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Dear Parishioners and Friends of Holy Trinity

As you know Father Clive is recovering from his procedure last Wednesday, do keep him in your prayers. **Father Clive will be back with us next Thursday for Mass at 9:15 on the Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord.** No Masses on Monday or Tuesday.

Allow me to write some words about our Pilgrimage to Fatima a couple of weeks ago. I found our times of worship, opportunities to reflect and offer up prayers for all of you who were unable to join us. I am grateful to Angela Danks for finding an official photograph of pilgrims praying the Rosary at an evening candlelit service. Being one of 270,000 people praying is a powerful experience. I accompanied Father Tony on the eve of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima and as the service concluded we could see a drone flying around. The only way to capture the photograph on the left below.



We left Fatima and travelled to Lisbon to continue our pilgrimage. The photograph in the middle above is of Christ the King which is visible from many parts of the city. It was inspired by the iconic statue of Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro.

In Lisbon we had an amazing opportunity to close the circle on our previous pilgrimage to Padua. The photograph on the right above is of St Anthony, outside his Church where we had Mass celebrated by Father Tony and Father Clive. St Anthony's Church is built over the house where he was born. St Anthony studied at the University of Lisbon and then moved to Italy settling in Padua. I continue to be moved by my memories of our visit to his tomb in the Basilica dedicated to him in Padua. Like a lot of you, we have been praying to St Anthony for most of our lives.

Please remember in your prayers the soul of Bishop Mark Jabale. Our good friend and former Parish Priest. **The Parish Council have arranged for a coach on 5 June so we can attend Bishop Mark's funeral at Belmont Abbey.** There are still places available if you would like to join us – please leave your name and telephone number at the back of Church. **We will leave at 9am promptly.** It will be a two-hour journey to Belmont. His Grace Archbishop Mark O'Toole of Cardiff-Menevia will preside and Cardinal Vincent Nichols will preach. Lunch will be provided. We should arrive back by 6pm. No charge for parishioners wishing to pay their respects to Bishop Mark. On the next page is a moving letter Archbishop Mark O'Toole received from the Apostolic Nuncio with some heartfelt words from Pope Leo about our Bishop Mark.

God Bless

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Your Grace,

At the request of the Secretariat of State of the Holy See, I have the honour to transmit to you the following Message from the Holy Father:

THE MOST REVEREND MARK O'TOOLE
ARCHBISHOP OF CARDIFF-MENEVIA

HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV WAS SADDENED TO LEARN OF THE DEATH OF THE RIGHT REVEREND MARK JABALE, OSB, BISHOP EMERITUS OF MENEVIA, AND HE SENDS HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO YOU AND TO THE CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND LAY FAITHFUL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE, AS WELL AS TO HIS CONFRERES AT BELMONT ABBEY. JOINING YOU IN GIVING THANKS TO ALMIGHTY GOD FOR THE LATE BISHOP'S YEARS OF FAITHFUL EPISCOPAL MINISTRY IN THIS BELOVED LOCAL CHURCH, HIS HOLINESS ENTRUSTS HIS SOUL TO THE MERCIFUL LOVE OF CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD. TO THOSE GATHERED FOR THE MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL, AND TO ALL WHO MOURN HIS LOSS IN THE SURE HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION, THE HOLY FATHER CORDIALLY IMPARTS HIS APOSTOLIC BLESSING AS A PLEDGE OF CONSOLATION AND PEACE IN THE RISEN LORD.

CARDINAL PIETRO PAROLIN
SECRETARY OF STATE

May I take this opportunity to assure you of my own prayers and warmest good wishes, whilst remaining,

Fraternally yours in Christ,

+ Miguel Maury
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Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía
Apostolic Nuncio

His Grace
MARK O'TOOLE
Archbishop of Cardiff-Menevia
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