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The Newsletter of

**Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 11th May 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter(Year C)**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Brownie Parade**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Max**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

 A separate sheet will be provided with words for all this morning's Hymns. The Psalm will be said, and the service will end with the Regina Caeli

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

**Tuesday 13th May 9.30 am Mass**

**Thursday 15th May 7.00 pm Mass Fr Bob Boyle**

(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 18th May 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

**Followed by the Annual Parish Meetings - see below**

**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**

**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 of Cecilia Marsh 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

**New white chasuble**

For some time the church has been in need of a new white chasuble. White is the colour used at many of the major feasts of the church including Easter. The PCC recently approved the purchase of a new chasuble and authorised Fr Max and David Hudson, our Sacristan, to source this. This new vestment was acquired shortly before Easter and has been worn during the Easter period and was on display in the church hall a couple of weeks ago. This is a second-

hand vestment dating from about 1900 and is french in origin and is hand embroidered. The cost was £700, about half of what a brand new equivalent would be. The cost of this has of course been met out of church funds but if anyone feels that they would want to make a contribution towards this, of whatever amount large or small, then that would be most gratefully received. Thank you to those people who have already made a donation. To donate please either give cash or a cheque to Margaret Breedon the PCC Treasurer or send direct to the church account: NatWest Bank 60 11 37 account Holy Trinity PCC number 05406153 with reference 'White Chasuble'. **Geoff Raby**

**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 Derek Booth, Priest; please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Denis Straw, Joy Hughes, Christine Maltby, Evelyn Newbery, Bernard Leslie Harrison, and Evelyn Clifford.

**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

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

 07790 876015

**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.

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

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**The Theme of the Readings: Finding Joy in Christ Despite Persecution**

 Despite hardships and persecutions, the Church has persevered in remaining faithful to her mission to be God's vehicle of salvation ‘to the ends of the earth.’ Saints Paul and Barnabas, in our First Reading **(Acts 13:14, 43-52)**, had the joyful experience of bringing many people to Christ, but they also had to endure rejection and persecution. However, even in those experiences, they were not discouraged but continued to be ‘filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.’

 In our Responsorial Psalm **(Ps100: 1-3,5)**, we are invited to proclaim with joy the Lord's kingship over the whole earth. The reading reminds us that we should express our praise and worship of God with joy because we have the Lord's assurance that we are the covenant children of a Divine Father. Our joyfulness stems from our faith that ‘the Lord is God’ and the conviction that we belong to Him and feel secure in our unique relationship with Him as His covenant people.

 The Second Reading continues the theme of joy in Christ even when confronted by persecution. In the Book of the Revelation **(Rev. 7:9, 14-17)**, the Lord grants St John a glorious vision of the saints of the universal Church *from every nation, race, people, and tongue*who suffered martyrdom for the sake of their faith in Jesus Christ. The multitude of persecuted Christian saints that St John sees has been washed clean in ‘the blood of the Lamb.’ They joyfully worship for eternity in the Presence of the Most Holy Trinity in the heavenly Sanctuary.

 The Gospel Reading **(John 10:27-30)** is from Jesus's teaching when He visited the Jerusalem Temple for the Feast of Dedication. Those who accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour are the ‘sheep of

His flock’ who know His ‘voice’ and ‘follow Him.’ To His faithful ‘sheep,’ Jesus extends the gift of eternal life and the reassuring promise that no one can separate them from Him. Like Saints Paul and Barnabas, we are also called to be joyfully confident that Christ, the Good Shepherd, will continually care for the members of His faithful flock and His promise that nothing can separate us from God's love.

 