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Readings: Year B

Dear Parishioners

On our Parish Pilgrimage to Salamanca some years ago you were all in our prayers. We followed in the footsteps of St Teresa of Jesus and St John of the Cross. Our base was in the Scottish College in Salamanca. From there we could walk into the city which was busy and beautiful. Most days we were out and about and visited the Royal English College of St Alban in Valladolid where Father Tony was based for many years. The college houses three libraries, one of which contains an incredibly ancient collection of books bound in pigskin.

We had Mass at The Convent of St Joseph in Avila founded by St Teresa who had a special devotion to him. The museum in the convent has many treasures including a tiny pencil drawing of Christ on the Cross sketched by St John of the Cross. The perspective is from above which is unusual. This little sketch inspired Salvador Dali's painting Christ of St John of the Cross housed in the Kelvingrove Art Gallery in Glasgow. Some years ago when I was working in Glasgow I called in to see Dali's painting. Sadly at that time it was on loan to London! It is still on my list of paintings to see.

Our trip took us to Segovia and we had lunch in a restaurant next to the famous Aqueduct, a fabulous structure. On that day on our way back to the Scottish College we visited the church in Alba de Tormes, which was opened especially for us. This is the church where St Teresa's remains are in a casket set high above the altar. There is a museum behind the altar and that's where my fellow pilgrims were headed. I went to light a candle first. Some of you will know that in some churches, because of health and safety, you place a coin in a box and an electric light goes on. I placed a one-euro coin in and...every single light bulb switched on. There was at least 60. I laughed a bit, then sobbed and felt compelled to kneel and pray. The prayer card I bought that day is reproduced below and St Teresa's prayer brings solace to me and many people.

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



(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.

