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Readings: Year B

Dear Parishioners

Leadership comes in many forms and styles. In fact, it is recognised that there are seven types of Leadership: Democratic/Autocratic/Transformational/Transactional/ Bureaucratic/ Laissez-Faire and Servant. In today's readings it is the Servant model which is presented to us, both in the Old and the New Testament.

The prophet Isaiah says: "By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, Taking their faults on himself." And, in the exchange between Jesus and the disciples, "For the Son of Man Himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."

The disciples were still working on the outmoded script of a Warrior Leader who would shine glory on them in his triumph over the pagan forces. Their model of Leadership was toxic, the sort we are seeing all too vividly at present in the Holy Land, Ukraine and Sudan. This style alienates, antagonises and ultimately is self-defeating. There is no reconciliation and no acceptance of the Other. Jesus Christ is the Suffering Servant of prophecy, He is the Sacrificial Lamb of the High Priest, He is the Price of our iniquity paid at a terrible cost but for the final redemption of all. No earthly leader, however able, can do that for us.

St Paul expresses this powerfully in our second reading: "Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme High Priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the Faith that we have professed."

May we always hold on to the Faith, bought with such a price by Jesus Christ and taken up by all those saints who have heard and followed the Suffering Servant through the ages.

God bless everyone, Fr Clive

Parish Notices

Masses this week: Holy Trinity - 9:15am Monday and Thursday (Saint Anthony Mary Claret). Friday Rosary for Peace at 9:15 with grateful thanks to Mary Prior. First Communion Class Friday 4:30pm

St Teresa's – 9:15am Wednesday (Saint John of Capistrano and Sunday.

No Confirmation class or adult Instruction this week as Fr Clive is North of the Border in sunny Glasgow. Many thanks to Frs. Tony and Paul for " holding the fort." (Father is still available by mobile/email provided there is a signal!)

Second Collection today on Mission Sunday: Missio. Please give as generously as possible to support the spread of the Faith worldwide.

Important! The Catholic Bishops have asked all Catholics to write to their MP objecting to the proposed Bill of assisted suicide going through Parliament. This change in the law would bring great pressure onto the elderly and the disabled to " do the right thing" which is the wrong thing as it violates the sacredness of human life as much as abortion. There are notices at the back of church but it is possible to contact your MP direct.

In October we pray with Pope Francis for a Shared Mission: That the Church continues to support a synodal way of life, under the sign of co-responsibility, promoting participation, communion and a shared mission among priests, religious and laypeople.

Looking ahead...At the start of Advent the whole Church will adopt a new Lectionary, the four volumes that contain all the scripture readings for Sundays, Saints days, All the Feasts, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals etc. It is a major development and it means that all our Mass books will have to be replaced and new ones ordered for both parishes. New Missals will have to be bought too and details of where and how to do this will soon be published. Our new volumes are already with us as Father Clive took advantage of the 10% discount if ordered early!

Please continue to pray for our Ukrainian family. Hanna and baby Marc travelled back to the Ukraine recently and will be there for one month in order to apply for a passport for the baby. We pray for a safe journey and stay in the Ukraine. Also for Serhii, Nelli, Yanna and Emma as they await Hanna and Marc's return.

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.

