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Sunday 14 April 2024 – Third Sunday of Easter Readings: Year B

Dear Parishioners

This last week we have been fortunate enough to spend in Morocco. It has been a wonderful experience especially given that the people are fasting in the final week of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month.

During our stay we experienced the most joyful Mass at the Église of the Martyrs in Marrakesh and I was privileged to spend some time with one of the Franciscans who run the parish, Fr Fabio from Brazil.

The congregation was packed with Europeans and African Catholics who sang with vitality and joyfulness. We began at 10.30 am but had only reached the end of The Gloria by 11.15 am! It was an inspiring insight into a dynamic African spirituality which is surely what we need in Europe to revitalise our churches and society.

The devotion of the people during Ramadan was impressive but I also felt a certain sympathy as they reached out to a Creator God whom we also worship but Whom we believe has come closer to His Creation in His beloved Son Jesus Christ. He still lives through the Holy Spirit in sacraments, prayer and charity and like the African Catholics we saw, He brings joy and peace as His gifts.

Let us all pray for a healthy, respectful dialogue with others but also as St Paul encourages us, let us always have words and actions for " the hope that is within us", the Lord of Life, Jesus Christ. I am looking forward to being back on the altar this weekend. Many thanks to my brother priests, Frs. Tony, Paul and Martin for " holding the fort" this last week.

A very big thank you to everyone for such Easter generosity. It is much appreciated.

God bless all Father Clive

Parish Notices

Masses next week: 9:15, Monday, Tuesday (School Mass) and Thursday. 9:15 Friday Rosary for Peace.

Confirmation Class Tuesday 5 pm at Holy Trinity and weekly thereafter

A reminder of Upcoming Parish Events:

Friday 26 April in the Parish Room 630pm – Daniel Lawson will share his stories from his Pilgrimage last Summer, walking the Camino Way. We know he had quite an adventure! Wine and Tapas will be served.

Saturday 11 May Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Please let Johnny know as soon as possible if you will join us as we need to arrange transport from Church.
johnnyhulme@me.com or call
0777 0433290

21 June at 7pm Wine Tasting (always competitive!) at the home of James and Juliet Byrne. More details to follow, including price of ticket to raise funds for CAFOD. Food will be served.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April 2024: For the role of Women. We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world. Amen.

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.

