional custom as a vehicle for this teaching, in which the focus is watchfulness and preparedness. The virgins are waiting for the coming of their bridegroom to take them into the wedding feast. The virgins represent the Christian communities waiting for Jesus the Bridegroom to take them to the wedding feast that is the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. It is the five wise virgins who are watchful, prepared and ready who meet the bridegroom. Jesus exhorts us to be prepared and vigilant because we do not know when He will return.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep us from all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.
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.

Notices:-

Sunday Mass during lockdown

At the time of going to press with this newsletter the relevant legislation has not yet passed through parliament and there is strong lobbying from the churches and other worship groups to try to keep open for public worship. The likelihood, however, is that churches will not be able to open for public worship for at least the next four weeks so we will be resuming **Sunday Masses on Zoom** as we did during the first lockdown. This will start next Sunday 8 November at 10 am and this will be jointly with St Laurence's and St Anne's Derby. Opening the church for **private prayer** is allowed and we will open on Saturday mornings from 10am till noon - starting this Saturday 7 November. We are also proposing to resume weekly telephone calls so that we can all stay in touch during this lockdown period.

There is the possibility that the legislation could be amended on it's passage through parliament but this is unlikely. In this event we would contact you later in the week with an update.

The code for accessing the Sunday Zoom Mass is as before but for your information it as follows:- 712 5721 9217.

You can also access the meeting by telephone on any of these numbers:- 0203 051 2874 0203 481 5237 0203 481 5240 0131 460 1196, entering the meeting code above plus #, then ignoring the request for a participant code but simply pressing the # sign again.

Sandra Ware RIP - Funeral Arrangements

On the basis of the current COVID regulations, the funeral arrangements are as follows:

5:00pm Monday 9 November. Sandra's body will be received into St Laurence's. A Requiem Mass will then be celebrated, to be attended primarily by close family and members of the church family. We do not expect numbers to exceed the limit of 30 but if you are planning on attending it would be appreciated if you could confirm to Fr Giles in advance by phone or e mail if possible so that we can make contingency plans if the numbers are in danger of over-running.

10:15am Tuesday 10 November. Funeral Service at St Laurence to be followed by private cremation. For this service priority will be given to family and friends. The Silver Prize Band will be playing hymns outside the West doors of the church from 10:00. All from the church family are welcome to

attend in the churchyard to listen to the hymns, and if there is room inside for the service will gladly be allowed in.

Confirmation at St Laurence's

On Sunday 22 November the Bishop of Ebbsfleet will be visiting St Laurence's to confirm Jay and Sasha Ellis. This will take place as part of the St Laurence Sunday Mass which will be moved from the morning to 4:00 pm. There will still be a Mass at 11:00 am at Holy Trinity. Please keep Jay and Sasha in your prayers as they prepare for this special day.

In normal circumstances there would be an open invitation to all at Holy Trinity to go to St Laurence's to join in, but Covid-19 restrictions mean that some caution is required. It would therefore be useful to know in advance how many people from Holy Trinity would want to attend and will you therefore please contact Nicky or Geoff by 15 November at the latest if you would like to go. We will then be able to assess if the number can be accommodated within the Covid-19 capacity for St Laurence's. Unfortunately the normal car sharing arrangements are not possible because of the restrictions on household mixing.

Services for this Sunday and the week ahead:-

Sunday 8th November 32nd in Ordinary Time / Remembrance

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Tuesday 10th November St Leo the Great

Zoom Mass 9.30 am

Wednesday 11th Nov St Martin of Tours / Foundation of Forward in Faith

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Thursday 12th November

Zoom Mass 7.00 pm

Friday 13th November

Zoom Mass 12.00 noon

Sunday 15th November 33rd in Ordinary Time

Zoom Mass 10.00 am

Please remember in your prayers:-

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

Those who have recently died, especially Sandra Ware, and Jeffrey Maycock; and also those whose anniversary of death falls this week:-Ethel Lacey, Helen Freestone, Percy Williams, Kenneth M Smith, and Joan Saville.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of the late Dennis Fisher; and also of departed members of the Bailey/Barker families.

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