**TRINITY**

The Newsletter of **Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 23rd February 2025**

**Seventh 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)

\* Omit starred verses \*

**Introit** 397 Let us with a gladsome mind

**Gloria**  Gloria 4

**Psalm** 103 The Lord is compassionate and gracious

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

**Offertory** 383 Jesu, Lover of my soul \*

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  282 Faithful Shepherd feed me

**Recessional** 235 Forth in thy name of Lord I go

**Angelus**

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

**Tuesday 25th February 9.30 am Mass**

**Thursday 27th February 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 2nd March 2025 8th Sunday in OT**

**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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**Lectio Divina**

 Our Bible Study sessions will resume on Wednesday 26th February at 1:45 for 2pm in the Church Hall and then monthly on the 4th Wednesday (except August and December) finishing about 3pm in the Hall. At each study we will be using the following Sunday’s Gospel reading. Everyone is welcome and I will be leading the meetings for the time being. **Helen**

**Shrove Tuesday Supper 4th March, 6.30pm for 7.00pm**

 Tickets for the Shrove Tuesday Supper are now available - £12.00 (children £6.00). There will be a choice of either corned beef hash or sausages, plus, of course, pancakes or apple pie.  If you have any items as suitable raffle prizes these would be much appreciated. Many thanks.  **Rosemary**

**Funeral of Margaret Lacey RIP**

 Margaret’s funeral service will take place at 1.30pm at Holy Trinity church on Monday 3rd March followed by cremation at Bramcote. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be available in the church hall afterwards the service.  **Nicky**

**Visits to church from Charlotte Nursery and Infant School**

All the visits planned for the current term have been successfully completed, and the staff were very appreciative of our efforts. Helen and Caroline would like to thank Rosemary Hoole, Alex Greger, and David Allen for their help.

 We hope to welcome children from the school again next term and look forward to Fr Max being involved at that stage if possible. **Helen Crisp**

**Oswestry Chrism Festival Monday 14th April**

 This is an advance notice of the Chrism Festival which, for this part of the See of Oswestry, will be held in Lichfield Cathedral. Bishop Paul is encouraging the laity to attend on this day and, depending on numbers, we may be able to coordinate travel arrangements.

 The programme is as follows:

 11am Solemn Concelebrated Mass of the Chrism *followed by a hearty buffet lunch*

 2.15pm Catechesis

 3pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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 Those who are sick: Pam Bailey, Colin Booth, Oliver Bostock, Fr Michael Brinkworth, Bryan Straw, Carole Chapman, Frank Clewes, Sue Coman, Pat Daniel, Anne, Esme, and Nigel Gamble, Gwen Hallam, Ann Henshaw, Helen Jarvis, Jean Jarvis, Richard Pykett, Anne Riley, Andrew Smith, Paul Smith, Bryan Straw, and Yvonne Wilcockson.

 All who have recently died, especially Margaret Lacey, Christopher Walton, and Fr John Burrows, Priest; please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Vera Beardsley, Minnie Smith, Fanny Poole, Catherine Fletcher, and George Moore.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of the late Joyce Seals.

**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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**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*

Printed copies of the Newsletter are available in Church each Sunday morning;it can be downloaded from our website, and you can receive a copy as an email attachment. Please let me know if you would like to be added to, or removed from, the email distribution list **Richard Pykett**

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**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 Seventh Sunday in OT: Andrew Smith writes:**

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**The Theme of the Readings Are You a Saul or a David?**

 The Law of the Sinai Covenant required the Israelites to love and care for members of their Covenant family, but they had no obligations to do so for those outside the Covenant.

 In our First Reading **(1Samuel 26:2-23)**, David demonstrated his obedience to that command when he chose not to kill King Saul. Saul's jealousy of David's success in battle and his popularity with the people grew into such a violent hatred that he vowed to take David's life. When David had the opportunity to kill his enemy, he resisted the temptation. Instead, he put his hope and trust in God because, as David reminds us in today's psalm, ‘God redeems your life from destruction’ when you are faithful, obedient to His will, and trust Him with your life.

 In our Responsorial Psalm **(Ps103(102):1-13),** attributed to David, the Psalmist thanks God for His physical and spiritual blessings. He praises God with his entire being, giving thanks for all the good God has done for him. Then, he lists the reasons for his gratitude and praise and why all people should be thankful and praise Yahweh. He testifies to the limitless extent of God's love and mercy in forgiving the sins of those who fear offending a loving God who casts out their sins: ‘As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.’ And St Paul writes that the depth of God's love for His Covenant family is in this case, like the love human fathers have for their children.

 Today's Epistle **(1Corinthians15:45-49)** promises that God will redeem the faithful. St. Paul writes that Jesus is the ‘second Adam.’ We bear the physical image of the first Adam, and like him in death, we will return to the dust of the earth. But through God's grace, Jesus, the ‘second Adam,’ has redeemed the faithful from spiritual death. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we bear the image of the ‘heavenly Adam,’ who will one day return to make us like Himself in the resurrection of body and spirit.

 The story of the contrast between Saul and David prepares us for the Gospel Reading **(Luke 6: 27-38)**. In the New Covenant, Jesus fulfilled and transformed the Old Law of the Sinai Covenant. He intensified the demands of righteousness, internalised those obligations, and internationalised the Covenant commands of justice, love, and compassion to include the entire human family, especially our enemies and even those who hate us. As a result, human passions like King Saul's will not rule Jesus's disciples. Instead, they are to demonstrate that the love of God requires acts of love, compassion, and obedience, like David, who feared offending God more than he feared what Saul could do to harm him. We all have it in us to be either a Saul who hates or a David who forgives in gratitude for God's mercy and forgiveness toward him. The choice is entirely ours.