



## Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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### Sunday 12 May 2024 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

#### Readings: Year B

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#### Dear Parishioners

This last week we celebrated two joyful days in our parishes. On Wednesday evening in Holy Trinity, 12 young people, 5 from Holy Trinity school and 7 from the parish, were confirmed by Canon Paul Fitzpatrick, the Episcopal Vicar for our area. Canon Paul is the parish priest of Sacred Heart, Henley in addition to his role as the "stand-in" for our area Bishop who retired some years ago and whose replacement will be consecrated this Summer. Many thanks to Mary Prior for helping with the Catechism and a big well done to Natalie Medler at school for all she does.

Then the next day we celebrated The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, in the morning with the school at Holy Trinity and the evening at St Teresa's. And the sun shone on us both days! What glory. The Ascension is one of the great ecumenical feasts, marked by all Christian churches and communities. It is still held on a Thursday in this country but others have moved it to the Seventh Sunday. Either day, it marks the completion of Jesus' earthly ministry as He returns in triumph to His Father in heaven. Ascension is also the "starting gun" for the coming of The Holy Spirit at Pentecost, 50 days after the Resurrection of Christ at Easter. The assumption of Jesus' humanity into the Godhead holds out to us that our future lies not in death and decay but in the cleansing brightness of God. What a hope and an encouragement that we will not be abandoned at the end of our days.

This Sunday's Gospel continues in the Farewell Discourse that forms part of the "Book of Glory" in St John's Gospel. Jesus is preparing His disciples for life without His physical presence...but He will return in The Holy Spirit to comfort, counsel and console.

Many thanks to Johnny Hume and all those who organised the Walsingham pilgrimage. It was a wonderful (if long!) day out.

**God bless everyone...and let's hope we are in for good Summer weather!**

Fr Clive

## Parish Notices

**Masses next week:** 9:15, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. 9:15 Friday Rosary for Peace.

**18 May Holy Trinity – Baptism at 10:30am**

**19 May Pentecost and the end of Eastertide**

**An extract from the Vatican Weekly Newsletter and Pope Francis Prayer Intention for May 2024:**

‘It is important to note that formation does not end at a specific moment, such as ordination, but rather continues throughout life, integrating the person intellectually, humanly, affectively, and spiritually. Preparation continues into that of living in a community. "Life in community is so enriching, even though it can be difficult at times". "Living together is not the same as living in community", adds the Pope.

**Finally, Pope Francis asks that we pray** *For the formation of religious women and men, and seminarians grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.*

**A reminder of Upcoming Parish Events: 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.

**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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

