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Sunday 28 January 2024 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Year B

NEXT WEEK in

Holy Trinity:

Monday 29 January

Mass at 9:15am

Tuesday 30 January

Mass at 9:15am

Wednesday 31 January

Saint John Bosco

Thursday 1 February

Mass 9:15am

Friday 2 February

The Presentation of the Lord

First Friday of the Month

Prayer for Peace 9:15am

Saturday 3 February

Saint Blaise: Blessed Virgin

Mary: First Saturday of the Month

6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 28 January

Mass 11am

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

ALL WELCOME

Weekday Masses in our sister parish St Teresa's Charlbury 9.15am on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

Dear Parishioners

Last Sunday, in the Apostolic letter from Pope Francis, we heard of the central importance of the Scriptures in the life of the Church. Today those Scriptures present us with a vivid illustration of the authority and power of Jesus.

An afflicted man confronts Jesus in the synagogue. He is said to be possessed by an unclean spirit. Whether that indicates mental illness or diabolical possession we do not know but Jesus deals with this poor individual in a direct and startling manner. "Be quiet! Come out of him!" The man is cured and the watching congregation are amazed. "Here is a teaching that is new...and with what authority behind it.."

Yes, a new teaching indeed, the Good News that God and man are reconciled through the Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross of Calvary. That teaching...called The Magisterium...has been handed down by Christ Himself who said that the gates of Hell would never prevail over His Body, the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

At times it can seem that this teaching is fading, going out of fashion, being marginalised...but the centuries reveal that it continues in strength and scope through the world. The Living Voice of Christ speaks today as He did yesterday and will tomorrow for He has promised never to abandon us. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End". Amen Lord Jesus.

As we approach the end of January, we can begin to think towards Lent. What is our personal aim this year? Can we draw closer to the Lord of Life through some extra activities, like Scripture reading, or coming to a weekday Mass or Stations of the Cross? We can reflect on these over the next weeks.

God Bless Everyone, Father Clive

Parish Notices

Masses as usual this week. Don't forget the Rosary for Peace at 9.15 am on a Fridays in Holy Trinity. The world needs these prayers! Saturday: 10.30 am Baptism of Paddy, Bridget, Johnny, Danny and baby Bridget McCann.

To parents: St Teresa's and Holy Trinity need servers! If you would like your children to serve on the altar please see Father Clive. Generally 7 years old is the right age to start but exceptions can be made. No pay, but servers' treats and an annual trip out on offer.

Requests for Baptism and Reception are most encouraging but if you have friends who are thinking about either, please tell them to make contact with Father Clive as soon as possible as there are only so many spots in the week to accommodate all requests.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January 2024: For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February 2024: For the terminally ill. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Please continue to pray for our sick, housebound and frail parishioners of both our Parishes: Carol Wilson, Tom Cantwell, Bridget Kennelly, Audrey Nellis, Richard O'Farrell, Mary Ward, Paula Biggs, Lynette Murphy, Betty, Ania.

In addition to your own daily prayers please remember: All those who mourn the loss of loved ones: The repose of the souls of those who have died: People whose anniversaries occur at this time: The people of the Middle East, Morocco, Ukraine, Turkey and Syria.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Tammy Lawson**. Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

