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Sunday 13 October 2024 – Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Year B

Dear Parishioners

This last week we celebrated the feast of the first non-martyr English saint for over 600 years. An Oxford don, vicar of the University church, ecclesiastical star, John Henry Newman led a country-wide movement within the Established church, to re-find and restore its roots. This "Oxford Movement" completely changed the face of the Church of England, making it appear far more "Catholic" than Protestant. However, over time, Newman realised that there was only One Catholic and Apostolic Church and that it lay with Rome, not Canterbury. Leaving Oxford, he was received on 9th October 1845 by Blessed Dominic Barberi at Littlemore just outside Oxford where some companions and he had retired to consider their future. His reception into the Church caused outrage in an England heavily prejudiced against Catholics and Newman was attacked on all sides. His treatment within the Church was not always sympathetic either and at one point he was described by the Vatican as "the most dangerous man in England." Newman endured years of misunderstanding, suspicion and accusation as a Protestant and a Catholic, but it did not prevent him writing some of the most beautiful and inspiring hymns and theological works such as "Praise to the Holiest", "Lead kindly Light", "Firmly I believe and truly"...eventually his genius and faithfulness was recognised and right at the end of his life he was created a Cardinal by Leo XIII. "The cloud has lifted" wrote the future saint.

In today's Gospel the rich young man also has to make a decision to follow the Lord or continue in comfort and security. Unlike St John Henry Newman, he chooses to remain within his own comfort-zone and "he went away sad."

Where are we with this life-changing decision? Will we opt for the Lord, His Way not ours? Or do we trundle along neither fully satisfied nor committed?

Jesus offers the same invitation as He did to the rich young man, to John Henry Newman and to all: "Come, follow me." Will we follow?

God bless everyone, Fr Clive

Parish Notices

Masses this week: Holy Trinity - 9:15am Monday (Saint Callistus 1), Tuesday (Saint Teresa of Jesus) and Thursday (Saint Ignatius of Antioch). Friday Rosary for Peace at 09:15 with grateful thanks to Mary Prior.

St Teresa's – 9:15am Wednesday (Saint Hedwig: Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque:) Friday (Saint Luke) and Sunday.

Second Collection this weekend is PACT, the Catholic charity for prisoners. Here is a link to the Archdiocese website with more information:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/Events/Category/events>

Thursday 4 pm: Holy Trinity school Governors' meeting.

Saturday 19 October 12 noon: The Marriage of Declan Soper and Claire Lees at Holy Trinity. Declan and Claire would like to issue a general invitation to parishioners to support them on this very special day. Please do come along! We wish them a happy and holy Marriage.

Looking ahead...At the start of Advent the whole Church will adopt a new Lectionary, the four volumes that contain all the scripture readings for Sundays, Saints days, All the Feasts, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals etc. It is a major development and it means that all our Mass books will have to be replaced and new ones ordered for both parishes. New Missals will have to be bought too and details of where and how to do this will soon be published. Our new volumes are already with us as Father Clive took advantage of the 10% discount if ordered early!

Please continue to pray for our Ukrainian family. Hanna and baby Marc travelled back to the Ukraine recently and will be there for one month in order to apply for a passport for the baby. We pray for a safe journey and stay in the Ukraine. Also for Serhii, Nelli, Yanna and Emma as they await Hanna and Marc's return.

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.

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 or Paul Branch on 07771 624578, 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 if you have any concerns.