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Readings: Year A

Dear Friends,

This last week have seen many local and assembly elections and at the time of writing this newsletter (Wednesday morning) the outcomes are not known. Will we see the much-hyped collapse of the two main parties? Every election of any sort is billed as “the most crucial” just as it seems every sporting fixture is “the most important”. It seems that media coverage and “over the top” commentary go hand in hand!

If your mission is to communicate, maybe you will have a natural bias to hyperbole and exaggeration, to convey your vital message? Certainly, Jesus would say shocking things at times to wake up those around him... cut off your hand, pluck out your eye!

In Eastertide, at our first readings we hear of the steady growth of the early church, taking root at first among the Jews but then breaking out to the Gentile world. Sometimes there are extraordinary events, like healings, but it has usually been the daily lives of everyday Christians that has done the most to spread the Gospel. Jesus promised his followers that the Holy Spirit would come to them once He had physically departed from the earth, and in these last weeks of Eastertide the focus now shifts to this arrival, to Ascension, forty days after Resurrection, and ten days later to Pentecost and the coming of the Spirit.

Now that is worth shouting about! The birth of the Church, the reshaping of the world... that is something to tell everyone. And that is what the disciples were empowered to do, to travel to far-away lands, even to sacrifice their own lives, to tell the pagan world that God loves His creation so much that His Son came, lived and died for us, and rose from the dead to demonstrate His power over what we all will experience.

After writing this newsletter, I will be celebrating a Requiem Mass for *Verna Lane*, wife of *Colonel Bernard Lane* whose life we celebrated also a little while ago. Two former parishioners of Holy Trinity who lived committed to their Faith and their communities. These are the witness to the Risen Christ, extraordinary lives in ordinary circumstances. It is a privilege, as a priest to offer the Holy Sacrifice for such disciples. May they rest in Peace and rise in Glory.

P.S. This week I am hoping it is Masses/Rosary as usual as long as I am back on my feet after the heart procedure on Thursday 7th May. I thank so many for their good wishes and prayers. Please God, this will be the seventh and the last!

My thanks again to *Frs Martin* and *Paul* for celebrating the Sunday Masses while I am recovering.

**God bless everyone,
Fr Clive**

Parish Notices

Second Collection this weekend if for *the poor parishes of the diocese.*

Masses, Rosary, and Classes as usual this week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Mass 9:15am. Friday Rosary for Peace 9:15am. **Feasts this week:** Thursday 14th May, *Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord*, a Holy Day of Obligation: 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity or 7pm Mass at St Teresa's.

Save The Date: Talk and Discussion: What Price Religious Freedom? Sunday 10th May 3pm-4pm, Morris Room, Charlbury Corner House.

We now take our religious freedom for granted, but throughout the world people are disadvantaged and persecuted for their faith: Christianity, Islam, Judaism. Our panel experts: Elliott Banks, Lead Researcher Aid to the Church in Need and Fr. Dominic Robinson SJ, Chair: Justice and Peace Commission, Diocese of Westminster will help us explore the impact of this persecution has not only on faith but on a wider society. This event is sponsored by the Parish of the Assumption – St. Teresa's, Charlbury and supports Aid to the Church in Need. Tickets £9 to include the talk, a glass of wine/cup of tea/cake. Please pay on the door, cash or cheques only. — Suze Mathews ACN Parish Representative

In May, let us pray together with the Holy Father that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Please continue to pray for our sick, housebound and frail parishioners of both our Parish. 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, Ukraine, Sudan, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are **Tammy Lawson** and **Sharnalee Foster** (sg.stteresaoflisieux.charlbury@rcaob.org.uk). Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.