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The Newsletter of **Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 25th May 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter(Year C)**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Michael Brinkworth**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

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

\* Omit starred Verses \*

**Introit**  235 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go

**Gloria**  4

**Psalm** 67 Let the peoples praise you, O God

**Gradual** 480 In Christ there is no East or West

**Offertory** 353 \*Dear Lord and Father of mankind\*

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  366 God of mercy, God of Grace

**Recessional** 388 Jesus shall reign

**Regina Caeli**

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

**Tuesday 27th May 9.30 am Mass**

**Thursday 29th May 7.00 pm Sung Mass for Ascension Day**

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

**We are pleased to welcome Fr Michael Brinkworth as our Celebrant and Preacher at Mass this morning.**

**Next Sunday 1st June 2025 Seventh 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**

**Visits from the Bishop of Oswestry**

A reminder that Bishop Paul will be visting Holy Trinity this coming Saturday, May24th at 12 noon to conduct the Baptism of Cecilia Marsh, and all our church family are invited.

We are pleased to say that he will also be our Celebrant and Preacher on Trinity Sunday, June 15th.

**Caroline Crick joins the Derby Street Pastors**.

Street Pastors are trained volunteers from local churches who care about their community. They patrol in teams of men and women, usually from 10.00 pm to 4.00 am on a Friday and Saturday night, to care for, listen to, and help people who are out on the streeets.

Street Pastors was founded in Brixton, South London in 2003 based on a model from Jamaica. Street Pastors in Derby started in 2009 and is now supported by 28 different churches in Derby with funding from Derby City Council, and is overseen and run by Derby City Mission.

Caroline Crick applied to be a Street Pastor in February 2025 and has recently completed her training and went out for her first shift last weekend. We congratulate Caroline and wish her well.  **Nicky**

**David Hudson writes**

Many thanks to all my friends at Holy Trinity for your cards, gifts and best wishes for my x0th birthday. We had a lovely day in Oban and a nice meal on the big day.  See you next Sunday; there will be cake and haggis.  **David**

**Ann Henshaw and Ann Riley**

Ann Henshaw is now resident at Victoria Court Care Home in Ilkeston.

Ann Riley has had a stroke and is currently on the Stroke ward at the Queens Medical Centre. We send our love and assure them both of our prayers. **Sharon Wright**

**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 and Michael Plackett; please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week:.Hilda White, Edith Gilman, Walter Beardsley, Hilda Thornhill, Michael Perkins, Eliza Baker, and Margaret Starbrook.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in Memory of the late Joyce Alexander, and also of the late Edith Gilman, and also of the late Christine Maltby

**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**

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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.

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

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**The Theme of the Readings: The Guidance of the Holy Spirit**

This week's readings focus on renewal, continuity, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. God the Holy Spirit dwells within the ‘new Israel’ of the New Covenant Church of Jesus Christ, having succeeded the ‘Israel of the flesh’ that was the Old Covenant Church. The Kingdom of the Church of Jesus Christ is One. The Church is universal (catholic), and since the miracle of the Holy Spirit filling and indwelling the Church at Pentecost, she is continually guided and renewed in holiness by God's Spirit.

In the First Reading from Acts **(Acts 15:1-2, 22-29)**, the faith community of Jewish and Gentile Christians at Antioch, Syria, became embroiled in the Church's first great internal crisis that threatened to destroy the unity of the Body of Christ. The problem concerned what the Church should ask from Gentile converts: should they be required to submit to Old Covenant laws like circumcision and become Jews before becoming Christians, or has the New Covenant nullified the old rituals of the Sinai Covenant with a higher Law? In the Church's first great council, the Council of Jerusalem **(Acts 15)**, God the Holy Spirit guided St. Peter and the assembly of Apostles, in the decisions that continue the unity and growth of the Church today.

The Responsorial Psalm **(Ps.67:2-3,5-6,8)** looks forward to the day God will extend His gift of salvation to all nations. Today, as the heirs of the New Covenant in the community of the Church, we praise God for His gift of eternal salvation, which, in His mercy, extends to all peoples of all nations and ethnicities on the earth.

In the Second Reading **(Rev.21:10-14,22-23)** our inspired writer of the Book of Revelation describes his vision of the New Jerusalem coming down from Heaven. He sees the magnificence of the heavenly Jerusalem descending to earth as a symbol of the unity of the earthly and heavenly Church from one perspective. There is no longer any need for light from the sun or moon since the New Jerusalem of the Church has the brilliant light of the divine indwelling of God and the Lamb, Christ the King.

The Gospel Reading **(John 14:23-29)** is from Jesus's Last Supper Discourse. Reading it should magnify our faith and fill us with confidence. Just as God was with Israel, dwelling in the desert Tabernacle and later in the Jerusalem Temple, we have Jesus's promise that if we love Him and keep His word, we will never be alone. Nor should we ever be afraid because God the Son and God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit, make their dwelling place, not in any building like the Jerusalem Temple, but within every baptized Christian, making our bodies the temples of the Holy Spirit. Ever faithful to her mission in the world, the universal Church of Jesus Christ continually renews herself to remain relevant to each new generation. She does this by reaching out and embracing every generation as guided by the Holy Spirit, but without compromising the continuity of the teachings entrusted to her by Jesus Christ. The message is always the same, but the means of sharing it changes over time to meet the needs of the faithful so that they might one day share St. John's vision of the unified Church of the heavenly Jerusalem.