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The Newsletter of

**Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 2nd March 2025**

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

**Brownie Parade**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Max Marsh**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning**

 A separate sheet will be provided with the words for all this morning's hymns. Gloria 4 will be used, and the Psalm will be said.

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

**Tuesday 4th March 9.30 am Mass**

**Wednesday 7th March 7.30 pm Sung Mass with Imposition of Ashes**

**Thursday 6th March 7.00 pm Mass Fr Bob Boyle**

**(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 9th March 2025 1st Sunday in Lent**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Max Marsh**

**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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**Funeral of Margaret Lacey RIP Monday 3rd March**

 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 after the service.  **Nicky**

**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**

**Lectio Divina Wednesday 26th March**

 Our next Bible Study session will take place on Wednesday 26th March 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**

**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, Carole Chapman, Frank Clewes, Sue Coman, Pat Daniel, Anne, Esme, and Nigel Gamble, Gwen Hallam, Ann Henshaw, Helen Jarvis, Jean Jarvis, Marion Kimber, Richard Pykett, Anne Riley, Andrew Smith, Paul Smith, Bryan Straw, and Yvonne Wilcockson.

 All who have recently died, especially Christopher Walton, and Fr John Burrows, Priest; please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Leslie Williams, Norman Murden, Howard Smets, and Beatrice Ann Harrison.

**Contacts at Holy Trinity:**

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

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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 First Sunday in Lent: Andrew Smith writes:**

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**The Theme of the Readings: Honesty in Proclaiming the Word**

 God calls all Christians to testify of Jesus Christ and His Gospel of salvation. However, a Christian's witness is only credible if it is honest and reflects the image of Christ in the life of the one bearing testimony of Jesus and His Kingdom.

 The First Reading (**Sirach 27:4-7**, also called Ecclesiasticus, not to be confused with Ecclesiastes) introduces the theme of the Gospel Reading concerning the necessity of the language of the speaker/messenger inspired by the Lord to reflect the quality of the speaker's character accurately. The inspired writer of Sirach teaches that words are only credible if they can stand the test of tribulation without faltering and the examination of honesty that is readily discernable in one's life.

 It is a teaching echoed in the Responsorial Psalm (**Ps 92**), proclaiming that only just people are ‘planted in the house of the LORD’ and shall bear the fruit of righteous behaviour.

 In our Second Reading (**1Corinthians 15:54-58**), St. Paul reminds us that belief in the salvation of the Gospel is not an excuse to become complacent. We are all called to continually witness the truth of Christ in our speech, actions, and daily lives as we interact with other people, including our family, neighbours, brothers and sisters in the Church and wider church community, and co-workers in secular society. Paul writes that we must ‘be firm, steadfast, always devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.’

 In the Gospel Reading (**Luke 6:39-45**), Jesus warns His disciples about the necessity of demonstrating His righteousness in their lives. They can do this through their rhetoric and by making the truth of His Gospel discernable in their actions. Jesus uses a saying and two short parables in His teaching about behaviour. His two parables focus on a person's message being credible only if they are honest with themselves and others. This warning applies to us today.

 In this series of teachings, Jesus calls His disciples in every generation to be guided by spiritual discernment in showing the evidence of the Holy Spirit working in their lives. Therefore, they must confess and repent their transgressions honestly before calling other sinners to repentance. They must also produce the ‘good fruit’ of righteous deeds as evidence of one who bears the image of the resurrected Jesus Christ. The German Philosopher and Polymath Johann Wolfgang von Goethe repeated the point of Jesus's teaching when he wrote: ‘Behaviour is the mirror of one's true image.’

 Therefore, as we approach Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent let us ask ourselves; ‘Does our behaviour mirror the image of the Resurrected Jesus Christ?’