



The Catholic Churches of Immaculate Conception with Holy Trinity



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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
12th July 2020

Historical Introduction to Nicene Creed

We call the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed the Nicene Creed. The Nicene Creed is professed every Sunday at Mass in the Latin Rite of the Catholic Church. In the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church and in our separated Orthodox brethren, this same Creed is professed in its original formulation.

The only difference between the Creed of the East and West is the later addition of the phrase “and the Son” to the paragraph on the procession of the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately, this disagreement has caused great difficulty and division between Eastern and Western Christianity.

The Nicene Creed arose from the first two ecumenical councils of the Church. The first ecumenical council is the First Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. and the second is the Council of Constantinople in 381 A.D. This Creed is ancient and it has preserved the faithful from a variety of heresies for over 1,600 years. To understand it is to understand what we believe as Catholics.

Walking through the Creed

Let’s take a quick walk through the Creed and try to understand it a bit more in depth. Of course, each word in the phrase is packed with meaning and endless depth. Truly, the reality of our Faith is that we are diving into the mysteries of an infinite God. So, there is always more to learn.

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Paragraph 1 – God the Father

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

We believe in one God in three Persons. We do not believe in three gods. Our one God is not only our king and Lord, He is our Heavenly Father. We are His children. He created everything that we can see, but He also created all the things that we cannot see. For example, we believe in the angels, in our own souls, and in the demons. God is Lord over all of it and has all might. Even though He is tremendously powerful, our God and Father draws us into a relationship with Him and invites us to share eternal blessedness in another invisible reality: Heaven. *(See next week’s newsletter)*

God bless you
Canon John Y Batthula
Parish Priest & Dean

JULY	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	INFORMATION		HOLY TRINITY
SATURDAY 11TH	10.00 AM		Public Mass at Hethe		People of God
	6.00 PM	Willie & Nellie Lawlor (RIP)	Public Mass	Feria	
SUNDAY 12TH	9.30 AM	Deceased member of Clarke’s family (Mr & Mrs C)	Public Mass	15th Sunday A	
	11.00 AM	Thanksgiving Mass Francis Joseph—Birthday	Public Mass		
	6.00 PM	People of God	Public Mass		
MONDAY 13TH	9.30 AM	Angela Nelson (RIP)	Public Mass	Feria	
TUESDAY 14TH	9.30 AM	Pauline Padley (RIP)	Public Mass	Feria	
WEDNESDAY 15TH	9.30 AM	Jeanne Brownlow (RIP)	Public Mass	Feria	St Bonaventure BD
	11.00 AM	YEAR 6 LEAVERS MASS	Livestream		
THURSDAY 16TH	9.30 AM	Intentions of Isaac & Anu	Public Mass	Feria	
	7.00 PM	Scripture Group meets—ZOOM Platform			
FRIDAY 17TH	12 NOON		Public Mass	Feria	
SATURDAY 18TH			Public Mass at Hethe	10.00 AM	People of God
	6.00 PM		Public Mass	16th Sunday A	
SUNDAY 19TH	9.30 AM		Public Mass		
	11.00 AM		Public Mass		
	6.00 PM	People of God	Public Mass		

Reflections on this weekend's Liturgy of the Word:



God is continually calling us to a better life through his word. Jesus compared the word of God to a seed which a man plants in the ground. For the seed to grow it needs to be planted in good soil. What kind of soil do we offer God's word?

First Reading (Isaiah 55: 10-11). God cares for the earth by sending rain to make it fruitful. He cared for us by sending us his word. This word is very powerful if we give it a chance.

Second Reading (Romans 8: 18-23). St Paul tells us that the glory which awaits us in the next life far outweighs anything we could suffer in this life.

Gospel (Matthew 13: 1-23). Jesus compares the word of God to a seed falling into the ground.

PARISH GIVING A BIG "THANK YOU" to all who have signed up to new Standing Orders (Direct Debit). You can now donate online to either of our two parishes through the Archdiocesan Website. Select either "BICESTER" or "HETHE" on the dropdown menu. www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work 2. Use your Offer-tory Envelopes each week. Please place in the donation Box. 3. If you would like to sign up for Standing Order, forms for this can be downloaded from the diocesan website above and then posted to me, Canon John Batthula, Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester OX26 6AW.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2020 -2021: Please collect them after Mass from one of the Sisters, as leave you the Church. For Standing Order, See the Bank details: Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15; NatWest.

CONFIRMATIONS AT HETHE: Will be taking place on Saturday 19th September 2020 at 12 Noon. His Lordship, Bishop William will be the principle celebrant.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS: As it stands it is unlikely that we will be able to have large group First Holy Communion Masses as in previous years, in the near future. I am aware that a good number of children that have been prepared are waiting anxiously to receive the sacrament. Therefore, the decision has been made to make it possible for your child/ren to

make their First Holy Communion on an individual basis during a weekday or weekend Mass with a maximum number of 10 of family and guests. If you would like to proceed to make arrangements for this then please email the Parish Office with a couple of chosen dates so that, so that I can respond accordingly.

PUBLIC MASSES: The Archdiocese has decided that it will permit social distancing of 1 metre plus in our Churches **SUBJECT TO COMPULSORY WEARING OF FACE COVERING.** If you arrive for Mass and you do not have a face covering you will not be allowed entrance (unless you are asthmatic or under 5). The celebrant will be obliged to stop mass if this obligation is ignored. **Please be aware that the Church will be closed after each Mass and there are no toilet facilities available.** If you wish to make your confession, you will need to make an appointment to see me in the Presbytery garden. Email or telephone to the Parish Office to make arrangements. **All Masses are now being celebrated with parishioners.**

DETAILS OF THE MASS (Please read before attending)

Masses will be shorter than a normal Sunday Mass. There will be no singing, no bidding prayers, a shorter homily and no offertory procession or collection. **Your offering can be placed in the casket at the entrance or exit.**

We will provide a separate Lectern for the reader. Please sanitize your hands before and after.

There will be close attention to detail to ensure social distancing and

cleanliness during Mass by celebrant.

After the "Lord I am not worthy to receive you." the celebrant will raise the host and say, "The Body of Christ" to which the response will be "Amen" and the Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand only in SILENCE.

The Celebrant will not wear a face covering until it is time for the distribution of Holy Communion, but they will at that point.

Stewards will guide people forward for Holy Communion or a blessing. On approach remove face covering, stretch out hands, receive Holy Communion, move across, consume, re-apply face covering and return to place.

Do not congregate either inside or outside of church before or at the end of Mass.

MASS AT HETHE IS ON SATURDAY'S AT 10 AM.

If you would like to go for Mass to the Holy Trinity, please contact Breff Kelly on 01280 702 500 or email him: brefkelly@gmail.com

GUIDELINES FOR STEWARDS

Thank you for volunteering as a Steward and making it possible for our churches to reopen to the public.

Please arrive half an hour before Mass commences to prepare and allow time afterwards to assist in vacating church of parishioners and sanitising all touched areas.

STEWARDS WILL BE REQUIRED TO:

Wear a face mask which can be provided if necessary.

Ensure all visitors adhere to precautionary measures: wearing masks, social distancing and use of hand gels on entry and exit. It is **compulsory** for all who attend Mass to wear a mask. Anyone not wearing a mask should be politely refused entry.

Ensure that at least one metre social distancing is observed.

Observe the one way system where ever possible, entrance is via main doors, exit via side door via Memorial Garden.

Ensure that the church is well ventilated.

Assist with managing procession for Holy Communion

Direct visitors to assigned seats/seating areas. Same households and bubbles are allowed to be seated together.

I do appreciate and thank you in advance to adhering to what are strict rules and regulations. These are to ensure the safety and protection of your Stewards, Clergy, fellow parishioners and yourselves!

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING & COOPERATION

SYMPATHY We extend our very deepest sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the family of Miss Mary Margaret Devlin who passed away at home (formerly 24 George Street, Bicester) on Saturday 4th July 2020, aged 66 years. Funeral Mass will be taking place on Tuesday 21st July at 10.30 am followed by burial at Bicester Cemetery. *May she rest in peace. Pray for all those who have died and for all who mourn.*

CHURCH	NON GIFT AID	GIFT AID	TOTAL
Bicester	£151.50	£231.00	£382.50
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Thank you for your ongoing support particularly in these difficult times!

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:

K Cashman, Tim Charles, Joyce Thornley,
Mary Ashley, John Dunn & Marie Ollive.



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