



# The Catholic Churches of Immaculate Conception with Holy Trinity



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**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
19th July 2020**

## 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.

**The Lord Jesus: *I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,***

The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity is the Word of God, the Son. This Word of God, Jesus Christ, proceeds from the Father. He was "born" and "begotten" but not made. This is a mystery that is very difficult to understand. Much ink has been spilled in theology on how Jesus can be both God and man.

In other words, Jesus is fully God and He is eternal, just as the Father is eternal. This paragraph emphasizes that there is one God but the Father is nonetheless distinct as a Person from the Person of the Son.

The Council Fathers went to great length to combat the Arian heresy which claimed that Jesus was created and was not truly God. We believe that Jesus is fully God and fully man. As the Word of God, He was existed forever and will always exist. He proceeds from the Father as God from God and Light from Light, true God from true God. I will go into more detail on this in the fifth paragraph on the Holy Spirit.

There is also the realization that it is through the Word of God that all things were made. God reveals to us in Genesis God speaks in order to create. He says, "Let there be light." And there was light. Jesus Christ, the

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Word of God, was sent on a mission by the Father to come down from heaven in order to redeem humanity and offer us salvation.

***The Incarnation and The Virgin Mary and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.***

By the free choice of Mary, our Mother, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God took on flesh. Jesus Christ, the uncreated Word through which all things were made, condescended to share in our humanity. The almighty God emptied Himself and took on the form of a slave, to use the language of St. Paul.

In the Latin Rite, there is a tradition of bowing during this paragraph in honour of the Incarnation. The Incarnation is literally the "enfleshment" of Jesus; it is what we celebrate at Christmas. This paragraph marks one of the most important moments in human history. Our God became one of us. (*continues*)

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

JULY	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	INFORMATION	HOLY TRINITY
SATURDAY 18TH			<b>Public Mass at Hethe</b>	10.00 AM <b>People of God</b>
	6.00 PM	<b>People of God</b>	<b>Public Mass</b>	Feria
SUNDAY 19TH	9.30 PM		<b>Public Mass</b>	16th Sunday A
	11.00 AM	<b>Intentions of Elizabeth Green</b>	<b>Public Mass</b>	
	6.00 PM		<b>Public Mass</b>	
MONDAY 20TH	9.30 AM		<b>Public Mass</b>	Feria
TUESDAY 21ST	9.30 AM		<b>Public Mass</b>	Feria
	7.00 PM	<b>Rosary - Zoom Platform</b>		
WEDNESDAY 22ND	9.30 AM		<b>Public Mass</b>	Feast of St Mary Magdalene
THURSDAY 23RD	9.30 AM	<b>Antony Abraham (RIP) (5th ann) &amp; Fiona Smith RIP</b>	<b>Public Mass</b>	Feast of St Bridget R Patron of Europe
	7.00 PM	<b>Scripture Group meets—ZOOM Platform</b>		
FRIDAY 24TH	9.30 AM		<b>Public Mass</b>	Feria
SATURDAY 25TH			<b>Public Mass at Hethe</b>	10.00 AM <b>Feast of St James A Dr Jack Coughlan (RIP)</b>
	6.00 PM	<b>Joseph Thundathil (RIP)</b>	<b>Public Mass</b>	17th Sunday A
SUNDAY 26TH	9.30 AM	<b>People of God</b>	<b>Public Mass</b>	
	11.00 AM		<b>Public Mass</b>	
	6.00 PM		<b>Public Mass</b>	

## Reflections on this weekend's Liturgy of the Word:

The world, Jesus says, is like a field in which wheat and weeds grow side by side. The Church is the same, and so is each one of us. Each of us is a mixture of good and evil. Let us turn to Christ who alone will help us to overcome the evil that is within us.

**First Reading** (Wisdom 12: 13.16-19). God is the only one who has both the knowledge and the power to root out evil people if he so desired. But does he? This reading talks about his leniency and how we ought to imitate it.

**Second Reading** (Romans 8:26-27). Sometimes when we pray to God, we don't seem to be able to find the right words to express what is in our minds. It doesn't matter. God still understands.

**Gospel** (Matthew 13:24-43). The Church, and indeed the world, is like a field in which wheat and weeds grow side by side until they are separated at the harvest time.

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**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.

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**CONGRATULATIONS:** I would like to congratulate children who are making their First Holy Communion in the next few weeks. One of the best ways to prepare to make your First Holy Communion is to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If one wants to go for confession, please contact the Parish Office through email or telephone to arrange a suitable time.

**PIETY SHOP:** First Holy Communion cards, prayer books and other souvenirs are available from our Piety Shop.

**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 Memorial Garden. Email or telephone to the Parish Office to make arrangements.

**DETAILS OF THE MASS (Please read before attending)**

**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. Please maintain silence before and after 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: [breffkelly@gmail.com](mailto:breffkelly@gmail.com)

## **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.

## **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.

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.

19 <sup>th</sup> July	READER
Saturday 6pm	L Ninan & S Ninan
Sunday 9.30am	C Moyse
Sunday 11am	N Ward
Sunday 6pm	H King
26 <sup>th</sup> July	
Saturday 6pm	P Sims
Sunday 9.30am	M Brown
Sunday 11am	T Lane
Sunday 6pm	L Cleeve



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	Donations	Total	People attended
Bicester	£ 248.28	£ 7	£100	£355.28	155
Hethe					13

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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