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## 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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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 bar 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."

Next week: Masses /Rosary as usual apart from Friday when the End of year school Mass will be at Holy Trinity.

End of year Mass Friday 9.15 am at Holy Trinity. God bless everyone Fr Clive

### Second collection:

This weekend, the Church commemorates Sea Sunday, and takes a second collection for Stella Maris (formerly known as the Apostleship of the Sea) – the world's largest ship-visiting network. Stella Maris operates in 328 ports across 54 countries, and in 2021 helped 114,000 seafarers in the UK alone. To find out more about its rarely-publicised works of spiritual and corporal works of mercy, visit <u>https://stellamaris.org.uk/</u>. There will be a second collection – and if you'd like to contribute directly, go to https://stellamaris.org.uk/donate/

Monday and Thursday, all at 9.15am, with Rosary group at 9.15am on Friday, to express an interest. MONDAL PROPOSED JOINT PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR HOLY YEAR 2025 - Holy Trinity and St Teresa's: contact Elizabeth Canning 07785 9714344 - <u>emcanning1@btinternet.com</u> at St Teresa's.

> St Teresa's ACN FAMILY PILGRIMAGE TO STONOR, SAT 14 SEPT 2024: Contact Suze is interested and for further details

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