



## **Holy Trinity Catholic Church**

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**Sunday 18 May 2025 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Readings: Year C**

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**Dear Parishioners**

This last week Fr Tony and I have had the great pleasure of a parish pilgrimage to Fatima, in central Portugal, with 22 pilgrims from our parish, to take part in the annual Feast for Our Lady of Fatima on Tuesday 13th May. 270,000+ pilgrims from all over the world attended the Rosary and Mass with the Procession of the statue through the shrine. Many pilgrims wept as Our Lady was carried high by the smartest of military cadets. It was an amazing and unforgettable experience.

The message of Fatima, given to the three children Lúcia, Francisco and Jacinta in 1916 was stark but clear: pray for the salvation of souls, do penance and serve. This powerful call from The Immaculate Heart echoes the words of today's Gospel as Jesus tells His disciples: "I give you a new Commandment: love one another."

If the world could only hear and heed! Men and women and children would not be killed as in Ukraine, Gaza and Sudan...and all the other dark places of our world. The dynamic of self-interest could be displaced by the ethic of love with its constant call to consider the other person. Tyrants would not be able to appeal to the worst of human nature. Mary Immaculate called the children at Fatima to sacrifice themselves. That call is still there for us who call ourselves followers of the Crucified One. By dying we are reborn. By giving up our selves we discover who we can really be as the finest of ourselves.

Holy Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

On Wednesday I have a heart procedure in the JR so will be out of action for a couple of days. Please pray that it is successful and I regain full fitness.

**God bless everyone      Fr Clive**

## Parish Notices

### Masses next week:

**Holy Trinity** 9:15am Monday and Tuesday. Holy Rosary for Peace 9:15am Friday... why not join this group who are doing what the Immaculate Heart requested?  
Funeral on Monday in Holy Trinity with body received on Sunday evening.

**St Teresa's** 9:15am Friday

Funeral on Tuesday in St Teresas with body received on Monday evening.

**Whilst we were on our pilgrimage we were saddened to learn of the death of Bishop Mark Jabale** who was our parish priest for a number of years. Bishop Mark's funeral will be at noon on 5 June at Belmont Abbey. We are considering hiring a mini-bus to travel to Belmont Abbey for his funeral - there will be a sheet at the back of Church this weekend. Please let us know if you would like to join us in celebrating the life of Bishop Mark and we can organise transport. Please remember Bishop Mark in your prayers, may he rest in peace after a life of dedication to the Lord.

**Holy Trinity First Communion classes have finished now until 6 June. 13 June is First Confessions for Mary and Nareen's group and 19 June for the primary school candidates. First Communion Mass is 22 June, the feast of Corpus Christi.**

**In May we remember Pope Francis' intention is for Working Conditions: The intention is for the fulfilment of each person through work, the dignity of families and the humanisation of society.**

**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.

