**TRINITY**

The Newsletter of **Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 17th March 2024**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (Year B)**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Bob Boyle**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

*Today’s hymns are from*  ***New English Hymnal (Green)***

**Introit**  70 Christian, dost thou see them?

**Psalm** Psalm 50

**Gradual** 83 Glory be to Jesus

**Offertory** 471 We love the place, O God

**Sanctus**  Sanctus 2

**Agnus Dei** Agnus Dei 2

**Communion**  294 Just as I am

**Recessional** 67 Forty days and forty nights

**Services for the week ahead at Holy Trinity**

**Tuesday 19th March 9.30 am Mass Fr Neil Broadbent**

**Thursday 21st March 7.00 pm Mass Fr Bob Boyle**

**Next Sunday 24th March 2024**

**Palm Sunday 11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Neil Broadbent**

**We are pleased to welcome Fr Bob Boyle as Celebrant and Preacher at Mass this morning .**

Welcome to our worship this Sunday. Baptised and communicant members of any Christian denomination are welcome to receive Holy Communion; if you’d prefer to receive a blessing, please carry a Mass booklet or hymn book with you when you come to the communion point. Gluten-free communion hosts are available – please let a sidesperson know if you require one. Large-print copies of the Order of Mass and children’s Mass Booklets are also available. Refreshments are served after Mass in the Hall – please join us.

**PLEASE KEEP A TIME OF QUIET AND PRAYERFUL REFLECTION AS WE PREPARE TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST TOGETHER.**

**This week's news:**

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**Spring cleaning, Friday 22 March**

The church will be open on Friday 22nd March from 9.30-12.30 for cleaning to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. If you have an hour or so to spare there will be jobs to do so please come and join us Refreshments provided. **Rosemary and Christine**

**Visit to Hoar Cross**

We are all invited to a visit to the wonderful Church of the Holy Angels, Hoar Cross (10 miles West of Burton-on-Trent) on **Tuesday 19th March**, a jewel of Victorian no-expense-spared church building. 1100 - Mass (St Joseph) to be celebrated by Fr Giles Orton, 1130 – 1215 church open (well worth a look around), 1215- Stations of the Cross. To be followed by lunch at the Meynell Ingram Arms (optional). All welcome to all or any part of the day. Please advise Fr Giles if you would like  a place booking for lunch. (07768 827 101 or [frgilesorton@fastmail.fm](mailto:frgilesorton@fastmail.fm))

**The Kitchen**

Environmental health inspectors came to Holy Trinity recently to check that everything was in order with our  church hall kitchen. Thanks to the care that Rosemary, Christine and others give to the kitchen, it passed the inspection with flying colours and has retained its 5 star rating for another 3 years. We're most grateful to all who help in the kitchen but particularly to Rosemary and Christine.     **Geoff and Sharon**

**See of Oswestry Chrism Mass 25 March**

This Chrism Mass is being held at Lichfield Cathedral at 11 am and all are welcome to go. Please see the poster on the notice board for details about the whole day. **Geoff**

**Bishop Paul's Pastoral Message to the faithful of the See of Oswestry on the first day of Lent**

The Bishop has sent a message at the beginning of Lent and a copy of this can be found on the notice board for you to read. If anyone would like a separate copy of this please let us know and we will provide one. **Geoff and Sharon**

**Lectio Divina – Bible Study in the Benedictine Style**

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month, in the Church Hall at 1:20pm for 1.30pm and the study aims to finish just before 3:00pm, for a time of prayer. A few dates for your diary: 27th March, 24th April, 22th May, 26th June, 24th July, 28th Aug. . Helen has kindly agreed to lead the study whilst I’m laid up. Everyone is welcome! **Andrew Smith**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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Those who are sick: Pam Bailey, Margaret Barton, Colin Booth, Irene Bostock, Fr Michael Brinkworth, Carole Chapman, Frank Clewes, Chris Dickinson, Betty Fisher, Anne and Nigel Gamble, Karen Hamblin, Jean Jarvis, Anne Riley, and Andrew Smith.

All who have recently died: especially: Fred Iliffe, and Glenis Boulton. Please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week, Alice Barfield, Melvyn Draycott, Jacqueline Bell, and Alfred Lacey.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of the late Pat Whitfield.

**Contacts at Holy Trinity:**

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**Newsletter** Please send material for each Sunday's Newsletter to Richard Pykett as soon as it is ready, and at the latest by 12 noon on the previous Wednesday. 07850 428299.

Email: *richard.pykett@techademic.net,* Copies of the Newsletter are available in Church each Sunday morning, on our Website, and by email. Please let me know if you would like to be added to or removed from the email distribution list **Richard Pykett**

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Tel. 0115 932 2796, or email: hudson.owlhudson@btinternet.com The Church Hall is a community facility and we welcome bookings especially from local people and groups. Please contact Christine for further details and availability.

**About today’s Mass readings: Andrew Smith writes:**

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**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**The Theme of the Readings: A New Covenant for Transformed Lives**

Hope and promise are the focus of today's readings.  God tells the prophet Jeremiah ‘the days are coming’ for a spiritually restored people in a New Covenant.  And Jesus announces that His ‘hour has come’ to fulfil God's divine plan for humanity.  Jesus fulfils the Old Covenant and manifests the new and eternal covenant God promised Jeremiah in the ‘hour’ of His Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension to the Father.  Jeremiah writes that the New Covenant will initiate the return of Israel's exiled people from the ends of the earth and will create in God's people a new heart.  Jesus' ‘hour’ will bring about a New Covenant in His Blood in which ‘true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth;’ all nations will look to Christ when He is ‘lifted up’ on the Cross for their salvation.

In the First Reading (**Jeremiah 31:31-34**), God's sixth-century BCE prophet, Jeremiah, promises a ‘New Covenant’ that is more than a political or national restoration of Israel and Judah's divided kingdom.  It will bring about a spiritual restoration of God's covenant people and the forgiveness of their sins.  Jesus' New Covenant is the fulfilment of Jeremiah's prophecy.  His Passion and Resurrection will bring about a universal call to salvation, as prophesied by the prophet Simeon at baby Jesus' Temple dedication.

The Responsorial Psalm (**Ps50 (51)**) today, which is attributed to King David, is the most famous of the seven Penitential Psalms.  We join with the psalmist in his heartfelt contrition for his sins and his deeply felt desire to reconcile himself with the Lord as we call out with him, ‘A pure heart create for me, O God.’

Our Epistle Reading, from the **Letter to the Hebrews (5:7-9**), contains a concise summary of Jesus' life on earth.  St. Cyril of Alexandria wrote that Jesus ‘offered his life as a model of saintly existence to be used by earthly beings, he took on the weaknesses of humanity, and what was his purpose in doing this?  That we might truly believe that he became man, although he remained what he was, namely God’ (Letter to Euopitus, Anathema, §10).

In today’s Gospel Reading (**John 12:20-33**), Jesus prophesies His death in the Parable of The Seed that Dies.  However, Jesus isn't only predicting His coming crucifixion. He is also prophesying His Ascension to God the Father.  Then He will be ‘raised high and greatly exalted,’ just as it was the custom for the Davidic kings to be elevated above their subjects.  In the inauguration of the New Covenant in the blood of Christ, the Lord God created in His spiritually reborn people a ‘clean heart’ through the Sacrament of Baptism.  He welcomed them into a new and eternal Covenant through the One who became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. Jesus' submission to His Father's will to redeem humanity inspired His entire life.  His mission was the focus of His life, from the Incarnation to His Passion, in fulfilment of His Father's divine plan of all encompassing redemptive love.

**Saint of the Week:**

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**Saint Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop (23rd March)**

Turibius was born in Spain during 1538, to a devout noble family in the kingdom of Leon. He went on to study law at the University of Salamanca, his judicial wisdom drew the attention of King Philip II, who wanted Turibius to be consecrated as a missionary archbishop for the Spanish colony of Peru. He was consecrated as a bishop in 1581, at the age of 43, and immediately left for Lima, Peru. As he travelled throughout his Archdiocese celebrating the sacraments and teaching, he established schools, seminaries and hospitals. To the indigenous Peruvians, the archbishop was a herald of the Gospel who held their lives as more precious than their country's supplies of gold and silver, but to the many colonists he was a ‘prophetic scourge’. He became seriously ill in 1606 and died on March 23rd; his body was found to be incorrupt and remains so to this day.