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The Newsletter of

**Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 21st April 2024**

**FOURTH 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** 457 The king of love

**Gloria** Gloria 4

**Psalm** Psalm 117

**Gradual** 282 Faithful shepherd feed me

**Offertory** 390 Jesu where'ere thy people meet

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  389 Jesu these eyes have never seen

**Recessional** 369 Happy are they

**Regina Caeli**

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

**Tuesday 23rd April 9.30 am Mass Fr Neil Broadbent**

**Thursday 25th April 7.00 pm Compline**

**Next Sunday 28th April 5th of Easter**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Paul Waters**

**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 this morning. Nomination forms will also be available for churchwardens and PCC members.  For any further information please speak to either the wardens or PCC secretary.  **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**

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

 All who have recently died, especially Charlotte Walford. Please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: .Madaleine Page, Mary Hardy, Russell Lambord, Edna Brock, Clarence Shaw, Vera Enoch, Violet Willis, Bill Enoch, Priest, and Sarah Ann Bostock.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of the late Geoffrey 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**

**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

**5th Ilkeston Holy Trinity Rainbows**: Sue: 07722 929226

**Holy Trinity Tiny Tots** (Parent and Toddler Group) Helen Crisp

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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: Andrew Smith writes:**

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

**The Theme of the Readings: Eternal Salvation Only Comes Through Christ Jesus**
**First Reading: Acts 4:8-12**

 In today's First Reading, St. Peter proclaims that there is salvation only for those who call upon the name of Jesus. His name is the only name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved. Peter tells the Jewish religious leaders that they are ‘the builders’ of the Old Covenant Church who rejected the ‘stone,’ Jesus the Messiah. Jesus is the ‘cornerstone’ of the New Covenant, as Peter quotes from today's Responsorial Psalm. He is also the ‘stone’ the Prophet Daniel prophesied, divinely hewn from the ‘mountain’ of the Old Covenant religious centre of the Jerusalem Temple on Mt. Moriah.  Jesus is the ‘stone’ destined to break in pieces all these kingdoms and put an end to them, and it shall stand forever.

**Responsorial Psalm 117: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26-29**

 Our Responsorial Psalm is one which the Covenant People recognized as a Messianic Psalm that promised the coming of Yahweh's anointed. On Palm Sunday, the Jewish crowd called out Psalm 117:26 and applied it as a prophetic announcement of the coming of Jesus the Messiah. Then, in Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus quotes from Psalm 117, saying: ‘ you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.' In our Liturgy we use these words just before the revelation of Christ in the Eucharist, both as a profession of our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and our belief that He will return in glory to claim His Bride, the Church.

**Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2**

 In the Epistle, St. John writes that God the Father has bestowed His love on us through Jesus Christ. In God the Son, God the Father gives us a share in His divine life, so we are no longer only children in the family of Adam but become children in the family of God. Unlike the Old Covenant ‘created’ sons and daughters of God, through the

Sacrament of Christian Baptism, we have been ‘born from above’ and ‘begotten’ by God, not created like other creatures. As His spiritually reborn sons and daughters, He infuses us with His divine life. Becoming a son/daughter of God is an essential aspect of a Christian's life. It is a supernatural dignity that is the result of an indefinable intimacy with God as Divine Father.

**Gospel: John 10: 11-18**

 In our Gospel reading today, Jesus announces that He is the Good Shepherd the prophet Ezekiel promised His covenant people. He is the prince of the House of David who has come to shepherd His people and free them from bondage to sin and death. Those who belong to Him will come to Him when they hear His voice, and He will gather them into the one flock of the promised New Covenant Church. The Church is, accordingly, a sheepfold, the sole and necessary gateway to which is Christ. It is also the flock of which God himself foretold that he would be the shepherd, and whose sheep, even though governed by human shepherds, are unfailingly nourished and led by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd who gave his life for his sheep.

**Saint of the Week:**

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**24th April - St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr**

 Fidelis was born Mark Rey, in the town of Sigmaringen in Germany in 1577. He studied Civil Law at Freiburg in Germany and was a practising lawyer known for his advocacy for the poor. When he entered the Franciscan Capuchin Order, he was given the name Fidelis, which means ‘faithful.’ After his ordination to the Priesthood in 1612, the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith sent him to South Germany and Switzerland, to ‘win back souls’ from Calvinism. He preached and taught for ten years in this area when, in 1622, he was attacked by a gang of Calvinists at Seewis in Switzerland, and died from his injuries. Fidelis, was beatified by Pope Benedict XIII on March 12, 1729, and canonized by Pope Benedict XIV on June 29, 1745.