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The Newsletter of

**Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 27th April 2025 Second Sunday of Easter(Year C)**

**11.00am THE PARISH MASS**

**Celebrant and Preacher: Fr Bob Boyle**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

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

\* Omit starred Verses \*

Introit 103 Alleluya**,** Alleluya

**Gloria**  4

**Psalm** 118 Give praise to the Lord for he is good

**Gradual** 112 Jesus lives

**Offertory** 117 The day of resurrection

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  278 Christ be with me

**Recessional** \*104 At the Lamb's high feast we sing \*

**Regina Caeli**

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

**Tuesday 22nd April 9.30 am Mass**

**Thursday 24th April 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 4th May 2025 Third Sunday of Easter**

**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 Wednesday 23rd April**

Our next Bible Study session will take place on Wednesday 28th May 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**

**A Summer Salad in Memory of Dawn (Elishwa’s daughter)**

This event will take place on Saturday 10th May at 2.00 pm in St Lawrence's Church Hall. Tickets available from Nicky Bailey, price £7.00. **Nicky**.

**Annual Parish Meetings**

The Annual Parish Meetings will take place following Mass on Sunday 18th May. Nomination forms will also be available for churchwardens and PCC members.  For any further information please speak to either the wardens or PCC secretary.  **Geoff, Sharon and Sue**

**Baptism by the Bishop of Oswestry**

Fr Max and his wife Hannah welcome all members of the church family under his care to attend the baptism of their daughter Cecilia Hannah Marsh by Bishop Paul at **Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 24th May at 12.00 noon**, followed by refreshments. RSVP to Fr Max at 07713 883340

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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, Margaret Clayton, Frank Clewes, Pat

Daniel, Anne, Esme, and Nigel Gamble, Ann Henshaw, Helen Jarvis, Jean Jarvis, Gary Marsh, George Mills, Richard Pykett, Anne Riley, Andrew Smith, Paul Smith, Bryan Straw, and Yvonne Wilcockson.

All who have recently died, especially His Holiness Pope Francis, and the Reverend Roger Allen; please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Sarah Ann Bostock, Jean Hallam, Joyce Alexander, John Dickens, John Spibey, Alan Limb, Ian Brown, Stenson Hardy, Agnes cordon, Peter Fryatt, Margaret Mills, and Maurice Chapman.

**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*

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**

**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

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

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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.

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**Commentary on the Readings for the Second Sunday of Easter: Andrew Smith writes**

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**Divine Mercy Sunday**

Divine Mercy Sunday is a Universal Church Feast observed on the First Sunday after Easter Sunday. In her Diary, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska recorded 14 revelations from our Lord requesting this feast. The most complete, concise description is in diary entry 699: ‘I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners ... The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.’ To receive the extraordinary graces of this feast, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand, staying in the state of grace, and receiving with great trust in Divine Mercy.

**The Theme of the Readings: The Forward Momentum of the Kingdom of Christ's Post-Resurrection Church**

The Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday in the Universal Church. As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we remember the grace and mercy God is pouring out upon the Church as He calls us to continual repentance and conversion. We should also not forget that we attain God's merciful love to the extent that we are interiorly transformed in the spirit of that love toward our neighbour. During the Solemnity of the Octave of Easter, the Church re-tells the Gospel accounts of the Resurrection of Christ. In our First Reading **(Acts 5:12-16)**, the Apostles continue the miraculous works of Christ's ministry as many people came to believe in Jesus as the Davidic Redeemer-Messiah promised by the prophets and His New Covenant Kingdom of the Church proclaimed by His Apostles and disciples. As the number of believers who joined the faith community in Jerusalem grew, the Apostles continued to heal the sick with the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit's power even poured forth from St. Peter through the casting of his shadow.

The Responsorial Psalm **(Ps 118 vv 2-4,13-15,22-24)** is from the ‘Hall’el’ (praise God) Psalm numbers 113-118 that the faithful sang at the liturgies of worship for the great feasts, including the Feasts of Passover, Unleavened Bread, and during the sacred meal of the Passover victim on the

first night of Unleavened Bread. Psalm 118 is the last of the ‘Hall’el’ Psalms in which an invitation precedes a hymn of thanksgiving put into the mouth of the personified community. Following the ‘Thanksgiving,’ several short verses were either said or sung by a leader and followed by responses the people chanted as the procession of the faithful entered the Jerusalem Temple. Jesus applied verses 22- 23 and 25-26 to Himself several times. The crowd chanted verses 25- 26 to Jesus during His procession into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, and Saints Peter and Paul referred to Ps 118:22 as fulfilled in Jesus the promised Davidic Messiah.

In the Second Reading **(Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19),** many years after Jesus's Resurrection, St. John received a vision of the Resurrected Christ who identified Himself as ‘the first and the last, the one who lives!’ John saw Jesus dressed as the High Priestly King of the heavenly Sanctuary, wearing an ankle-length robe with a gold sash around his chest. Jesus's long robe and sash symbolize His high Priesthood in the heavenly Sanctuary. However, instead of the embroidered sash of a priest, His sash was gold, a symbol of His Davidic royalty. In the vision, Jesus commanded St. John: ‘Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards.’ St John's obedience to that command is the entirety of the Book of Revelation or sometimes called the ‘Apocalypse of St John the Divine’ , which records the current events of John in the first century AD, past events in Salvation History, and what was yet to come before the end of the Age of Humanity!

In the Gospel Reading **(John 20:19-31)**, the Apostles received a visit from Jesus Christ on the day of His Resurrection as He breathed His Spirit upon them and gave them the power to bind and loose sins in their authority over His Kingdom of the Church. The time was probably about 3 PM, the afternoon hour of prayer, the beginning of the afternoon liturgical Tamid worship service at the Temple, and the hour of Jesus's death on the Cross on Friday. The disciples were afraid because the Sanhedrin might arrest them, try them for blasphemy, and condemn them to death just as they condemned Jesus. However, in their hour of fear, the Lord came to His Apostles supernaturally. Locked doors could not stop Him. It is the same way He comes to His faithful in every generation of the Church to share His love and divine protection with us on our journey to salvation.