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Readings: Year B

Dear Parishioners

We are now in the final instalment of our five-week sojourn in St John's Gospel. The first chapter saw the miraculous feeding of the 5,000. Then Jesus tries to move the conversation to an understanding of the eternal over the here and now, the need for soul food rather than just to fill the stomach! The crowd, gathered to eat and drink, are confused and as the weeks pass and Jesus reveals that He is the Bread from heaven, the mood music shifts. This week the murmuring of the past becomes outright rejection of Jesus. " Many" turn away leaving only The Twelve, one of whom we know will betray Jesus. 5,000 down to 12. Not a good plan, not a promising beginning. When Jesus asks the Twelve if they are still with Him, Simon Peter as usual responds for everyone: "To whom shall we go?" St Peter, our first Pope, puts it simply..."You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that You are the Holy One of God."

Jesus in these last five weeks has shown the people who He really is, not just the man from Nazareth but the Holy One, in whom we are called to believe. For all of us, young and old, lay and ordained: do we believe, enough to hear and follow the Holy One? Or are we, like the crowds, only interested in what we can profit for our own appetites? Jesus calls every one of us to follow Him as disciples.

Are you listening? If you hear Him, are you following?

God bless everyone. Please contact me in an emergency on the mobile number and email address above and on the website. Fr Clive

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.

Here is a link to our Archdiocese Website – it contains a **Reflection on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**: Also the **Novena Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi begins on Sunday 18 August** as his Memorial is on 26 August:

[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!

Carlo' coffee club is proving a great success on a **Tuesday after Mass at Holy Trinity**. Why not come along? Fellowship and fun...the Catholic motto.

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 August we pray with Pope Francis for Political Leaders: We pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, especially caring for the poor and those who have lost their jobs.

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.