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**SundAY 6 OCTOBER 2024 27th Sunday of ordinary time**

Sunday Readings: Year B

*Please pray for the sick and the housebound of our parishes: Paula B, Lynette M, Carol W, Bridget K, Audrey N, Richard O, Mary W, Betty, Ania, Catherine, Joanna*

**NEXT WEEK in**

**St Teresa’s:**

Monday 7 Sept

Our Lady of the Rosary

*Open for private prayer*

Tuesday 8 Oct

Weekday of Ordinary Time

*Open for private prayer*

**Wednesday 9 Oct**

**St John Henry Newman**

***Mass at 9.15***

***Followed by benediction and exposition***

Thursday 10 Oct

St Paulinus of York

*Open for private prayer*

**Friday 11 Oct**

Weekday of Ordinary Time

***Mass at 9.15***

Saturday 12 Oct

Weekday of Ordinary Time

*Open for private prayer*

**Sunday 13 Oct**

**28th Sunday**

***Parish Mass at 9.15am***

***ALL WELCOME***

***For Confessions, please***

***contact Fr.Clive.***

*Weekday Mass in our sister parish, Holy Trinity, Chipping Norton, on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9.15am, with Rosary group at 9.15am on Friday, vigil mass at 6pm Sat and Sunday mass at 11am*

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Dear Parishioners

This Sundays theme is relationships, in particular the union of man and woman. Starting with the assertion:

" It is not good that the man should be alone "

we watch as the Lord God builds a relationship between Adam and Eve, one designed to be permanent and indissoluble, in Paradise. This is the Plan but the serpent( the devil) has other ideas and he manages to sabotage the situation resulting in the happy couple being " shown the door". Cast out of the Garden, they face trials and tribulations, toil and labour for the rest of their days, and for their descendants the infection of Original Sin.

The Book of Genesis is not of course a scientific account of Creation but tells a story of why the world, and our lives, are not running as they should at all times. God has a Plan but we have other ideas as we or those whose decisions affect us, often take different paths.

In our Gospel, Jesus reiterates the Plan:

" But from the beginning of Creation God made them male and female...So then, what God has united, man must not divide."

The Church's teaching on Marriage builds on this scriptural basis, and presents a noble and beautiful understanding, expressed in the Introduction to the Marriage service:

" The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish a lifelong partnership between themselves, derives its force and strength from Creation, but for the Christian faithful it is raised up to a higher dignity, since it is numbered among the Sacraments of the New Covenant."

Christian marriage, one of the seven sacraments of the Church, is likened by St Paul to the relationship between Christ the Bridegroom and His Church the Bride from Heaven. Sadly, we as flawed creatures are not always able to maintain this ideal but Christ does not cast us away or turn His back on us. Through the sacraments of Reconciliation and Healing it is possible to find closure although this can be a long and painful journey.

God bless

Fr Clive

The Holy Father has asked us to mark next Monday...Our Lady of the Rosary..as a special day of prayer and fasting for Peace in the Holy Land

**Family Masses and masses with Latin Mass parts**

From October, the first Sunday of each month the sung Mass parts will be in Latin (Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Agnus Dei), on the other Sundays they will be in English (Lord have Mercy, Gloria, Holy holy holy, Lamb of God).

From November, the final Sunday in each month will be a “family Mass” with lighter music and more involvement for the children.

**“The Way Forward”**

“The Way Forward” working group will hold their next meeting on the 29th October at 7.30 (venue TBC). To review and help plan for the future based on the feedback from everyone following the summer parish meeting and feed back from Fr Clive. If you would like to volunteer be involved in this, please contact Brek.

**Date for your diary:**

The carol service for advent and the parish party will be on the afternoon of the 15th December (Gaudete Sunday). More information to come.

**Holy Trinity pilgrimmage**

Holy Trinity Parish is organising a trip to Lisbon and Fatima next may. It is £850 on a b&b basis for double occupancy and £1050 for single ﻿ occupancy. This price covers air fares and transport transfers and is based on 30 people. If St Teresa’s parishoners want to join the pilgrimage, please can they contact Liz Canning at St Teresa’s or Paul Branch or John  Hulme at Holy Trinity. There is a £250 non returnable deposit required.