**TRINITY**

The Newsletter of

**Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 24th August 2025**

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

**11am Parish Mass  Celebrant and Preacher Fr Stephen Jones**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

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

**Introit**  146 Holy, Holy, Holy

**Gloria**  4

**Psalm** 117

**Gradual** 388 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

**Offertory** 7 Hills of the North

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  387 Jesus good above all other

**Recessional** 334 All people that on earth do dwell

**Angelus**

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

**Tuesday 26th August 9.30 am Mass**

**Thursday 28th 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 31st August 2025 Twenty-second 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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**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**

**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**

**Funeral of Pat Daniel RIP**

 Pat's funeral will be held at Bramcote crematorium and not at Holy Trinity church. This will take place on **Wednesday 3 September at 11am** and Fr Ken Johnson will be taking the service. Pat of course was well known at the church and had many friends and all are very welcome to attend. **Geoff**

**Funeral of Leonard Childs RIP**

 Please note that this funeral will take place at Holy Trinity on **Wednesday 3 September at 10.30am. Geoff**

**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, 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 Pat Daniel, and Gary Marsh; please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Ivor Hoole, Mary Brown, Harry Mitchell, Mary Elliot, and Doris Edna Bliss.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in Memory of the late Ivor Hoole, and also in Memory of the late David Clewes.

**Contacts at Holy Trinity:**

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

**5th Ilkeston Holy Trinity Rainbows**:  Fiona 07914 717248

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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 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time: Andrew Smith writes:**

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**The Theme of the Readings: Who Will Be Saved?**

 How often do you ask yourself about the condition of your soul and the likelihood of your eternal salvation? We are too frequently overly concerned with accumulating material goods as a society. We do not concern ourselves with the imperishable works that will follow the righteous into eternity. How seriously do we consider that we might not be preparing our souls for the eternal judgment we must face? This question is a serious matter in a time when many professing Christians do not attend worship on the Lord's Day. Giving God worship, renouncing sin, offering penance, and conversion continue as integral parts of the Biblical message to every generation. Eternal salvation is the destiny God plans for all of us, but how many will be willing to do what is necessary to fulfil that destiny?

 Today's First Reading is from the prophet Isaiah's **(66:18-21)** eschatological (a specific branch of biblical theology and style of writing to do with the end-times and the coming of the Messiah) discourse when he prophesies that in the Messianic Age, all nations of the earth will repent and convert to the worship of the One True God. And, as an offering to God, the converted Gentiles will restore the dispersed Jews to Jerusalem. The new Israel of the New Covenant Church that welcomed all Gentile nations of the earth into a universal family of Jesus the Messiah fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy. Many have seen the United Nations recreating the state of Israel in 1947 and opening a way for all the world's Jews displaced by World War II to have a nation as a further fulfilment of Isaiah's prophecy, the ‘new’ state of Israel would occupy the original lands of the northern tribes of Israel after the Assyrian exile of 722 BC. The recreation of the original land of Israel was considered by some as a miracle.

 In today’s Epistle reading from Hebrews **(12:5-7, 11-13)** the writer (possibly Paul) reminds the Jewish Christians of his time and us

today that God loves us. Even when we suffer chastisement because of our sins, these corrections are signs of God's fatherly love and concern for His children. Our loving heavenly Father is not a permissive parent; He is a righteous Father who expects the best from His children. A holy God deserves holy children.

 Our Gospel reading from Luke **(13:22-30)** reminds us that, from the beginning of God's relationship with humanity, His gift of free will has always given men and women a choice between two paths or two gates/doors. All humankind can travel the narrow way of obedience and fellowship with God that leads to eternal life, or go one's way without God and follow the wide path that leads to eternal separation from our Divine Father.

 At first, the broad path seems appealing because it calls for no standard of conduct. It is the more travelled path, but it leads to sin, judgment, separation from God, and eternal punishment. The other choice is the narrow, less travelled, more challenging path that requires spiritual strength to stay on course, but it leads to fellowship with the Lord and eternal salvation. God does not desire that any should perish but that all should come to salvation. It is the destiny He planned for us from the moment of our conception in our mothers' wombs. However, the Lord does not force us. Like every person in salvation history, you must determine your ultimate destination; there is no middle ground, and the choice is entirely yours.