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Readings: Year C

Dear Parishioners

This last week we have watched the inauguration of the 47th President of the USA, Donald J Trump. To British eyes, the whole occasion was strange, a combination of high pomp with showbiz, the President relishing it all and displaying remarkable levels of energy for a man now in his eighth decade. Whatever you think of the White House incumbent, he is certainly setting about his goals with energy and resolve. Time will tell if, as he has promised, this turns out to be "a golden age for America." Every new leader begins with the similar vow to make things new, to return to the right path etc etc. The British and Europeans are possibly more cynical and less trusting than our American cousins! The Coronation of King Charles was magnificent but we know that the monarch does not wield executive power, only influence. Political leaders in this country are not held in the same respect as they were and trust in them has fallen to a new low according to the latest findings from the National Centre for Social Research.

In our Gospel today, Jesus is announcing a new era, a fresh start...called "the year of the Lord's favour." In His words and actions, teaching, preaching and healing, He will flesh out what that means, bringing the Kingdom of God into daily life. Through His Passion and Cross, again we are shown the Royal Path of love and service.

People of this world have to speak and deal in the things of this world, but Jesus challenges us to lift up our hearts to Him, the Servant-King, and to bring into a world that can be dark and painful, the joy and the hope of the Risen Lord. Goodness knows we need Him to help us when there is so much tragedy and downright evil around us.

As the letter to the Hebrews encourages us, let us keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our Faith. Let us walk with Him through the trials and the temptations of this world. Let us remember that He will never abandon us, however our political masters turn out.

God bless everyone Fr Clive

Parish Notices

Masses next week Holy Trinity: 915am **Monday and Tuesday** (No Mass Thursday as Father Clive is away with School) **Rosary for Peace on Friday**

Masses at St Teresa's next week: 915am **Wednesday, Friday and Sunday**

This week: all classes are up and running. Mary Prior and Nareen Bowers are doing a wonderful job with a parish room full of First Communion children and Mums. Soon we will be celebrating with them and their families in both churches as they receive the Lord sacramentally in Holy Eucharist for the very first time. What a joy for all!

Please take a Jubilee booklet home with you. There are plenty in both churches!

Looking ahead...in February we will be receiving and confirming in both parishes. This is the end of a long process of discernment and instruction and I hope that everyone will support our new members and congratulate them.

The licence for the Film Club has been applied for and as soon as it is granted we can publish the programme. My thanks to Ben Dytor at St Teresas and Declan Soper at Holy Trinity for taking this on.

In January we pray with Pope Francis for the right to an education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Looking ahead to 2025...Wine Tasting 31 January 2025 – Tickets will be on sale after Mass this weekend - £20 each. We are grateful to Juliet and James Byrne for being our hosts again at their home on New Street opposite the park. **Funds raised will go towards medical research in memory of the lovely Tere Byrne.**

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.

