**TRINITY**

The Newsletter of **Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 24th March 2024**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Neil Broadbent**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

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

**Processional** 509All glory, laud and honour

**Psalm** Psalm 21

**Gradual** 63 All ye who seek a comfort sure

**Offertory** 73 My God I love thee

**Sanctus**  Sanctus 2

**Agnus Dei** Agnus Dei 2

**Communion**  304 Once, only once, and once for all

**Recessional** 76 Take up thy cross

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

**For services for Holy Week and Easter Sunday at Holy Trinity please see overleaf.**

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

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.

**Holy Week and Easter at Holy Trinity**

**Holy Tuesday 26th March**

9.30 am Mass Fr Michael Brinkworth (subject to his being available)

**Holy Thursday 28th March**

7.00 pm Sung Mass Celebrant: Fr Ken Johnson

**Friday 29th March**

3.00 pm Good Friday Liturgy Fr Ken Johnson

**Saturday 30th March**

7.00 pm Easter Vigil Mass Celebrant: Fr Ken Johnson

**Sunday 31st March Easter Day**

11.00 am Parish Mass Celebrant: Fr Neil Broadbent

**This week's news:**

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**British Summer Time**

A reminder that British Summer Time begins next weekend, and clocks should be put forward one hour on the night of Easter Saturday, 30th March.

**Easter Flowers**

Easter Sunday is only a week away and the Flower Team hope to provide our usual beautiful display of flowers for the occasion. However your help is needed to make this possible. Please let the Treasurer have whatever contribution you can afford as soon as possible, so that our church may be fittingly beautified for this occasion.

**The Oswestry Gazette**

This is a new publication and will be produced a few times a year. The first edition is now available and if you didn't get one last Sunday please pick up one today.

**Local ecumenical events**

**Good Friday Walk of Witness in Ilkeston**

This starts this year outside St Mary's church at 10.15am and proceeds to the Methodist church on Bath Street where there will be a service and refreshments.

**Dawn Service at Dale Abbey**

This is on Easter morning at 6.30am in Dale Abbey ruins

**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, Alan Bailey, Lilian Straw, Florence Adams, Peggy Hutchinson, Margaret Gower-Jones, Valerie Hart, Albert Wheatley, John Buchanan, Priest, Molly Brown, Marie Varema Mason, and Florence Mace.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of the late Helen Smith, and of the late Margaret Gower-Jones.

**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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**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

**The Theme of the Readings: God's Servant is Christ the King, Who Raises Us from Death to Life.**

This week, we approach the climax of the liturgical year, when Jesus fulfilled everything anticipated and promised in the Old Testament. As He told the Apostles, ‘For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me ... indeed what is written about me is coming to fulfilment.’ Today, we commemorate Jesus' triumphal entry into the holy city of Jerusalem to complete His work as humanity's Redeemer-Messiah.

Our First Reading (**Isaiah 50: 4-7**) is from the third ‘Song of the Servant’ in the Book of Isaiah. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the 8th century BCE prophet writing under the name of Isaiah composed four songs describing the ideal Servant-Son of God. Jesus fulfils each of the prophetic idioms in the songs. He is God's beloved Son who came, as Jesus said, ‘to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.’ Human beings incur a debt to divine justice through their sins, the punishment of which is death. To liberate humanity from slavery to sin and death, Jesus paid the ransom and discharged the debt with the price of His blood. By dying in the place of the guilty, Jesus fulfils the Servant of Yahweh's prophetic mission, proclaimed in the First Reading. As He spoke God's words to the people, He submitted himself to their abuse.

Today’s Responsorial Psalm (**Ps21(22**)) (and the First Reading) foretell Jesus' humiliation and death on the altar of the Cross. Both readings give a description of the abuse Jesus suffered as He submitted Himself without protest into the hands of His enemies.  The prophetic representations of Psalm 21(22):1 begins with Jesus's fourth statement from the Cross: ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’ (in Hebrew ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?’ in Mt 27:46, and Mk 15:34 in Aramaic ‘Eloi, Eloi, lama sabacthani?’ ).  The Psalm describes Jesus' abuse by His enemies and the physical agony of His crucifixion; today’s Gospel Reading repeats the abuse we read in the First Reading and Psalm 21(22). Jesus called out from the Cross, He was mocked and beaten. The Roman guards cast lots for His garment as His enemies dared Jesus to prove His divinity by saving Himself. However, Psalm 21(22) ends in a declaration of triumph, just as Jesus's death on the Cross will end in His Resurrection victory!

There is a consensus amongst Biblical scholars that our Epistle Reading (**Philippians 2:6-11**) originated as an early Christian hymn, written for the fledgling Christian community at Philippi in Macedonia. Although the Epistle is attributed to St. Paul, it is unlikely he penned this hymn but rather it was already in use as part of a Liturgical Celebration. The passage speaks of Jesus’s humility in ‘emptying Himself’ or ‘letting go of ’ His divinity to live a human life in which He experienced trials and suffering. This ‘emptying’ or ‘letting go of,’ is, in the Greek ‘kenosis’ (kenousiV) and St. Paul was in all probability using the hymn and the word ‘kenosis’ intentionally, contrasting Jesus ‘in the form of God’ with Adam ‘created in the image of God.’

In our Gospel Reading (**Mk 14: 1-15; 47**), we relive Jesus' last hours, which ended with His betrayal and agony on the altar of the Cross. Crowned with thorns, He died the ‘King of the Jews.’ Jesus is the Davidic Messiah-King who fulfils the Eternal Covenant God made with His ancestor King David and whose coming God's Holy Prophets prophesied. However, as we make our journey through the days of Holy Week to Good Friday, we must remember that Jesus accepted this unspeakable suffering and violence out of His reconciling love for you and me and the whole of creation.

At the beginning of Holy Week, celebrating Jesus's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem and remembering His unjust execution will lead us to our Easter celebration of Christ's glorious resurrection from the grave. These events emphasize three related elements:

We must remember that Jesus's suffering, death, and resurrection belong together in God's divine plan for humanity's redemption.

We should also remember that Jesus's death was not a defeat but a victory over the powers of sin and death in His glorious Resurrection.

His rising from the dead is not the end of the story. Despite our human frailties and repeated failures, Jesus continues to humble Himself as God's Servant-Son, so when He returns, we will also rise in glory to join Him in the heavenly Jerusalem!