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The Newsletter of **Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 24th November 2024 CHRIST THE KING**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Ken Johnson**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

Today's hymns are from New English Hymnal (Green)\* omit starred verses

**Introit** 509 All glory, laud and honour\*

**Gloria**  Gloria 4

**Psalm** 92 The Lord is King, with majesty enrobed

**Gradual** 271 Alleluya, sing to Jesus

**Offertory** 338 At the name of Jesus\*

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  295 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

**Recessional** 436 Praise my soul

**Angelus**

**We are pleased to welcome Fr Ken Johnson as Celebrant and Preacher at Mass this morning**

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

**Tuesday 26th November 9.30 am Mass Fr Neil Broadbent**

**Thursday 28th November 7.00 pm Mass Fr Giles Orton**

**Next Sunday 1st December 1st of Advent**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Ian Falconer**

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**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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**Appointment of a new Parish Priest**

 The following announcement from the Bishop of Derby's office was read out at church on Sunday 17th November: "The Revd Max Marsh, Assistant Curate of St Mary the Virgin Lewisham, Diocese of Southwark, has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of Ilkeston Holy Trinity and of Long Eaton St Laurence, Diocese of Derby."

 Further details about his Licensing and when he will be starting his ministry among us will be given when known.

 We were delighted to bring this news to the people of the parish and we are sure we speak for everyone when we say that we are very much looking forward to Fr Max's arrival. **Geoff and Sharon, Churchwardens**

**Anniversary of Dedication of Holy Trinity 24th November**

This year on the Solemnity of Christ The King we celebrate the 137th anniversary of the dedication of the church founded back in the 1880s. We remember those who contributed to the building of the church and also those countless individuals who over the years have contributed their money, their time and their skill to keeping the church alive and flourishing. We owe such a debt of gratitude to this enormous generosity but we also need to look to the future in ensuring we are able to continue to flourish.

 As is customary at this time, we invite parishioners to show a sign of their own appreciation for the past, their hope for the future and indeed for the endless generosity that God shows to us all. Blue gift envelopes will be available in church on Sunday 24th and Sunday 1st December to enable you to make a one-off donation and if you pay tax please complete the gift aid

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information which means that the church can recover a further 25% from the Revenue. Alternatively you can send your donation direct to the church's bank account as follows: NatWest 60-11-37 Holy Trinity PCC account number 05406153 Ref: Dedication, or send a cheque made payable to Holy Trinity PCC to the Treasurer, Margaret Breedon at Babbington House, Babbington, Nottingham, NG16 2SS. **Geoff and Sharon**

**Christmas Tree**

 Another big thank you for more generous donations received to cover the cost of our new artificial Christmas tree, with £25.00 left over which will go towards our usual Shelter appeal we have in lieu of sending individual Christmas cards. Much appreciated. **Rosemary**

**Advent/Christmas Party Tuesday 10th December 6.30pm for 7.00pm**

 Tickets (£12.00/children £6.00) are now available for the party. The main course will be turkey and all the trimmings with a vegetarian option. Dessert is either Christmas pudding or chocolate log. As usual the evening will be interspersed with a quiz/games so get your tickets and get in the Christmas spirit. **Rosemary**

**School visits**

We shall be welcoming children from Charlotte Street Infant School into Church again this year for our Christingle Workshops. The dates are Monday 25th November, Thursday 28th November, and Friday 29th November, from 9.30am to 12 noon**. Helen Crisp**

**Sanctuary Lamp Dedications**

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly as a sign of Our Lord's presence in the Reserved Sacrament, and each week of the year is available for members of the congregation to dedicate the burning of the Lamp in memory of departed loved ones. The cost is £3 per dedication and our Treasurer Margaret Breedon will be available after Mass for remaining Sundays of this year to

accept your dedications for weeks in 2025. These are then included week by week in our intercessions.

**Christmas Floral Workshops - Tues 3rd and Wed 4th December, 6.30pm**

 Our popular floral workshops will take place on the above dates. A really fun evening where, with expert tuition and guidance, everyone takes

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home a delightful festive arrangement or Christmas wreath. All materials are provided - you just have to bring along a pair of scissors.  Tickets remain at the same price as last year, £12.50 and, as well as materials, refreshments will be included.  Bring along friends and family to get in the mood for Christmas.

Tickets available from me after mass on Sundays or by contacting me on 07751 028556. **Rosemary**

**Christmas Hampers**

 A list with suggested items for our Christmas hampers will be in the Hall after Mass. Please sign against the item(s) you plan to contribute as soon as possible and bring them to church **no later than Sunday 1st December** so that the hampers can be on show at the Floral Workshops. Could I suggest that it’s better to bring small items as this makes it easier to assemble the hampers with a larger variety of items. Please make sure that the contributions have as long a ‘use by’ date as possible. Raffling the hampers is a great fund-raiser and your generosity is very much appreciated.  Last year we made £277.00 so let’s see if we can equal or beat that total this year! Many thanks.  Rosemary

**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. The remaining date for the rest of this year is: 27th November (no meeting in December). Helen has kindly agreed to lead the study whilst I’m laid up. Everyone is welcome! **Andrew Smith**

**Derby Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham**

 We are seeking to revitalize the Derby City Cell ofthe Society of Our Lady of Walsingham, with a gathering on Saturday 7th December for the Feast ofthe Immaculate Conception  in St Luke’s Crypt, Parliament Street, Derby. The Rosary will be prayed at 10am, and a Mass with Healing Ministries will be offered at 10.30am. This will be followed by refreshments & fellowship. All most warmly invited.

**Fr Peter Jackson SSC tel: 07443 294480   email: Priest@stlukesderby.org.uk**

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**Please remember in your prayers:**

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 Those who are sick: Pam Bailey, Colin Booth, Oliver Bostock, Fr Michael Brinkworth, Carole Chapman, Frank Clewes, Sue Coman, Pat Daniel, Anne, Esme, and Nigel Gamble, Ann Henshaw, Helen Jarvis, Jean Jarvis, Margaret Lacey, Kev Lea, Richard Pykett, Anne Riley, Andrew Smith, Paul Smith, and Paul Underwood.

 All who have recently died. Please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Alf Hitchcock, Winifred Benson, Derrick Medcalf, Mary Draper, Elsie McCracken, and Barry Derbyshire.

  ( *Image supplied by this morning's Celebrant, Fr Ken.)*

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**Contacts at Holy Trinity:**

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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*

**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: The Solemnity of Christ the King: Andrew Smith writes: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**The Theme of this Solemnity's Readings: Jesus Christ is Lord of Lords, King of Kings, and the Origin and Goal of History**!

 The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King on the last Sunday before the beginning of Advent. In our readings, we end the Church's liturgical year with a vision of the return of Christ the King at the end of the age, and we celebrate His universal kingship.

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 The Catechism of the Catholic Church § 671 says: *‘Though already present in his Church, Christ's reign is nevertheless yet to be fulfilled with power and great joy by the King's return to earth. This reign is still under attack by the evil powers, even though they have been defeated definitely by Christ's Passover. Until everything is subject to him, until there be realized new heavens and a new earth in which justice dwells, the pilgrim Church, in her sacraments and institutions, which belongs to this present age, carries the mark of this world which will pass, and she herself takes her place among the creatures which groan and travail yet and await the revelation of the sons of God. '* That is why we as Christians ought to pray during Advent: Maranatha! ‘*Come Lord, come!*’

 We become heirs of Christ the King when we receive the Holy Spirit's anointing in the Sacrament of Baptism and become members of a royal family in Christ's Kingdom of the Church. We are a royal priestly people, sharing in our King's crown. While most earthly kings wear jewel-encrusted crowns and sit on golden thrones, our King's crown is made of thorns, and His throne is the wood of the Cross. He calls us to share in His Kingdom of justice, self-sacrifice, peace, and freedom. And the more our hearts grow spiritually, the more the Holy Spirit purifies us, and the more we come to recognize the face of our royal ruler in the faces of the impoverished, the hungry, and the oppressed. Our King's promise to us has a present and future reality when He said, ‘*Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God*.’

 In the First Reading, the prophet ***Daniel* (*7:13-14)***has a vision of the divine Messiah who has the appearance of a human being, *‘one like a Son of man’* (Heb. & Aramaic ‘Son of man’ – ‘ Bar na’sha ‘) The Messiah comes before the throne of God the Almighty to receive power and authority over all Earth's peoples, kingdoms, and nations, and His sovereignty will last forever.

 The Responsorial ***Psalm*** ***(93:1-2,5)*** today is the first in a series of eight hymns proclaiming God's kingship. Today's Psalm reading is a confession of faith in God's sovereignty and dominion over the earth, its peoples, and their nations. It refers to God's Holy Temple in Jerusalem, where His divine presence dwells amid His Church. St. Eusebius of Caesarea wrote: *‘This house is the Church. To remain standing forever what it needs above all is holiness.*

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*As truth is at the heart of Christ's testimony, so holiness is at the heart of his house*’ (Commentaria in Psalmos, 92).

 In the First Reading, Daniel's vision of the ‘Son of Man’ is the same ‘Son of Man’ St. John saw in the Book of Revelation in the Second Reading ***(Rev.1:5-8)***. St. John saw the resurrected and glorified Christ, who identified Himself by three Messianic titles that referred to the promise of His three-fold mission as God's Prophet, Priest, and King. God the Father sent God the Son as His Supreme Prophet and our Priestly Shepherd-King, who cares lovingly for those who belong to His flock. He is also the Davidic heir and all-powerful King of the Universe to whom we owe our very being and unwavering adoration. The reading reminds us that Christ will return at the end of the Messianic Age of the Kingdom of the Church to judge the living and the dead!

The passage should cause us to ask ourselves: ‘Will His Church and the peoples of the earth be ready for His Second Coming and endure His divine judgment? ‘ or as a car bumper sticker read ‘ Quick, look busy, Jesus is coming.

 In the Gospel Reading (***John 18;33-37)*** today, Jesus tells the Roman Governor Pontius Pilate that his Kingdom is *‘… not of this earth,’* which carries a double meaning.  On the one hand, it speaks of origin. Jesus’s kingdom does not originate from the world. He makes that explicit with the Greek word ‘ ‘enteuthen’ (Gr. Enteuqen)) — his kingdom is not ‘from here' (verse 36). But that would be a pointless observation if it did not carry the second meaning — namely, that his kingdom is not of the nature of this world. Christ’s kingdom is a kingdom unlike — not the same as — the kingdoms of this world. Instead, His Kingdom is spiritual, and the reign of the earthly Kingdom of His Church will continue in its mission to battle evil and the enemies who oppose those who belong to the collective Body of Christ.’

 At His Ascension, Jesus became the Priest-King of the Father’s heavenly kingdom and ‘*sits at God's right hand*,’ the place of honour. In the heavenly Sanctuary, He continually offers His one perfect sacrifice and intercedes for His Church on earth. In the meantime, we continue our journey to salvation ‘until His enemies will be made His footstool,’ an event that will occur in Jesus's Second Advent and the end of time as we know it. At that time, the faithful, resurrected body and soul will sing with the angels in Heaven as we sing in today's Psalm: ‘*The Lord is King; with majesty enrobed!’*

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