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## And Holy Trinity @HETHE

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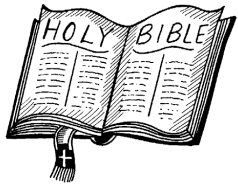
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### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A) 16th August 2020

#### The Mass: Structure and Meaning (Source: USCCB)



**Liturgy of the Word:** Most of the Liturgy of the Word is made up of readings from Scripture. On Sundays and solemnities, there are three Scripture readings. During most of the year, the first reading is from the Old Testament and the second reading is from one of the New Testament letters. During the Easter season, the first reading is taken from the Acts

of the Apostles which tells the story of the Church in its earliest days. The last reading is always taken from one of the four Gospels.

In the Liturgy of the Word, the Church feeds the people of God from the table of his Word (cf. *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, no. 51). The Scriptures are the word of God, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. In the Scriptures, God speaks to us, leading us along the path to salvation.

The Responsorial Psalm is sung between the readings. The psalm helps us to meditate on the word of God.

The high point of the Liturgy of the Word is the reading of the Gospel. Because the Gospels tell of the life, ministry, and preaching of Christ, it receives several special signs of honour and reverence. The gathered assembly stands to hear the Gospel and it is introduced by an acclamation of praise. During most of the year, that acclamation is "Alleluia!" derived from a Hebrew phrase meaning "Praise the Lord!" A deacon (or, if no deacon is present, a priest) reads the Gospel.

Dean of Banbury Deanery & Parish Priest:  
**Very Rev. Canon John Y Batthula** BA, MA, Dip. Cat., MA Ed  
Assistant Priest: **Fr Robert Carey**  
Retired Priest: **Rev. Fr. Pat Armstrong**  
Parish Deacons:  
**Rev Mr Michael Panejko** MA: 01869 246 459  
**Rev Mr Nick St John:** 01869 246 787  
Parish Sisters: **Sr Rose, Sr Sani & Sr Anu:** 01869 327 689  
Parish Safeguarding: **Elizabeth Green**  
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Head Teacher: **Miss. P. Pickering** Tel: 01869 252 035  
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After the Scripture readings, the celebrant preaches the homily. In the homily, the preacher focuses on the Scripture texts or some other texts from the liturgy, drawing from them lessons that may help us to live better lives, more faithful to Christ's call to grow in holiness. In many Masses, the Nicene Creed follows the homily. The Nicene Creed is a statement of faith dating from the fourth century. In certain instances, the Nicene Creed may be replaced by the Apostles' Creed (the ancient baptismal creed of the Church in Rome) or by a renewal of baptismal promises, based on the Apostles' Creed.

The Liturgy of the Word concludes with the Prayer of the Faithful or the General Intercessions. The gathered assembly intercedes with God on behalf of the Church, the world, and themselves, entrusting their needs to the faithful and loving God.

**God bless you**  
**Canon John Y Batthula**  
Parish Priest & Dean

AUGUST	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	
SATURDAY 15TH	10.00 AM at HT Hethe		Solemnity of the Assumption of BVM
	6.00 PM IC	People of God	
SUNDAY 16TH	9.30 PM IC		
	11.00 AM IC	For all Friends of Anne Swanson	
	6.00 PM IC	Eustachius & Marija Panejko (RIP)	
MONDAY 17TH	9.30 AM IC	Intentions of De'vere & Ziegert families	Feria
TUESDAY 18TH	9.30 AM IC		Feria
	2.00 PM	Divine Mercy Devotions	In Father Foynes Memorial Garden
	7.00 PM	Rosary - Zoom Platform	
WEDNESDAY 19TH	9.30 AM IC		Feria
THURSDAY 20TH	9.30 AM IC	Margaret & Damien O'Flynn - Intentions	Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot D
	7.00 PM	Scripture Group meets—ZOOM Platform	
FRIDAY 21ST	12 Noon IC	Terry Tompson (RIP)	Memorial of St Pius X Pope
SATURDAY 22ND	10.00 AM at HT Hethe	People of God	Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	6.00 PM IC		21st Sunday in ordinary time
SUNDAY 23RD	9.30 AM IC	People of God	
	11.00 AM IC	Peter & Marie Murowski (RIP)	
	6.00 PM IC		

**PARISH GIVING A BIG "THANK YOU"** to all who have signed up to new Standing Orders (Direct Debit). Donations can also be made online to either of our two parishes through the Archdiocesan Website: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work). Select either "BICESTER" or "HETHE" on the dropdown menu and follow instructions. Alternatively, use your Offertory Envelopes each week. These can be placed in the donation box in church, or, if you would like to sign up for Standing Order, use the following details: NatWest Bank, Account No: 02342731; Sort Code: 51 70 15. Standing order forms can also be downloaded from the diocesan website above and then posted to me, Canon John Batthula, Henley House, 12 Causeway, Bicester OX26 6AW.

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



**CONGRATULATIONS:** I would like to congratulate children who are making their First Holy Communion over the next few weeks.

**PIETY SHOP:** First Holy Communion cards, prayer books and other souvenirs. Although currently closed, orders can be placed via email to the parish office and collected and paid for at Mass times or by arrangement.

**COLLECTING CONTACT DETAILS OF THOSE WHO COME TO CHURCH FOR NHS TRACK AND TRACE:** Following government advice we now have to request a contact phone number from all those attending Mass, this is in case we need to trace you to inform you of a virus risk. These details will be kept for a period of 21 days, then destroyed. If you do not wish to provide your phone number, you will still be able to attend Mass, but we will still require details of your name. The parish is committed to ensuring that information we hold about you is properly and securely held in accordance with the law. You can find out more from our Privacy Notice, which is at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy>.

**GUIDELINES FOR STEWARDS**

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.

Please close the main doors after sign of peace.

**Always observe the one way system, entrance is via Main doors, exit via side door via Memorial Garden.**

Assist with managing procession for Holy Communion

**Direct visitors to assigned seats/seating areas.** Same households and bubbles are allowed to be seated together. Remember to give our Parish newsletter and remind them that they can place their offering/donation into the casket at the entrance or the exit. No one should be allowed to stand at the back of the Church.

**MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Please make sure that you follow the instructions of the stewards and all signage that is in place. 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.** Offerings can be placed in the casket/collection box at the entrance or exit.

We provide a separate Lector for the reader. All Lectors please sanitize your hands before and after.

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. We would also like to remind people that their mask must cover their mouth and nose at all times, except to place the Eucharist/Holy Communion in your mouth. (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. Please maintain silence before and after Mass. The social distance of 1m Plus must be observed at all times, including before and after Mass.

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

If you would like to go for Mass at Holy Trinity, please contact Breff Kelly on 01280 702 500 or email him: [breffkelly@gmail.com](mailto:breffkelly@gmail.com)  
Please place your offering in the basket as you leave the Church through the Sacristy Door.

**RIDE & STRIDE SATURDAY, 12TH SEPT:** Every year Ride & Stride raises money for the maintenance of north Oxford's historic churches. Participants ride or walk to as many of the participating churches as they can, earning sponsorship for each one they visit (or else take part in some other sponsored activity). We already have a team of volunteers recruited as 'welcomers' to greet and 'sign in' participants as they arrive at Holy Trinity throughout the day. Now we need some fit and active parishioners to sign up for riding and striding and many generous parishioners to sponsor them. Michael Manetta will be riding gently around the environs of Hardwick, Cottisford and Fringford and Kevin D'Silva will be playing cricket in nearby Buckingham and seeks sponsorship for every run he makes. You can also sponsor the 'welcomers' for every hour they are on duty. So please sponsor them all and help make this a record year despite the present difficult circumstances.

**More on Ride & Stride.** We are looking for a 'gazebo' to be located in the front car park at Hethe on 12th Sept to provide shelter and a focal point. If you can provide one for the day please phone Breff Kelly on 01280 702500.

**MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AS STEWARDS AT ALL MASSES:**

It's not too late to volunteer to help with stewarding at Mass. We need more Volunteers for Stewarding and cleaning the Church everyday after mass, especially at the weekend masses. Please get in touch with me if you would like to help us.

**WANTED FOR PARISH FUNDS:** Saleable items for a Market Stall to be held on Friday, 21st August on Sheep St, for Parish Funds. (No clothing please) Please contact Mrs Flynn on 243592.

**Winners 100 club drawn on Sun 26 July 2020, drawn by Mrs M. Mellett. £100** Tim Lane 65 ; **£50** Sue & Martin Doherty33 ; **£25** Catherine Laurie 6. The remaining 5 numbers are: 30,50,66,94,96 - contact paulcous@yahoo.com, or tel.01869 242838 for details if you would like to join.

**Prayer for the "Year of the Word"**

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses

throughout the world. **Amen**

**V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.**

R. This day and every day.

**Our Lady of the Annunciation - Pray for us**

**St Matthew - Pray for us**

**St Jerome - Pray for us**

This weekend: 16/8	Lector
Saturday 6pm	P Simms
Sunday 9.30am	C Moyse
Sunday 11am	H King
Sunday 6pm	L Cleeve

Next weekend: 23/8	Lector
Saturday 6pm	P Simms
Sunday 9.30am	S McCarthy
Sunday 11am	T Lane
Sunday 6pm	H King



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	Total	Donation	People attended
Bicester	£ 320.08	£ 89.51	£ 409.59	£ 75	192
Hethe					12

**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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