**TRINITY**

The Newsletter of

**Holy Trinity Church Ilkeston**

**Sunday 31st August 2025**

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)**

**11am Parish Mass  Celebrant and Preacher Fr Stephen Jones**

**Music at Holy Trinity this morning:**

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

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

**Gloria**  4

**Psalm** 68

**Gradual** 341 Blest are the pure in heart

**Offertory** 83 Glory be to Jesus

**Sanctus** Sanctus 1

**Agnus Dei**  Agnus Dei 1

**Communion**  277 Bread of the world

**Recessional** 426 Praise my soul the King of Heaven

**Angelus**

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

**Tuesday 2nd September 9.30 am Mass**

**Thursday 4th September 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 7th September 2025 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

 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 with you. **Please join us for refreshments afterwards in the church hall**

**This week's news:**

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**Dates for the diary/calendar**

 Further details of the following events will follow nearer the time but it may be useful to get the dates in your diary or on your calendar to avoid any clashes. **Rosemary**

**Harvest Supper Tuesday 7th October**

**Christmas Party Tuesday 9th December**

**Floral workshops Friday 12th December AND Tuesday 16th December**

**Christingle Monday 1st December**

**Carol Service Monday 15th December**

**Lectio Divina**

 There will as usual be no meeting in August, and meetings then continue on the fourth Wednesday of the month, starting on the 24th Septemberl. I hope by then to be fit enough to attend and lead the session. At each study we will be using the following Sunday’s Gospel reading.  Everyone is welcome.  **Andrew Smith**

**Funeral of Pat Daniel RIP**

 Pat's funeral will be held at Bramcote crematorium and not at Holy Trinity church. This will take place on **Wednesday 3 September at 11am** and Fr Ken Johnson will be taking the service. Pat of course was well known at the church and had many friends and all are very welcome to attend. **Geoff**

**Funeral of Leonard Childs RIP**

 Please note that this funeral will take place at Holy Trinity on **Wednesday 3 September at 10.30am. Geoff**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

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 Those who are sick: including Pam Bailey, Ian Birkin, Colin Booth, Fr Michael Brinkworth, Carole Chapman, Frank Clewes, Anne, Esme, and Nigel Gamble, Ann Henshaw, Jean Jarvis, George Mills, Stuart Mills, Anne Riley, Len Shelbourne, Andrew Smith, Martha Smith, Paul Smith, Natasha Smith-Thorley, Bryan Straw, and Yvonne Wilcockson.

 All who have recently died, especially Pat Daniel, and Gary Marsh; please remember also those whose anniversary of death falls this week: Irene Shipsides.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in Memory of the late Dick and Helen Pykett.

**Contacts at Holy Trinity:**

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**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.

**Commmentary on the Readings for the Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Andrew Smith writes:**

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**The Theme of the Readings: The Humble Shall Be Exalted**

 Truly humble people have no pretensions. They do not worry about status among their peers; their only concern is keeping their lives right with God. Christian humility is a virtue rooted in God and it is the objective of the first of Jesus's beatic teachings when He called His disciples to ‘possess’ a ‘poverty of spirit’ rather than a spirit of pride. All of us are called to a ‘poverty of spirit,’ which describes the utter dependence before God, not in any demeaning, servile sense, but in the sense of what the founder of the Jesuits, St Ignatius Loyola called ‘Principium et Fundamentum’ or ‘The Principle and Foundation’: God is God, and we are creatures created to praise, love, and serve God. Before all else, we depend on God for our happiness and fulfilment. While we are grateful for our talents, abilities, wealth, and achievements, we are free enough to offer them to the service of God and others and to let go of them when they get in the way of that self-giving and our Readings today illustrate this.

 The First Reading from Sirach (known also as Ecclesiasticus) **(3:17-18,20, 28-9**) helps us define humility and tells us that true humility gives an honest evaluation of a person's character. A humble person does not have an inflated concept of self and does not put their wants and desires ahead of God, observing obedience to God's commands as more important than self-interest.

 Our Responsorial Psalm **(Ps 68)** uses the works of God in the Exodus liberation to remind us that He is the protector of the weak. God is ‘Father’ to Israel because of the bond of the Sinai Covenant and the gift of divine Law through which Israel became the ‘firstborn son among the other nations of the Earth.’ God is also called the ‘Father’ of the Davidic kings. However, the psalmist tells us that God is also the ‘Father’ of the orphaned and widowed under His loving protection.

 The Epistle Reading from Hebrews **(Heb.12:18-19, 22-24)** gives us a glimpse of the eternal reward that awaits those who possess the humility of poverty of spirit instead of the pride of spirit that leads to destruction. In His beatic teaching, Jesus blessed those who were ‘poor in spirit’ and promised them the Kingdom of Heaven. Admitting that we are ‘poor in spirit’ and need God is the first step on the journey to salvation. The inspired writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews contrasts the events of the Covenant formation at Sinai with the promise of the new and everlasting covenant made to David and his descendants when he established his royal capital upon Mt. Zion in Jerusalem. The Old Covenant had temporal blessings and punishments. However, the inspired writer warns that the New Covenant brought about through the sinless sacrifice of Jesus Christ is eternal. The promises are eternal, but so are the punishments.

 In the Gospel reading from St. Luke **(14:1,7-14)**, Jesus teaches us about the rewards of temporal and eternal humility. The works of righteousness that God rewards are those in which the genuinely humble have sought no earthly recognition. The Christian theologian, apologist and allegorical storyteller C. S. Lewis wrote: ‘Humility is not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less,’ and Edmund Burke, the English statesman and philosopher, wrote: ‘True humility, the basis of the Christian system, is the low but deep and firm foundation of all virtues.’ Concealed acts of mercy reap eternal rewards far superior to anything a temporal reward can boast.

 In short, poverty of spirit is an emptying of self so that God can fill us with life and love. Prayer and especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist helps us grow in spiritual poverty and freedom; Jesus Christ is the model of spiritual poverty par excellence.