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The Newsletter of

**Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 4th May 2025 Third Sunday of Easter(Year C)**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Max**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

Today's hymns are from New English Hymnal (Green)

\* Omit starred Verses \*

Introit 332 \*All hail the power of Jesu's name\*

**Gloria**  4

**Psalm** 30 I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up

**Gradual** 457 The King of Love my Shepherd is

**Offertory** 263 \*All creatures of our God and King\*

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  282 Faithful Shepherd, feed me

**Recessional** 352 Crown Him with many crowns

**Regina Caeli**

**Services at Holy Trinity for the week ahead and next Sunday**

**Tuesday 6th May 9.30 am Mass**

**Thursday 8th May 7.00 pm Mass**

(Mass is said also at St Laurence's, Long Eaton on Wednesday at 12.30 pm and on Saturday at 9.30 am)

**Next Sunday 11th May 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Max**

**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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**Lectio Divina Wednesday 28th May**

Our next Bible Study session will take place on Wednesday 28th May at 1:45 for 2pm in the Church Hall and then monthly on the 4th Wednesday (except August and December) finishing about 3pm in the Hall. At each study we will be using the following Sunday’s Gospel reading. Everyone is welcome and I will be leading the meetings for the time being. **Helen**

**A Summer Salad in Memory of Dawn (Elishwa’s daughter)**

This event will take place on Saturday 10th May at 2.00 pm in St Lawrence's Church Hall. Tickets available from Nicky Bailey, price £7.00. **Nicky**.

**Annual Parish Meetings**

The Annual Parish Meetings will take place following Mass on Sunday 18th May. 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**

**Baptism by the Bishop of Oswestry**

Fr Max and his wife Hannah welcome all members of the church family under his care to attend the baptism of their daughter Cecilia Hannah Marsh by Bishop Paul at **Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 24th May at 12.00 noon**, followed by refreshments. RSVP to Fr Max at 07713 883340

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

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Those who are sick: Pam Bailey, Colin Booth, Oliver Bostock, Fr Michael Brinkworth, Carole Chapman, Margaret Clayton, Frank Clewes, Pat Daniel, Anne, Esme, and Nigel Gamble, Ann Henshaw, Helen Jarvis, Jean Jarvis, Gary Marsh, George Mills, Annette Parsons, Anne Riley, Andrew Smith, Paul Smith, Bryan Straw, and Yvonne Wilcockson.

All who have recently died, especially His Holiness Pope Francis, the Reverend Roger Allen, and Derek Booth, Priest; please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Beatrice Woodhead, Ivy Slack, Dennis Fisher, George Ecclestone, and John Gascoyne.

**Contacts at Holy Trinity:**

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Donations to Holy Trinity may be made at any time using the QR code below:

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**Parish Safeguarding Link:** Mrs Nicky Bailey 07809 680034, Email: *nickybailey1938@gmail.com* (Nicky also has the honorary title of Churchwarden Emerita)

**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*

Printed copies of the Newsletter are available in Church each Sunday morning;it can be downloaded from our website, and you can receive a copy as an email attachment. 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

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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.

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**Commentary on the Readings for the Third Sunday of Easter: Andrew Smith writes**

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Eastertide is the 50-day celebration that flows from the Triduum. The weeks following Easter Sunday are a time of ‘mystagogia’ as we go deeper into the mysteries of faith. Each mystery signals the existence of a mystery pointing to what is known and experienced, God's grace that nourishes, strengthens, and heals us on our journey of faith.

**The Theme of the Readings: Following the Saviour**

The theme of this week's readings follows in the footsteps of the Saviour. In the First Reading **(Acts 5:27-32, 40,41)**, the Apostles, who were once fearful and scattered, are now fearless and united in their commitment to their Redeemer-Messiah when facing the same Law court that condemned Jesus to death. Empowered by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, they were not intimidated and joyfully gave their testimony concerning the risen Messiah.

In the Responsorial Psalm **(Ps 30:2-6, 11-13),** the psalmist praises God for saving him and not abandoning him to the grave. Today's Liturgy puts the Responsorial Psalm into the mouth of Jesus, who thanked God the Father for raising Him from death. God did not abandon Him to Sheol, the abode of the dead into which Jesus descended after His physical death to redeem the souls imprisoned there as we read in the first Epistle of Peter  and say in the Apostles' Creed. In this context, the psalm reveals its prophetic meaning by proclaiming what God did when He resurrected Jesus in glory and gave Him victory over death. Victory over death is also what God will do for those who believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, to follow Him in our resurrection from the bonds of death and our ascent to Heaven with Him in glory.

In the Second Reading from the Book of Revelation **(Rev. 5:11-14)**, St. John has a vision where he finds himself standing in the heavenly court among saints and angels. He gives us a glimpse of the Christian's reward for confessing belief in Christ no matter the cost. St. John was suffering in exile for having proclaimed the Gospel when Christ rewarded him with a visit to the heavenly Sanctuary and the Liturgy of the saints and angels as they offered worship and praise around the throne of God Almighty. He saw the Lamb of God, Christ Jesus, the sacrificial victim and the High Priest of the heavenly Sanctuary. This is the same vision all Christians hope to see at the end of their earthly lives when they follow Jesus into eternity.

In today’s Gospel Reading **(John 21:1-19)**, seven of the Apostles, including St. Peter, meet the Resurrected Jesus on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias (the Roman name of the Sea of Galilee), where He cooked breakfast for them over a charcoal fire. Jesus ate with them to show that He was indeed resurrected in body and spirit. Afterward, Peter, who had once denied Jesus three times by a charcoal fire, was forgiven three times by Christ and commissioned to spiritually ‘feed’ and ‘teach’ the ‘lambs’ and ‘sheep’ of the community of the faithful .Then, after commissioning His Apostles and disciples to spread the Gospel of salvation to the ‘ends of the earth’, Jesus ascended into His heavenly Kingdom. The Apostles continued to follow in the footsteps of Jesus as they shared their experience of the living Christ, fearlessly preaching the Gospel of salvation and performing miracles in His name despite the threat of persecution and martyrdom. The promised reward of their obedience in following Christ would be what St. John witnessed in the Second Reading when he had a vision of the resurrected and glorified Christ leading the Liturgy of worship in the heavenly Sanctuary.