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Sunday 6 July 2025 – Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Year C

Dear Friends

In a week's time we will be listening to our Missioners as they begin the week-long Mission to our two parishes. Fr Royston Price, a Redemptorist, and Fr John Hemer, a Mill Hill Missionary, will lead a series of talks through the week at both Holy Trinity (evenings) and St Teresa's (mornings). They will be preaching at next Saturday/Sunday Masses to prepare us all for the feast of spiritual nourishment which I hope we will be enjoying during the weekdays. This seems to be the first Mission ever in both parishes although I stand to be corrected if any long-serving parishioner can recall one!

How appropriate is this week's Gospel as Jesus sends out 72 disciples on Mission to preach the Good News of the Kingdom. Telling them to make no provision but to trust entirely in God He declares "The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few." Clearly that Mission was a great success as the disciples returned rejoicing: "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your Name." The Lord responds with equal joy: "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." In other words, the power of evil is overcome by the power of goodness in Jesus Name. What a valuable message which we need to hold onto when we see so much that is wrong and wicked in the world today, the innocent slaughtered, lives ripped to pieces, men and women of blood wreaking havoc on the defenceless.

St Paul in our Second reading talks about the Cross and we must try to remember that all human actions will one day be judged against the total self-giving Love shown on that Cross. That is the standard, not the self-serving actions of individuals or parties. It can be difficult to keep that uppermost but the Lord Jesus, Lamb of God, calls to us all to follow Him, not Satan. "Do not rejoice, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Please pray for the Mission that it will be a great blessing for both parishes.

God bless everyone

Fr Clive

Parish Notices

Weekday Masses – Holy Trinity 9:15am Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Holy Rosary for Peace Friday 9:15am

St Teresa's Weekday Masses – 9:15am Wednesday and Friday

Our Second Collection last weekend for Peter's Pence raised £129.50

Thursday 10th July Holy Trinity school Governors' meeting: 4 pm

Our Parishes Mission Saturday 12th July to Friday 18th! There will be a talk every evening at 7pm in Holy Trinity and two day-time talks in St Teresa's. There will be leaflets and details in Church. For Holy Trinity the schedule is:

Monday	Faith
Tuesday	Death and Eternal Life
Wednesday	Our Lady
Thursday	The Holy Eucharist
Friday	The Love of God

Pope Leo's intention for July 2025 is for the formation of discernment: Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel. Pope Leo also encourages us to call upon the Holy Spirit to help inform our decisions.

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.

