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Readings: Year B

Dear Parishioners

We have arrived finally at the great feast of Pentecost, one of the three most important celebrations of the Christian year and the end of Eastertide. 50 days have passed since the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, Second Person of the Holy and Blessed Trinity, Saviour of the world and our Good Shepherd. 10 days ago He returned to the Father on Ascension but with the promise that Another would be with us whom He called the Advocate, the Comforter...the Holy Spirit, Third Person of the eternal Godhead. So His flock, the Church, are not abandoned to wander without a Pastor, a Guide who will lead her into all Truth.

Pentecost is marked by the red of the Holy Fire that descended on the Apostles as they waited in prayer. Empowered, they turned around from a frightened, disunited group of disparate individuals, into the bedrock of the new ekklesia, the Church, following the Lord's command and going out into the world, preaching the Good News of Jesus the Christ. Ten of this eleven met a violent martyr's death but the seeds sown took root across the Roman Empire and over the centuries spread with the Wind of Pentecost through the world...and is still growing despite the worst efforts of the Evil One in all his deceitful forms of secular and religious totalitarianism.

At the Holy Trinity parish Mass we will be receiving and confirming two new members of the Catholic Church. On behalf of everyone I should like to welcome Declan and Claire. They have been worshipping with us for some time now and I have thoroughly enjoyed the period of Instruction. This follows on from the delightful Confirmation of 12 young people last week and the baptism of Olivia Grace this Saturday. Who said the Catholic Church was fading away? In June we will be celebrating First Communions from our school, and then we begin again with Instruction and preparation. My grateful thanks to Mary Prior for helping with this.

Next week Masses as usual apart from Friday when there is no Mass at St Teresa's. The week following there are no weekday Masses in either church as I shall be in Madrid trying to organise a wedding.

God bless everyone Father Clive

Parish Notices

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

As we look ahead to next year's Jubilee. CAFOD invites you to Ripples of Hope, a special day of reflection, prayer and spiritual nourishment led by well known and much loved Catholic speaker, teacher and author **David Wells**. The event will be held on **Saturday 8 June 2024** at The Dormer Conference Centre, St Peter Apostle Catholic Church, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA from 11.00am – 4.00pm (a light lunch will be provided). To attend please register here: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/ripples-of-hope>

Our Walsingham Pilgrimage last Saturday 11 May was a prayerful and sociable day for some of our Parish Family. We were blessed with glorious weather. Our Mass of Mary, Model of Prayer and Intercessor, was led by Canon Paul McNally, Episcopal Vicar for the Archdiocese. His homily was a reflection on the Gospel reading of the miracle at the Wedding Feast at Cana. Canon Paul urged us to remember the last words said by Mary recorded in the Gospel 'Do whatever he tells you'. It is particularly hard in prayer to stop talking and **listen** to whatever he tells us. Some of our Parishioners walked in silence along the mile into the village of Walsingham. We all met in the Abbey Grounds to pray and sing hymns. Our final Blessing was said by Rev Father Julian Booth and he blessed us with a relic of Blessed Dominic Barberi. We need to continue to ask for Our Lady's intercession and to pray for Blessed Dominic's canonisation.

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 if you have any concerns.

