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Sunday 16 June 2024 – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Year B

Dear Parishioners

This last week Fr Tony and I have been on a three-day residential course called "The Synod for priests" in Leamington. It was a gathering of the diocesan clergy, to discuss and prepare for the future as parishes face reorganisation in the face of the diminishing number of serving priests. The Archbishop was also with us, with his "Curia" (HQ) and we spent the time in prayer, worship, group conversations and fellowship. It was very good to hear the wisdom of the senior men like Fr Tony, and to be challenged by the energy and enthusiasm of the younger priests who are an impressive lot, if thin on the ground at present. Much will be asked of them and we must keep them in our prayers at all times.

This Sunday's Gospel could not be more appropriate for such an event. Jesus tries to explain about the Kingdom of God. What is it like? Where is it to be found? No doubt the crowds were expecting a warrior-like Messiah to usher in the reign of God with force and power, like the hated Roman occupiers and all the kingdoms of this world. Jesus picks what must have seemed like a strange way of describing the new age that He embodied...seeds, in particular, the tiny mustard seed. How insignificant they are, how weak and vulnerable to destruction! Yet, it is these apparently insignificant things that become something much greater, working away without human help or intervention. The smallest of them the mustard seed grows to be a substantial tree, totally unexpected from its original state.

Each parish, each priest, each person is a seed of the Kingdom and if we allow the Holy Spirit to feed and nurture us, we will produce that harvest, that tree so useful for others called the Church. Through the celebration of the sacraments, the preaching of the Gospel, good works, charity and fellowship we can face into the future with confidence and trust in the God whose kingdom we pray for at every Mass.

God bless everyone Father Clive

Parish Notices

Next week: Masses as usual. Thursday year 2 from school in church to learn about Mass as part of our church/parish learning programme. Friday 9:15am The Holy Rosary for Peace.

This weekend the Church will celebrate its annual Day for Life. We will be taking a Second Collection, but you can also contribute directly online to the website the Bishops' Conference has set up at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/donate-day-for-life/>

In June we pray with Pope Francis For migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence; may they find welcome and new life opportunities in their host countries

Holy Trinity Parish Wine Tasting evening, Friday 21st June 7pm at James and Juliet Byrne's Home, Hawkyard House, 66 New Street, Chipping Norton, OX7 5LJ. Tickets at £20 each to include the wine and food, are now for sale after Mass on Saturdays and Sundays

St John Henry Newman afternoon on Sunday 23rd June in Oxford...details at back of church

Deanery: Closing of Visitation 27th June (Immaculate Conception, Bicester)

Please note in your diaries Parish BBQ 14th July

Proposed Joint Pilgrimage to Rome for Holy Year 2025 - Holy Trinity and St Teresa's - 2025 has been declared a Holy Year or Jubilee. These Holy Year's happen every 25 years and the theme for next year is to be Pilgrims of Hope. The Holy Father has asked us to pray for 1) the resolution of wars 2) the post COVID situation 3) the climate. To celebrate this Holy Year, we are seeking **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ONLY at this time** DETAILS Spiritual leaders - Fr Clive and Fr Tony (dv) 4-5 days in September 2025 - to be confirmed. Cost - as economically as possible. To gain the benefits of a Holy Year we will visit the 4 major basilicas in Rome - St Peter's, St Mary Major, St John Lateran and St Paul outside the walls and enter through the Holy Doors. Please contact Johnny Hulme 07770 433290 Johnnyhulme@me.com or Paul Branch 07771624578 pnmebranch@btinternet.com at Holy Trinity or Elizabeth Canning 07785 9714344 - emcanning1@btinternet.com at St Teresa's. For more information on the Holy Year and what it means please click on the following link; www.iubilaeum2025.va. Please also let Elizabeth Canning know if you would be interested in becoming involved in spiritual preparation for the Pilgrimage especially if you cannot travel.

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.