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The Newsletter of **Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 21st July 2024**

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Robert Breckles**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

Today's hymns are from Hymns Old and New (Blue)

**Introit** 584 Praise to the Lord

**Gloria**  Gloria 4

**Psalm** Psalm 22 The Lord is my Shepherd

**Gradual** 174 Blest are the pure in heart

**Offertory** 444 Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  656 The King of love my shepherd is

**Recessional** 142 As the deer pants for the water

**Angelus**

**We are pleased to welcome Fr Robert Breckles as Celebrant and Preacher at Mass this morning**

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

**Tuesday 23rd July 9.30 am Mass Fr Ken Johnson**

**Thursday 18th July 7.00 pm Mass Fr Stephen Jones**

**Next Sunday 28th July 17th Sunday inOrdinary Time**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Ken Johnson**

**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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**Update on the Vacancy at Holy Trinity**

 We would like to make everyone aware that we are moving forward in the process to fill the Vacancy at Holy Trinity (and St Laurence's). A Parochial Church Council meeting was held at the beginning of July at which Archdeacon Karen Hamblin was present and she was able to give us an update from the perspective of the diocese. She has been working with both Bishop Libby and Bishop Paul (of Oswestry) and all are keen to get the process moving as soon as possible. We discussed the Parish Profile (which gives information for prospective applicants and outlines the sort of Priest we are looking for) and it is hoped that that will be finalised and in the public domain within a matter of weeks, with advertising for the post in September and shortlisting and interviews to follow. This is all very much quicker than has been the case in the past and we are much encouraged by the progress that is being made. We will give an update when there is anything further to report.

**Geoff Raby and Sharon Wright Churchwardens**

**Rosemary Hoole elected as Diocesan Synod member**

 We are please to be able to let you know that Rosemary put herself forward again as a candidate for Derby Diocese Synod and she has been re-elected. She is one of just 9 lay members from the South East Derbyshire Deanery and it is good that someone from Holy Trinity continues to be involved at a diocesan level. Our thanks and appreciation go to Rosemary.

**Geoff Raby and Sharon Wright, Churchwardens**

**Betty Fisher RIP - Funeral Arrangements**

 As some of you will know, Betty Fisher passed away last week . There will be no funeral in church but it will be at Bramcote Crematorium on Wednesday 31st July at 1.30pm, followed by refreshments at the Sherwin Arms, and the family have said that people from Holy Trinity would be welcome. Betty was a long term member of Holy Trinity and had been coming since she was an infant and had taken on a number of roles at the church and was for many years a member of the PCC. We therefore think it appropriate to have a Requiem Mass for her and we will let you know the arrangements in due course but it's likely to be sometime in August and probably on a Thursday evening.  **Geoff and Sharon**

**Lectio Divina – Bible Study in the Benedictine Style**

 We meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month, in the Church Hall at 1:20pm for 1.30pm and the study aims to finish just before 3:00pm, for a time of prayer. Future dates for your diary: 24th July, (no meeting in August), 27th September, 24th October, 22nd. November. Helen has kindly agreed to lead the study whilst I’m laid up. Everyone is welcome! **Andrew Smith**

**St Anne's Derby - Patronal Festival and 152nd Anniversary of Dedication**. **Friday 26th July 2024 at 7.00 pm**.

 Celebrant +Paul Thomas, Lord Bishop of Oswestry. Traditional High Mass followed by light refreshments. All welcome **Fr Giles**

**Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Egmanton Sat 3rd August 12 00**

 Below is a copy of an email concerning this pilgrimage. In the past, a few people from Holy Trinity have attended this and if there are a number of

people who would like to go then we may be able to coordinate this with regard to transport etc. So, please do speak up if you are interested.

 All are invited to come on pilgrimage to the **Shrine of Our Lady of Egmanton** -12.00 Sung Mass: **The Rt Revd Stephen Race**, SSC, Bishop of Beverley is the celebrant and preacher'. If you would like a light lunch provided in the village hall at a reasonable price, please kindly book it by letting me know, or you are welcome to bring a picnic lunch (in which case no need to book). It would be very helpful if you could kindly let me know the approximate numbers if you are hoping to attend

 The Shrine Church of Our Lady of Egmanton can be found on Tuxford Road, Egmanton, Nottinghamshire, NG22 The Shrine website: <http://www.egmanton-shrine.net/>

  If you would like any further information, then please feel free to contact me. Fr Philip Reynolds, Membership Secretary of the Society & Shrine of Our Lady of Egmanton  07805 509469 life.draw@btinternet.com

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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 Those who are sick: we include at this time His Majesty King Charles and HRH The Princess of Wales as well as Pam Bailey, Colin Booth, Oliver Bostock, Fr Michael Brinkworth, Carole Chapman, Frank Clewes, Sue Coman, Pat Daniel, Chris Dickinson, Anne, Esme, and Nigel Gamble, Jean Jarvis, Richard Pykett, Anne Riley, John Rollisson, Andrew Smith, and Paul Underwood.

 All who have recently died, especially Betty Fisher, Lee Wooley, and Diane Gellner-Ward. Please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week:. Ivy Carrington, Barry Tyler, Minnie Meer, Thomas Wheeler, Alfred Baker, Lily gGilbert, Robert Arthur Bostock, and Margaret Lenn y.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in Memory of the late Nicholas Riley.

**Contacts at Holy Trinity:**

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

**5th Ilkeston Holy Trinity Rainbows**: Sue: 07722 929226

**Holy Trinity Tiny Tots** (Parent and Toddler Group) Helen Crisp

 07790 876015

**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.

**About today’s Mass readings: Andrew Smith writes:**

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**Commentary on the Readings for the 16th Sunday in OT**

**The Theme of the Readings: Like a Shepherd Tends His Flock**

 During the last several Sundays, the readings focused on the authority and mission of God's representatives, the ‘voice’ of God to the people. Using the familiar Biblical imagery of a shepherd and his flock, the readings continue to reflect on the authority and mission of the Church with emphasis on the need for righteous ‘shepherds,’ the bishops and priests God calls to lead the ‘flock’ of His Church. ‘ The Good Shepherd ought to be the model and 'form' of the bishop's pastoral office. Conscious of his own weaknesses, 'the bishop ... can have compassion for those who are ignorant and erring. He should not refuse to listen to his subjects whose welfare he promotes as of his very own children... The faithful ... should be closely attached to the bishop as the Church is to Jesus Christ, and as Jesus Christ is to the Father'...’.

 In our First Reading **(Jeremiah 23:1-6)** the 6th-century BC prophet Jeremiah calls a covenant lawsuit against the failed religious leaders of the Israelites/Jews of the Sinai Covenant. In response to their failures and the harm they have done to the people, Yahweh promises that He will come Himself to call them to account and to shepherd the ‘flock’ of His people. He will bring them back to a covenant relationship with Him, rescuing them from where they were scattered and lost both physically and spiritually.

 In today’s set Responsorial Psalm **(Ps22)** we read a beautiful toda/todah Psalm of King David, Israel's shepherd-king. In Hebrew, the word toda means ‘thanksgiving.’ A toda psalm is one that typically begins with the psalmist crying out to the Lord God from the depth of his sufferings, but ends in a hymn of praise to God who is always faithful and has not abandoned His servant.

 In our Epistle from Ephesians **(2:13-18)** St. Paul writes about the Gospel of salvation that God worked in Christ Jesus for all peoples. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus's New Covenant Kingdom brought Jews and Gentiles into a unity of one ‘flock’ in one faith family that worships the same God and Father.

 In the Gospel Reading, **(Mark 6:30-34)** the men Jesus chose to shepherd His New Covenant Kingdom return from their first missionary journey where they preached the coming of the promised Messianic Kingdom. Jesus sees the crowds of people gathered to hear Him preach and has compassion for them because they are like ‘sheep without a shepherd.’ He is the fulfilment of the prophecies of Jeremiah in the First Reading. Jesus is both God Himself and the Messianic Good Shepherd from the house of David who has come to rescue His people and to lead them to salvation through worship in ‘...the house of the Lord.’

**Saint of the Week:**

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**24th July - St Charbel of Makhlouf, Priest**

 Born into humble circumstances in Lebanon during 1828, Yussef Antoun Makhlouf was the youngest of Antoun Zaarour Makhlouf and Brigitta Elias al-Shediyaq's five children. Antoun, died when his youngest son was only three.

 Leaving home in 1851 without informing anyone he became Brother Charbel, after making a pilgrimage on foot to his new monastic home. In this, he followed the example of his maternal uncles, who were already living as solitary monks at the Hermitage of Saint Paul in the Qadisha Valley.

 Charbel took his monastic vows in November of 1853 in a private ceremony. The priest-monk lived and served in the monastery for 19 years, showing great devotion to the life of prayer, manual work, and for the next 23 years Brother Charbel was deeply devoted to God's Eucharistic presence. He suffered a stroke while celebrating the Divine Liturgy of the Maronite Catholic Church on December 16, 1898. He died on Christmas Eve of that year.

 St. Charbel's tomb has been a site for pilgrimages since his death. Hundreds of miracles are believed to have occurred through his intercession with God, both in Lebanon and around the world. As part of the canonisation process his body was exhumed showing no signs of decay or corruption and a fragrant oil was seen and collected leaking from St Charbel’s in-corrupt body. To this day the body still discharges the highly fragrant oil. He was canonised in 1977 by Pope Paul VI the first Lebanese Maronite saint.