



## Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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**Sunday 14 July 2024 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings: Year B**

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**Dear Parishioners**

The "Grand Plan" for the spread of the Good News is revealed in today's Gospel passage. And it is not encouraging! Twelve diverse individuals with no previous experience, little education, less mutual similarity and competing agendas...what sort of blueprint is that for the conversion of the world? Yet it works, and the greatest movement in the history of mankind begins. This plan, superficially hopeless and without any thought-through strategy, contains one factor that will make it unstoppable. It is God's Plan.

800 years previously, the prophet Isaiah had spoken: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways my ways", declares the Lord. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, So are my ways higher than your ways, And my thoughts than your thoughts."

Peter, James, John, Thomas...all so different and incompatible, but they were anointed with the Authority of the Lord Jesus, as He had been anointed by the Father. In His Name and Spirit they went, equipped with hardly anything of human value or use. Within a generation all but one had been martyred for their efforts and the sole survivor was banished to a rocky island, but the message that they had spread continued in the communities of believers they had founded. The rest, as they say, is history but more than history as the Church continues to grow throughout the world. Let Isaiah have the last word: "As the rain and the snow come down from heaven And do not return to it without watering the earth...So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire And achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

**God Bless Everyone**

**Father Clive**

## Parish Notices

**Next week: Masses** 09:15 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and End of School year Mass Friday 9.15 am

**Finance meeting** Holy Trinity Tuesday 7 pm

**Holy Trinity School: Year 6 production** Tuesday 6 pm

**Second Collection this weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea**

**In July we pray with Pope Francis** that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all

**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](mailto:Johnnyhulme@me.com) or Paul Branch 07771624578 [pnmebranch@btinternet.com](mailto:pnmebranch@btinternet.com) at Holy Trinity or Elizabeth Canning 07785 9714344 - [emcanning1@btinternet.com](mailto: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](http://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, Catherine, Joanna and Gerard.

**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.