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The Newsletter of

**Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 18th May 2025 Fifth 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**  362 Glorious things of thee are spoken

**Gloria**  4

**Psalm** 145 I will bless your name for ever, my God and King.

**Gradual** 408 Love Divine, all loves excelling

**Offertory** 440\*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation\*

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  302 O Thou who at thy eucharist didst pray

**Recessional** 420 O Jesus, I have promised

**Regina Caeli**

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

**Tuesday 20th May 9.30 am Mass**

**Thursday 22nd 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 25th May 2025 Sixth 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**

**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**

**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

**Collection for Cecilia**

Those who wish are invited to contribute to a collection for Cecila on the occasion of her baptism.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 Cecilia. **Sharon Wright**

**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**

**Ascension of the Lord Thursday 29 May**

 There will be a Sung Mass at Holy Trinity on Ascension Day at the normal time of 7pm. Do come along on this special day in the church's calendar if you can.

**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, and Michael Plackett; please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Delysia Turner, Joyce Blaney, Michael Edwards, Brian Collins, Ruth Woodstock, and Greg McDonald.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in Memory of the late Michael Seals, and also in Memory of the late Margaret Gower-Jones.

**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)

**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.

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

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**The Theme of the Readings:** The Reward of Persevering in Faith is the Joy of the Heavenly Beatitude

 During the fifty days of Easter, the Church's Liturgy invites the faithful to be joyful because our Saviour has defeated death in His glorious Resurrection. And, as God's adopted children, He has promised that we will one day live with Him forever. In the meantime, it may be necessary for us to endure struggles and hardships before we enter the Kingdom of God, but we must ‘persevere in faith’ and keep our focus on the prize that awaits us at the end of our faith journey.

 In the First Reading **(Acts 14:21-27)**, the Holy Spirit commanded the vibrant Christian community at Antioch, Syria, to commission Saints Barnabas and Paul to take a missionary journey to the Gentiles living in Asia Minor. Despite opposition from the Jews, who incited crowds to stone and beat them, Barnabas and Paul established the first Christian communities in the Roman provinces of Pisidia and Pamphylia in obedience to Jesus's command to take the Gospel of salvation beyond Judah and Samaria to the ‘ends of the earth.’

 The Responsorial Psalm **(Ps.145:8-13)** invites everyone to praise God, whose mighty works make His Divine Presence known to His people. God's actions in the unfolding of the Cosmos, in the natural world, and the lives of men and women are evidence of His Divine Kingship that He graciously makes known to all generations. In the New Covenant, we have the same relationship with God the Son, Jesus Christ, whose sovereign authority we recognise over our lives. Jesus is the King of kings whose dominion is an everlasting Kingship that extends over the entire Cosmos, Earth and every generation of humanity.

 In the Second Reading **(Revelation 21:1-5)**, St John has the joyful vision of a new creation of Heaven and Earth at the end of time

as we know it. Formerly, God's Divine Presence resided in the Holy of Holies of the Jerusalem Temple; however, in the Age of the Messiah, His Spirit lives in the reborn lives of all baptised believers, whose bodies become temples of the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, at the end of the Messianic Age, there will be a new kind of Divine Presence for all the members of God's holy covenant family. St. John has a vision of the ‘new Jerusalem’ coming down from Heaven as the new Temple for humanity's redeemed covenant people. All that is ‘new’ is initially already present in the lives of New Covenant Christians, but it will not be established fully until the Second Coming or Advent of Jesus Christ, when the events St. John witnessed will take place.

 The Gospel Reading occurs on the night of the Last Supper **(Jn 13:31-35)** during Jesus's Last Supper Discourse. In the discourse, He encouraged His disciples concerning events that would soon take place and told them about His coming glorification. He also gave them a ‘new commandment.’ He called them to love one another as He has loved them with love founded in the joy of unlimited self-giving despite personal sacrifices rooted in Jesus's self-sacrificial death and resurrection. This unique willingness to submit oneself to the self-sacrificial love of Christ living in His disciples is a characteristic that will distinguish all New Covenant believers. Jesus's ‘new commandment’ defines in the simplest of language and terms our relationship with each other, for Jesus is the fullness of and definition of love.