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The Newsletter of

**Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 5th May 2024**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Robert Breckles**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

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

**Introit** 408 Love divine

**Gloria** Gloria 1 (Said)

**Psalm** Psalm 97

**Gradual** 248 O strength and stay

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

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1 (Said)

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1 (Said)

**Communion**  294 Just as I am

**Recessional** 355 Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round

**Regina Caeli**

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

**Tuesday 7 th May 9.30 am Morning Prayer**

**Thursday 9th May NB: No service at Holy Trinity today - see instead notice below**

**Next Sunday 12th May 7th of Easter**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Neil Broadbent**

**We are pleased to welcome Fr Robert Breckles**

**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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**Ascension Day Thursday 9th May**

 On this day Bishop Paul, the Bishop of Oswestry, will be celebrating Mass at 12 noon at St Laurence's church in Long Eaton. This will be by way of a joint Mass with Holy Trinity so there will be no evening Mass at our church. It is hoped that as many people as possible will be able to go to St Laurence's and there will be refreshments provided by Bishop Paul following the Mass. If anyone needs a lift please do speak up.

 If you are unable to make this Mass during the day, there is a Sung Mass at St Anne's in Derby at 7pm as an alternative.

**Developments in the See of Oswestry**

 You will be aware that because we are a traditional Anglo-Catholic parish, Bishop Paul Thomas, the Bishop of Oswestry, provides us with pastoral and sacramental care. Over the past couple of months or so he has made a number of appointments which will support him in his episcopal ministry. He has created Pastoral Regions and has appointed Regional Deans and Assistant Regional Deans. Our parish falls within the North Midlands Region and the Regional Dean is Fr Giles Orton - who, of course, most of us will know. Among the other appointments, he has appointed Fr Gary Ecclestone to the post of Vicar-General: he will provide support on many strategic and operational matters, including the Healthy Churches Project with which some of us will be familiar. It is very apparent that these appointments reflect the work Bishop Paul is doing to build up and renew parishes of our tradition within the See of

Oswestry and is most certainly a very hopeful and positive development. The work that the Bishop is doing in many other areas, including liturgical and vocational matters, is also most encouraging. Rest assured that he is also working behind the scenes to expedite the appointment of Priests in parishes in vacancy as we continue to pray for a new incumbent here at Holy Trinity.

**Geoff Raby and Sharon Wright, Churchwardens**

**At St Laurence's Church Hall Saturday 11 May 2pm**

People from Holy Trinity are invited to join with our friends at St Laurence's for ***'Elishwah's Ploughman's Lunch'.*** Tickets are £6.50 and you should phone Andrew Sheasby on 07799 398585 to reserve your place.

**Bishops' visit to South East Derbyshire Deanery**

 Bishop Libby and Bishop Malcolm will be spending time going round the diocese between Ascension and Pentecost praying *Thy Kingdom Come* prayers with various groups of people. They are in our Deanery on Monday 13th May and amongst other things they will be interviewed on Erewash Sound, visit a couple of schools and other community projects, and will be spending time with local councillors.  They will also be present at the following services:

Morning Prayer at St Luke's Loscoe at 9.30am and Evening Prayer at St John's Long Eaton at 6pm.

Everyone is welcome to join with them at these services.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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 Those who are sick: we include at this time His Majesty King Charles and HRH The Princess of Wales as well as Pam Bailey, Margaret Barton, Colin Booth, Irene Bostock, Fr Michael Brinkworth, Carole Chapman, Frank Clewes, Sue Coman, Chris Dickinson, Betty Fisher, Anne and Nigel Gamble, Jean Jarvis, Richard Pykett, Anne Riley, Andrew Smith, and Paul Underwood.

 All who have recently died, especially Charlotte Walford. Please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Beatrice Woodhead, Ivy Slack, Dennis Fisher, George Ecclestone, John Gascoyne, Denis Straw, Joy Hughes, Christine Maltby, and Evelyn Newbury.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of the late Christine Maltby, and also of the late Evelyn Newbury.

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

**The Theme of the Readings: We are Children Begotten by the Love of God**

 The unifying theme of our readings is God's love that makes us the children of a divine Father and obligates us to share His love with others. We love our brothers and sisters in Christ's New Covenant family and offer His love to those in Adam's human family. We recognize that love is not inherited; it must be learned, experienced, developed, and fostered. Love begins at the human level in infancy and grows through our human relationships. Experiencing human love can help prepare us to respond to the religious dimension of loving God and receiving the call to extend God's love to others.

We see God's love in action in the First Reading (**Acts 10:25-26,34-34, 44-48**), where God poured out His Spirit upon a group of Gentile Romans as they listened to the Word of God preached by St. Peter. They received the same gift of love as Jesus' Jewish disciples when praying in the Upper Room at Pentecost. When the Romans responded to Peter preaching Jesus's Gospel of salvation by opening their hearts to the love of God the Son, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, and they began glorifying God. They were the first Gentiles to embrace Christ as Lord and Saviour and receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

 Opening our hearts to God's love is the glorious work of God's Spirit that we sing about in today's Responsorial Psalm (**Ps 98:1-4**). His mighty deeds on behalf of Israel were a witness to other nations of His power and mercy. Therefore, the Psalmist calls upon the entire earth to sing a joyful song praising the Lord God of Israel.

 In our Epistle Reading (**1 John 4: 7-10**) St. John wrote that the love of God Christians share with others testifies to God's nature and His presence in their lives. This love of God that we share also demonstrates our true nature as children of God, who is Himself, the definition of love. God reveals the depth of His love for the world in the gift of eternal salvation through the willing sacrifice of His Son. His gift of divine love allows us to repent, receive forgiveness from our sins, and receive a share in His godly life through our rebirth in the Sacrament of Christian Baptism when we become adopted children of God, Our Father.

 In the Gospel Reading (**John 15:9-17**), Jesus tells us that God's gift of

love comes with a command and a duty. He commands us to love one another as Jesus has loved us. He also calls us to offer the willing sacrifice to lay down our lives for others just as Jesus laid down His life for us. The duty of serving Christ in love is our Christian witness that generates righteous deeds in His name. Those righteous works are the ‘fruit that will remain’ in the Revelation of God Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to the nations.

**Saint of the Week:**

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**Saint of the Week:**

**St John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church (10th May)**

 The Apostle to Andalusia and the spiritual advisor of St. Teresa, St. Francis Borgia, St. John of the Cross, St Peter of Alcantara, and others. He was born on 6th January 1499 at Almodovar del Campo, Spain. At the age of 14 he was sent to the University of Salamanca to study Law, but after only two years, withdrw completely from society, living as a hermit. On the advice of a Franciscan friar he enrolled at the University of Alcala studying Philosophy and Theology, and was ordained in 1526. John drew crowds with his fiery denunciations of the aristocracy and in 1531, he was ‘reported’ to the Inquisition in Seville, and imprisoned in 1532. He was charged with ‘… exaggerating the dangers of wealth and with closing the gates of heaven to the rich,’ the charges were dropped and he was released in July 1533, and this made him even more popular. His missionary efforts were centred in Andalusia, and his letters and other writings have become Spanish classics. St John was canonized in May 1970, by Pope Paul VI and in October 2012 Pope Benedict XVI declared him a Doctor of the Universal Church.