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**Readings: Year B**

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**Dear Parishioners**

"He who is not against us, is for us." These are the words of Jesus in our Gospel today and they are well-timed in the hooah around the comments of Pope Francis to young people in Singapore. The Holy Father has been undertaking another mammoth travel, this time to four countries and two Continents: Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Singapore. Not content with such a gruelling schedule, this 86-year-old Chief Shepherd, in poor health, has also popped into Luxembourg and Belgium on his way back home. In a session with young people from different faith backgrounds Pope Francis commented that all religions are paths or languages leading to God. Some commentators have seized on this as proof that he is preaching heresy and leading the faithful astray, but if you examine the Holy Father's words carefully you will see that he is not saying all religions are the same but that people come to God in many different ways.

The full revelation about God comes through His Son, Jesus Christ, and it is possible through "the shadows and images" of other belief systems to draw closer to the True God, be those other systems religious or secular. The Church is very clear on this and without detracting from the unique Person of Jesus, states that He can be found gradually in many different ways. Dialogue with mutual respect is a key to opening minds and hearts.

The great saints of the Church like Mother Teresa live out that commitment to openness and trust in the service of fellow humans. Their actions speak more than volumes of words!

Many thanks for all the prayers and support prior to and following my surgery. I was delighted to discover that Pope Francis had exactly the same operation last year!

**God bless everyone. Fr Clive**

## Parish Notices

**Masses this week: Holy Trinity** - 9:15am Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Friday: Rosary for Peace at 09:15 with grateful thanks to Mary Prior. **St Teresa's** – 9:15am Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

**Children's Liturgy/First Communion/ Confirmation/ Instruction classes** are all beginning and again a big thank you to all the volunteers who are working with Father Clive.

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.

In October we pray with Pope Francis for a Shared Mission: That the Church continues to support a synodal way of life, under the sign of co-responsibility, promoting participation, communion and a shared mission among priests, religious and laypeople.

**St. Marie's in Rugby will be welcoming The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and Relics of Ss Jacinta & Francisco Marto on Sunday 6th and Monday 7th October**, the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary. Everyone is invited to join in this privileged visitation, to pray the Rosary and hear the story of Fatima including the messages of Our Lady of Fatima. There is a poster at the back of Church with timings.

**Parish Pilgrimage 2025:** For various reasons (mainly cost) the planned pilgrimage to Rome next year has been changed to a visit to Fatima and Lisbon. The date has also changed, from September to May around 11-16th. We're looking at convent accommodation in Fatima conveniently located near the Basilica and the opportunity to join the nightly torchlight procession, plus in Lisbon itself we can visit the Cathedral as well as the birthplace church of St Anthony, again with appropriate lodgings. Costs have yet to be determined precisely but we hope around £850 per person. If interested (no commitment, until we can arrive at a firm price) or for more details please contact: Johnny Hulme on 07770 433290, [johnnyhulme@me.com](mailto:johnnyhulme@me.com) or Paul Branch on 07771 624578, [pnmebranch@btinternet.com](mailto:pnmebranch@btinternet.com)

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

**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.

