**TRINITY**

The Newsletter of **Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 14th April 2024**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Lionel Atherton**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

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

**Introit** Alleluya! Alleluya! Hearts to heaven

**Gloria** Gloria 4

**Psalm** Psalm 4

**Gradual** 102 A brighter dawn is breaking

**Offertory** 116 O praise our great and glorious Lord

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  283 Father see thy children

**Recessional** 119 The strife is o'er, the battle done

**Regina Caeli**

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

**Tuesday 16th April 9.30 am Morning Prayer**

**Thursday 11th April 7.00 pm Mass Fr Bob Boyle**

**Next Sunday 21st April 4th of Easter**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Lionel Atherton**

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

**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.

**This week's news:**

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**Annual Parish Meetings**

 The Annual Parish Meetings will take place following Mass, on Sunday 21st April 2024. The Parish Report will be available as hard copies at church after Mass on Sunday 14th. Nomination forms will also be available for churchwardens and PCC members.  For any further information please speak to either the wardens or PCC secretary.

 The meetings usually last about 30 - 45 minutes, please make every effort to attend. Thank you. **Geoff, Sharon and Sue**

**Flower Fund**

Our sincere thanks go to our Flower Arranging Team who worked so hard to produce such a magnificent display of flower arrangements for our Easter worship, along with a beautiful Easter Garden.

 However the fact is that the Flower Fund is now exhausted, and needs replenishing if we are to continue to have our usual flower displays over the coming months. The Treasurer will be very glad to receive whatever you can afford for this purpose, and all contributions will be carefully used. **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: 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**

**New external notice boards**

 We now have two new boards which update the information about the church - and also give a tidier and more welcoming impression. The work has been carried out by Sign Systems (UK) Ltd at Manners Industrial Estate and we think they have done a very professional job. John Rollisson was of great assistance to the Churchwardens in getting this project completed and we thank him for his help. One board will be paid for by an anonymous donor and we thank that individual for their very kind generosity. The other one will be paid for from Friends of Holy Trinity Ilkeston. This separate charity is funded from the monthly lottery and also easyfundraising.com so thank you to everyone who supports this. **Geoff Raby & Sharon Wright**

**Walsingham National Pilgrimage: Monday 27th May**.

 Fr Giles Orton is  looking at taking a party for the day. His  car can take 7 (including the driver) but if there are more than that wanting to go he will look to hire a minibus (16 seater). If interested please contact him this week so that he make any necessary bookings.  A willing co-driver for the minibus would also be very welcome. frgilesorton@fastmail.fm  or 07768 827101 **Fr Giles**

**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, Richard Pykett, Anne Riley, and Andrew Smith.

 All who have recently died. Please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: . Marjorie Henshaw, Kathleen Howarth, Alec Muir, Frank Holt, Phil Amos, Hilda Bostock, Frank Hewitt, Victor Arthur, and Evelyn Johnson.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of the late Eric Stevenson.

**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**

**Website / Facebook** For more about Holy Trinity, visit our website:-

w*ww.holytrinityilkeston.org.uk*. Follow us on Facebook: 'Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston'.

**5th Ilkeston Holy Trinity Brownies:** Brown Owl: Bev: 07747 142501

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**Contact for Church Hall Bookings:**Mrs Christine Hudson

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:**

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**Commentary for the Readings for the Third Sunday of Easter**

**First Reading: *Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19***

 At Sunday Mass in Eastertide the first reading comes from the Acts of the Apostles. Today’s reading is the final section of St Peter’s speech to the people of Jerusalem after Pentecost, when he is explaining to the crowds the significance of the first miracle worked by the apostles in the power of the Spirit. Like all the speeches in Acts, it is not a word-for-word, witness-reported report, but is a sample of Peter’s preaching. He lays the blame for Jesus’ rejection squarely on them, but shows that it was just as scripture had foretold. All of the speeches end with an invitation to repent. This does not mean simply to get all weepy about past sins, ‘how dreadful and wicked I have been’. It means that the listeners, and we, must change our ways, adopt God’s and the Risen Christ’s system of values. To convert means one was going in one direction; now one turns round to go in another. Then the way one looks at the world becomes different. One sees things from a different angle, God’s and Christ’s angle. This sort of conversion does not so much look at the past with regret as look at the future with confidence. It is the new determination that allows God to wipe out our sins.

**Second Reading: 1 John 2: 1-5**

 This passage from the first letter attributed to the same writer as the Fourth Gospel (and, of the three, the only one probably by him) is about blotting out former failures. Jesus Christ is our Advocate with the Father, ‘standing at the right hand of the Father’, because he takes our sins away. How does he do this? By his act of obedience on the Cross Jesus wipes out the disobedience of Adam, that is, of all humanity. Adam (which means ‘man’) is the figure of all humanity and not, of course, a ‘real’ person, and Adam’s sin is the symbol of all human sin, a sort of ‘prequel’ of all sin, an act of turning away from God, of independence and disobedience. On the Cross Jesus the Son

was perfectly united to the Father, in an act of utter obedience in love,

to which the Father in love responds, with a renewal of love for all humanity. For us, too, it is true that if we know God, if we have any appreciation of God and any personal bond to God, we cannot but obey him. God’s commands are not arbitrary, but are the way of keeping close to God. By the command of love God reveals himself and invites us to be like him.

**Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48**

 In the preceding part of Chapter 24 the two disciples had met Jesus on their way to Emmaus. There Jesus had used the Eucharistic meal to reveal himself to them, for the Eucharist is always an occasion for us to get to know the Risen Christ better. Now he meets the whole group of disciples in their refuge, the Upper Room. The stress is on their meeting with a real person, not a disembodied ghost or phantom appearance. That is why he eats a piece of fish.  The important lesson of this is that, in our resurrection to true life, it is the whole person that is raised, not just the soul. Our bodies will be so real that we will be able to eat. Christian teaching is that a person is an animated body. We work out our salvation with physical bodies, and all will be raised to life. It is not just a matter of thoughts and intentions. The whole body is baptised into Christ and is the instrument of our salvation. The body will be changed, and St Paul tells us that it is stupid to ask what sort of body we will have in the resurrection, but I shall be raised as a whole person, but a wholeness that is shown to reflect the holiness that will be ours through our sharing in Christ’s new life.

*[Andrew Smith regrets that he is not well enough to make his usual contribution to the Newsletter this week and will resume as soon as he is able. The above commentaries, written by Fr David Lawrence-March, first appeared in the Trinity Newsletter for Sunday 18th April 2021.]*