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The Newsletter of

**Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 17th August 2025**

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

**11am Parish Mass  Celebrant and Preacher Fr Max**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

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

**Introit**  339 Be thou my vision

**Gloria**  4

**Psalm** 40

**Gradual** 374 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

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

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  382 Jesu grant me this I pray

**Recessional** 359 Fight the good fight

**Angelus**

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

**Tuesday 19th August 9.30 am Mass**

**Thursday 21st August 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 24th August 2025 Twentyfirst Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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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**Newsletter, Facebook and Website**

These are all essential features of the church's communication and for many years now Richard Pykett has generously looked after these. Richard has decided that the time has now come for him to stand down and the first thing to do is to acknowledge the invaluable work he has put into this for many years and especially remembering the time of lockdown. So a huge THANK YOU must go to him.

Richard wants to bow out no later than the end of this year and ideally much sooner. To enable this essential aspect of the church's work to continue, we are now calling on others to volunteer to take over some or all of this work - it needn't be just one person; for example someone could do just the newsletter and someone else Facebook. Additionally, there is of course some flexibility as to how these things are carried out, for example the newsletter could perhaps be simplified. Also, we will be looking at revising the website at some stage to bring this up to date so the requirements there may be more straightforward. If anyone feels that they would like to make a contribution please in the first instance speak with either Geoff or Richard, contact them on the phone or email - details given in this newsletter.

**Geoff Raby and Sharon Wright, Churchwardens**

**Dates for the diary/calendar**

Further details of the following events will follow nearer the time but it may be useful to get the dates in your diary or on your calendar to avoid any clashes. **Rosemary**

**Harvest Supper Tuesday 7th October**

**Christmas Party Tuesday 9th December**

**Floral workshops Friday 12th December AND Tuesday 16th December**

**Christingle Monday 1st December**

**Carol Service Monday 15th December**

**Joy Nottingham RIP - Funeral**

The funeral of Joy Nottingham will be held here at Holy Trinity on Thursday 21st August at 1pm. She was known by many at the church and all are welcome to attend. **Geoff Raby**

**Lectio Divina**

There will as usual be no meeting in August, and meetings then continue on the fourth Wednesday of the month, starting on the 24th Septemberl. I hope by then to be fit enough to attend and lead the session. At each study we will be using the following Sunday’s Gospel reading.  Everyone is welcome.  **Andrew Smith**

**Collection for Fr Michael**

The recent collection for Fr Michael and Pam raised the sum of £85. We will be sending a floral plant basket, as we know they both love plants, and a food hamper with tempting treats in. Thanks to all who contributed. **Margaret Breedon**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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Those who are sick: including Pam Bailey, Ian Birkin, Colin Booth, Fr Michael Brinkworth, Carole Chapman, Frank Clewes, Anne, Esme, and Nigel Gamble, Ann Henshaw, David Howling, Jean Jarvis, George Mills, Stuart Mills, Anne Riley, Len Shelbourne, Andrew Smith, Martha Smith, Paul Smith, Natasha Smith-Thorley, Bryan Straw, and Yvonne Wilcockson.

All who have recently died, especially Joy Nottingham, Pat Daniel, and Gary Marsh; please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Jack Wright, May Victoria Smith, Lillian Starks, Maria Beardsley, Sidney Robinson, and Mary Chapman.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in Memory of the late Kenneth Smith, and also of the late Minnie and Robert Smith, and also of the late George and Hilda Wigley.

**Contacts at Holy Trinity:**

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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.

**Commmentary on the Readings for the Twentieth Sunday in ordinary time:**

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**First Reading: *Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10***

During today's First Reading, we hear how Jeremiah was mistreated by the king and his officials. These persons of authority did not appreciate hearing the Word of God that was being prophesied through the mouth of Jeremiah. While it cannot be denied that Jeremiah was delivering bad news, such was being done in obedience and servitude to God. In truth, it was not Jeremiah who was speaking but rather it was God who was speaking through Jeremiah.

**Second Reading: *Hebrews 12: 1-4***

Saint Paul reminds us that we as Christians must resist sin, so that we may not grow weary or lose heart. Jesus endured great hostility against himself from sinners. In our struggle against sin, none of us have resisted to the point of shedding our blood on the cross as Jesus has endured, disregarding its shame. Therefore, we must persevere and run the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus as the pioneer and the one who perfects our faith. To run the race means to persevere in our Catholic faith to the end of our lives on earth. To persevere in our faith means that during our lives, we must receive all the Church Sacraments for which we qualify.

**Gospel: *Luke 12: 49-53***

During today's reading from the Gospel of Luke, we heard Jesus say, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!" Fire is symbolic of the Holy Spirit and His actions of being a consuming fire as God. The ministry of Jesus on earth included preparing the way for the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to guide and teach us in all the truth, to sanctify us and to test our faith by fire. The process of sanctifying the world through the institution of the Kingdom of God on earth is seen through the visible Body of Christ. The Christian's resistance against sin, all that is evil, is an ongoing inner battle.

*[ The above Commentary, by Fr Tom Barnfather, previously appeared in the Trinity Newsletter on 18th August 2019.]*