**TRINITY**

The Newsletter of **Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 20th July 2025**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

**11am Parish Mass  Celebrant and Preacher Fr Bob Boyle**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

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

**Introit**  417 O God, our help in ages past

**Gloria**  4

**Psalm** 15 O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

**Gradual** 459 The Lord's my Shepherd

**Offertory** 385 Jesu, the very thought of thee

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  304 Once, only once and once for all

**Recessional** 296 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

**Angelus**

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

**Tuesday 22nd July 9.30 am Mass**

**Thursday 24th July 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 27th July 2025 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**We are pleased to welcome Fr Bob Boyle as our Celebrant and Preacher this morning.**

 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 with you. **Please join us for refreshments afterwards in the church hall**

**This week's news:**

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**Andrew Smith - an update**

At the time of going to press, Andrew is about to have a further visit to hospital to have his leg scanned. This will determine whether the operation has been successful enough for him to start putting weight on the leg and commencing intensive physiotherapy designed to get him mobile again. Please continue to hold Andrew in your prayers.. **Helen Crisp**

**Wednesday 30th July Lectio Divina**

 Our next Bible Study session has been moved to Wednesday 30th July at 1:45 for 2pm in the Church Hall. There will as usual be no meeting in August, and meetings then continue on the fourth Wednesday of the month, starting on the 24th September, and finishing about 3pm in the Hall. Hopefully Andrew will then be back with us. At each study we will be using the following Sunday’s Gospel reading.  Everyone is welcome.  **Helen**

**Forthcoming events at St Anne's Derby - all welcome:**

 **St Anne's Patronal Festival - Saturday 26 July 12.00** **noon**- Sung Mass with Bishop Paul and the St Anne's Singers. To be followed by a light lunch and musical entertainment. All welcome.

 **St Anne's Parish Picnic Sunday 3rd August from 13.00 pm**. All are welcome (especially children who would like to play games) at the house/garden  of Fr Giles & Jane Orton, Brun Meadows, Kirk Langley, DE6 4LU. Bring your own picnic including drink and a chair if you want to be sure of a seat, though some food, drink and seating will be available. Hopefully the sun will be shining but in the event of rain the event will continue indoors. **Fr Giles**

**Charlotte Nursery and Infant School**

Once again the latest series of visits from Year 1 children at the school was very successful. The children, as always, responded with their usual en

thusiasm, and 'baptised' a baby doll following instructions from Fr Max, A small celebration with cake and biscuits followed. **Helen Crisp**

**Parent and Toddler Group**

We have just two sessions left before the end of this school year. Time has flown by. It has been a wonderful year with so many happy families with us each week.

 We restart on Wednesday 10th September, and there are one or two spaces left for next term. All enquiries please to me on 07790 876015.

 **Helen Crisp**

**Shrine of Our Lady of Egmanton - Society of our Lady of Egmanton**

This year's second pilgrimage organised by the Society takes place on Saturday 2nd August beginning with Mass at 12 noon when the guest Preacher will be Bishop Paul Thomas, Bishop of Oswestry. The Society's website at www.shrine-egmanton.net gives further information.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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 Those who are sick: Pam Bailey, Colin Booth, Fr Michael Brinkworth, Carole Chapman, Frank Clewes, Pat Daniel, Anne, Esme, and Nigel Gamble, Ann Henshaw, David Howling, Jean Jarvis, Gary Marsh, George Mills, Stuart Mills, Annette Parsons, Anne Riley, Len Shelbourne, Andrew Smith, Martha Smith, Paul Smith, Bryan Straw, and Yvonne Wilcockson.

 All who have recently died, especially Donald Rose, and Mark Meakin; please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Pauline Rigley, Alan Argent, Claire Shepherd, Ivy Carrington, Barry Tyler, Minnie Meer, Thomas Wheeler, Alfred Baker, and Lily Gilbert.

**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**

**5th Ilkeston Holy Trinity Brownies:** Brown Owl: Bev:  07747 142501

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**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 Sixteenth Sunday in ordinary time: Andrew Smith writes**

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**The Theme of the Readings: Hospitality**

 Hospitality is a form of charity. St. Benedict (c. AD 480-550) wrote in his Rule of Order, a book of precepts for the monks of the Benedictine order, that they should receive the stranger as they would welcome Christ Himself. We follow that rule in our Christian faith communities when we welcome all visitors regardless of race or nationality. The inspired writer of Hebrews (believed to have been St. Paul) warned, Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels. That advice is the subject of the First Reading and the Gospel Reading that deal with offering hospitality and welcoming the stranger who is God/Christ Himself.

 The First Reading **(Genesis 18:1-10)** presents the appearance of three visitors at Abraham's tent as a mystery. In speaking with the visitors, Abraham sometimes addresses them in the singular as one person and then in the plural as if they were three persons. The Church Fathers interpreted this visitation as an early revelation or Theophany of the mystery of the Most Holy Undivided Trinity. In the encounter, one of the three men, revealed as Yahweh ten times, speaks to Abraham directly, just as He spoke to Adam before his fall from grace. God brings the announcement of the fulfilment of a covenantal promise He made to Abraham concerning the blessing of numerous descendants. Yahweh informs Abraham of the future miraculous birth of a son to his barren wife, Sarah. Abraham's hospitality and the amazing message foreshadow the announcement by another heavenly being of the birth of the true Son of the promise, Jesus the Messiah, son of David, son of Abraham, and the worldwide blessing He brings to humanity in His gift of eternal salvation.

 Abraham is the symbol of the righteous man who dwells in the presence of God described in the Responsorial Psalm **(Ps 15)**. The special relationship Abraham enjoyed in God's presence is also

available to Christians who strive to live righteously in the image of Christ Jesus and seek an intimate relationship with Him in their lives.

 In the Epistle **(Colossians 1:24-28)**, St. Paul wrote that Jesus extends His life into the world through the Sacraments and the Church. What Jesus did in His physical body, He continues to do throughout history in the continuing mission of His mystical Body, the Church. The sufferings experienced by members of His Body, like St. Paul and others, contribute to the Church living out Christ's life by uniting the afflictions of Christians for the sake of the Gospel to Christ's suffering for humanity's redemption. Paul concluded that our invitation to Jesus to enter our lives gives us the hope of eternal glory.

 In the Gospel Reading **(Luke 10:38-42)** Jesus enjoyed the hospitality of the sisters Martha and Mary of Bethany. The reading contrasts two kinds of service to the Lord: service in love of neighbour and service in love of God. Martha's service was the customary hospitality offered to an honoured guest, but her sister's service was sitting at Jesus's feet, attentive to God's Word. Jesus taught the sisters that while demonstrating the love of a ‘neighbour’ is worthy, it cannot be more important than loving God, expressed by hearing and being obedient to His Word. The spiritual work of hearing God's Word builds a personal relationship with Him, and it must take precedence. When we extend our hospitality to God by inviting Him into our hearts and making Him first in our lives, the love we express in that relationship will flow from us out to the world in our acts of love and mercy for our neighbours in the human family.