**TRINITY**

The Newsletter of

**Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 26th January 2025**

**Third Sunday in OT (Year C)**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Max**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

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

**Introit** 362 Glorious things of thee are spoken

**Gloria**  Gloria 4

**Psalm** 19 Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life

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

**Offertory** 378 Immortal love for ever full

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  277 Bread of the world in mercy broken

**Recessional** 486 We have a gospel to proclaim

**Angelus**

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

**Tuesday 29th January 9.30 am Mass**

**Thursday 31st January 7.00 pm Mass**

**Next Sunday 2nd February 2025 Candlemas / Brownie Parade**

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

**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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**Pilgrimage to Walsingham**

 The Holy Trinity annual pilgrimage to Walsingham has been organised this year for Friday 2nd May to Sunday 4th May 2025. There are still some places available, however vacancies are limited.  If anyone is interested in going on this pilgrimage please contact David Hudson on 07470 503680 for further details, as soon as possible.  Don’t miss out on this opportunity to join us on Pilgrimage to England’s Nazareth. **David Hudson**

**Paul Smith**

Paul Smith is now resident at Room 30, Silverwood Care Home, Imperial Road, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1FN. **Nicky Bailey**

**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, Gwen Hallam, Ann Henshaw, Helen Jarvis, Jean Jarvis, Margaret Lacey, Richard Pykett, Anne Riley, Andrew Smith, Paul Smith, and Yvonne Wilcockson.

 All who have recently died. Please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Juliet Hilda Price, Arthur Robertson, Priest, Hilda Wright, Eric Stoddard, Tim Hutchinson, Ethel Henley, Leone McKie, Agnes Brown, Frank Tebbutt, William Smith, Alice Matkin. Philip Shaw, Charles Beardsley, and William Arthur Smith.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in Memory of the late Angela Pykett.

**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*

Copies of the Newsletter are available in Church each Sunday morning, on our Website, and by email. Please let me know if you would like to be added to or removed from the email distribution list **Richard Pykett**

**Website / Facebook** For more about Holy Trinity, visit our website:-

w*ww.holytrinityilkeston.org.uk*. Follow us on Facebook: 'Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston'.

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

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 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.

**Commentary on the Readings for the 3rd Sunday in OT : Andrew Smith writes:**

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**The Theme of the Readings: The Word and the Body**

 In our First Reading and the Gospel Reading, the 6th century BC priestly scholar of the Law, Ezra, and Jesus in the first century AD, stood up before the assembly of the covenant people to read the word of God from Sacred Scripture. After the reading, both Ezra and Jesus interpreted the Scriptures so that the people of God who were present to understand God's message.

 In the First Reading **(Nehemiah 8:2-4,5,6,8-10)**, the people of Judah were liberated from the Babylonian captivity and returned to the Promised Land and the holy city of Jerusalem. They assembled to listen to Ezra, the priest, read from the Book of the Law and explain what it meant to obey God's commandments. They rebuilt Jerusalem, its protective walls, and the Temple where, as a ‘body’ of one people in covenant with God, they again offered the twice-daily Tamid sacrifice for their atonement and sanctification. They celebrated their sacred feasts, praised and worshipped Yahweh, their God, and committed to

 The Responsorial Psalm **(Ps19 (18))** proclaims the goodness of God's gift of the Law and lists eight statements concerning its perfection in one's life. The end of the psalm petitions the Lord to guide the psalmist's words and thoughts so he can find favour before God, his Rock and Redeemer. He praises God's unshakable reliability in the life of the believer and the truth of His word, which is firm like a rock and can ‘never be shaken.’

 In the Epistle **(1Cor.12:12-30)** St. Paul told the Christians at Corinth that as individuals and a faith community, they are part of the unity of believers who form the Church, the Body of Jesus Christ. Paul wrote to the mixed Jewish and Gentile Christians at Corinth about their diversity and unity. Each has received different spiritual gifts and has a mission in service to the Body of Christ. Paul tells them (and us) that faithful Christians should do their part in service to Christ to the best of their abilities and contribute to the well-being of the entire Church in carrying forward the Gospel of salvation in works of love and mercy.

 The events in the First Reading prepare us for the Gospel **(Lk1:1-4; 4:14-21)** reading, where Jesus visits His home-town of Nazareth to keep His Sabbath obligation in the local synagogue. He read the word of God from the book of the prophet Isaiah to the congregation. Then, He interpreted the passage by announcing to the assembled believers that He is the promised Messiah who has come to liberate His people from the curse of sin and death. It is the same announcement every Gospel Reading reveals to the Body of Christ of the Church from the Word of God in every generation.

**The Feast of the Word of God: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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 Pope Francis established this feast in his Apostolic Letter, Aperuit Illis, published on September 30, 2019. He wrote: ‘I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the word of God.’  The Latin phrase, aperuit illis meaning ‘opened to them’ comes from Jesus' words on Easter Day when, according to the Gospel of St Luke (Lk 24:25), in the company of the disciples, He opened to them their minds to understand the Scriptures. Pope Francis further wrote in Aperuit Illis, ‘A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event, but rather a year-long event...’ as he encouraged clergy and the laity to seek a deeper understanding of Sacred Scripture.

 It is in Sacred Scripture that God reveals His divine plan for humanity in the two Testaments; therefore, we read and relive the events of Salvation History in the Old and New Testaments in the Church's Liturgy. This reveals the unfolding mystery of God's plan as we read the Old Testament in light of the New and the New Testament in light of the Old.