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SUNDAY 11 MAY

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday Readings: Year C

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

Dear Friends,

Writing this newsletter mid week, with a Papal Conclave deciding on our next Holy Father....this is tricky! People will want to know who the new Pope is, where he comes from, what he thinks etc...all the usual questions. The media coverage has been patchy to say the least with some reporters demonstrating a poor grasp of the basic facts and most not understanding the spiritual dimensions at all.

You will hear many say...the Holy Spirit will guide the Cardinals to make the right choice. That is a great mistake! There are cases where the wrong choice was made with some dubious characters seated on the Throne of St Peter. It is true that the Holy Spirit has always protected the Church and Catholic Faith has never been interfered with even by the worst. Take Alexander VI...bribing fellow Cardinals or "removing" them, fathering children with mistresses...he did not corrupt the Faith handed down from the Apostles but he was hardly a role model. Or Stephen VI who had his decomposed predecessor dug up, dressed in papal robes and put on trial! However awful some of these figures were, the Faith remained secure and Rome remained the centre of the Church.

Those days are long gone and we have been blessed with some saintly men in recent centuries. Think of the last three...St John Paul II, Pope Benedict and Pope Francis. Different in temperament and emphasis but all true disciples of the Risen Lord.

And just as last week's Gospel for the Third Sunday of Easter seemed designed for this period of decisions, so also this week on "Good Shepherd Sunday":

"My sheep know my Voice; I know them and they follow me."

By the time this newsletter is printed we may well be looking at the 267th successor of St Peter. May the Holy Spirit give him wisdom, courage and above all a deep love of the Lord.

This next week Fr Tony and I are in Fatima and Lisbon with our parish pilgrims. Fr Paul is indisposed so I am very sorry to say there will be no mid week Masses at either church.

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 for Holy Trinity is 22 June, the feast of Corpus Christi.

Second Collection this weekend for Clergy training, to support our young men in seminary.

Please give generously.

God bless everyone

Fr Clive

Breaking news...

The election has been made and we have a new Holy Father: Pope Leo XIV. An American-born son of immigrant Spanish/Italian parents, Cardinal Robert Prevost has served as an Augustinian missionary in South America for most of his ministry, taking Peruvian nationality. Let us pray for him in his mighty task of leading not only the world's 1.4 billion Catholics but also as an international voice for Peace and Justice.

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Prayer for the Pope

The Lord preserve him and give him life and make him blessed upon the earth and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies. Lord Jesus, shelter our Holy Father, the Pope under the protection of your Sacred Heart.

Lifts to Mass: If you have difficulty getting to Mass and would like a lift, or if you know of anyone else who does, please contact Sharnalee at 01608 679731.

Online Lectio Divina: A reminder that Fr. Martin runs an online Lectio Divina – for further details on how you can take part, email Fr. Martin at frmartinflatman@gmail.com

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