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Readings: Year B

Dear Parishioners

I am delighted Father Clive has given me permission to share some of my reflections over the next couple of weeks while he is away.

At the beginning of August I spent a relaxing couple of weeks with friends in Le Conquet on the Brittany coast. We had great conversations, lots of time to read and occasional venturing out to explore some of the beautiful places of the area. Sadly the Gothic Church in our town was closed, the roof having been ravaged by Storm Ciaran in November 2023. We did visit many lighthouses and their displays at night did not impact the incredibly clear skies we mostly had. No sign of the Perseids amazingly.

On one of our trips out, my friend suggested we go to the Church and town of St Jean du Doigt. Housed in this beautiful Church is a Treasury Room with lots of gold and silver on display; including a reliquary containing a finger of St John the Baptist. This relic arrived there in the early Fifteenth Century attracting pilgrims, visitors and those seeking healing.

You will know that last Thursday we remembered the Passion of St John the Baptist. Allow me to share with you some of the photographs I took in this delightful Church: The Reliquary: A detailed Icon and an imposing statue of St James (I'm guessing because of the shell, the symbol of pilgrims).

In other news in this last week, the remains of Saint Teresa of Avila in Alba de Tormes, Salamanca, are found to continue to be uncorrupted. Next week I will share my story of visiting this beautiful Church on our Salamanca pilgrimage some years ago, when we walked in the footsteps of Saint Teresa of Avila and Saint John of Avila.

Have a prayerful week...Kathy Thompson (Newsletter Editor)



Doigt reliquaire de St Jean Baptiste
17^{ème} siècle
Argent en partie doré, cristal de roche
Orfèvre inconnu
Classé Monument Historique – 14 juin 1898

(Do contact Father Clive in an emergency on the mobile number and email address above and on the website)

Parish Notices

For the next fortnight timings of Mass will be different as Fr Clive is taking his annual leave. Saturday/Sunday Masses as usual thanks to Fr Martin at St Teresa's and Fr Paul at Holy Trinity.

Weekday Masses: Fr Tony will say Holy Mass at Holy Trinity on **Tuesday at 09:15** and **St Teresa's on Wednesday also at 09:15**

Friday: Rosary for Peace at 09:15 with grateful thanks to Mary Prior.

[News and Events from the Archdiocese of Birmingham \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](http://birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

A reminder...if you have a child or know of anyone thinking of **First Communion/ Confirmation** and they are not in a Catholic school...names to Fr Clive before September as we will be returning to business as usual once school is back.

Also...if you are an adult seeking to become a Catholic or know someone who is...please names to Fr Clive asap as we already have a queue!

In the Autumn we are hoping to start a film club on a Wednesday evening, once a month. Uplifting and inspiring films to combat the gloom of the news!

In September we pray with Pope Francis for The Cry of The Earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Please continue to pray for our sick, housebound and frail parishioners of both our Parishes.

Please also pray for all who can no longer be with us at the Lord's Table: Lynette, Gerard, Paula, Serita, Catherine, Richard, Tom, Mary, Carol, Betty, Audrey and Peggy.

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.

