



The Catholic Parishes of Immaculate Conception @BICESTER



And Holy Trinity @HETHE

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26th 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.

The Paschal Mystery: For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

This paragraph is directly connected to the previous. Jesus became man in order to accomplish the work of our salvation. It was for us that Jesus was crucified. The Council Fathers include, "under Pontius Pilate" to show that this was a historical reality. It really happened. So too, Jesus truly rose from the dead on the third day after being buried.

Forty days after rising from the dead, He lifted Himself up into Heaven in a mysterious fashion and He now reigns in Heaven as King at the right hand of the Father. We believe that He will come again in glory. This is what we call the Second Coming. At the second coming of Christ, we will all be judged; everything we have done will be laid bare and true justice will be accomplished.

This second coming will result in the passing away of the old Heaven and the old Earth and the establishing of Jesus' everlasting kingdom.

The Holy Spirit: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one God in three Persons. The third Person of the Trinity is the Holy Spirit, who we also rightly call Lord and the giver of life. God breathed life into the first man, after all. This holy breath of God is the Spirit which gives life and sustains life. He is glorified and loved as God, along with the Father and the Son. We believe that the Holy Spirit, preceding the Incarnation as well as after, inspired the prophets.

The Trinity is the mystery of God, as He is. It is difficult to wrap our minds around this mystery in any meaningful way. Our metaphors are usually material, like a three-leaf clover or the states of water as ice, liquid, or

vapor, and because they are material, they always fall short. God is spiritual, not material. The best explanation I have heard of the Blessed Trinity is from St. Augustine's Analogy of the Mind. I will try my best to offer a simplified version. Though, it is far from simple.

In our own minds, we have intellect and will. We know things and act freely. When we learn or know things, we have a procession of the intellect. When we act freely upon ourselves or the world, we have a procession of the will. If we analogously apply this understanding to the "mind of God," we see a procession of the intellect and a procession of the will. God is perfect and so these processions must be infinite and perfect.

The procession of the intellect, within the mind of God, is God the Father's perfect knowledge of Himself. This perfect image of Himself is the Son. The Son, in return, perfectly loves the Father. God is love. Therefore, the procession of His will is perfect love which proceeds as the love shared between the Father and the Son. This is the Holy Spirit. However, we must understand that He does not proceed in time, as He is as eternal as the Father and the Son. (*continues next week*)

God bless you
Canon John Y Batthula
Parish Priest & Dean

JULY	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	
SATURDAY 25TH	10.00 AM at HT Hethe	Dr Jack Coughlan (RIP)	Feast of St James A
	6.00 PM IC	Joseph Thundathil (RIP)	Feria
SUNDAY 26TH	9.30 PM IC	Intentions of Prakash & Reshma	17th Sunday in ordinary time A
	11.00 AM IC		
	6.00 PM IC	People of God	
MONDAY 27TH	9.30 AM IC	For healing & strength (MOF)	Feria
TUESDAY 28TH	9.30 AM IC		Feria
	7.00 PM	Rosary - Zoom Platform	
WEDNESDAY 29TH	9.30 AM IC	Lily, Tommy & Terence Thompson (RIP)	Memorial of St Martha
THURSDAY 30TH	9.30 AM IC	Alice & Pat Beggs (RIP)	Feria
	7.00 PM	Scripture Group meets—ZOOM Platform	
FRIDAY 31ST	12 Noon IC		Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola P
SATURDAY 01ST	10.00 AM at HT Hethe		Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de'Ligouri BD
	6.00 PM IC		18th Sunday in ordinary time A
SUNDAY 02ND	9.30 AM IC	People of God	
	11.00 AM IC		
	6.00 PM IC		

Reflections on this weekend's Liturgy of the Word:



The theme of this liturgy is wisdom. To be wise has little to do with being intelligent, and nothing to do with being smart. It means knowing what is right from God's point of view. But we all act foolishly at times

First Reading (1 Kings 3:5-7-12). King Solomon was told by God that he could have anything he wanted. All he had to do was ask. Solomon asked God for the gift of wisdom so that he could govern well.

Second Reading (Romans 8:28-30). In this reading we are told that those who love God can turn everything to their spiritual advantage.

Gospel (Matthew 13:44-52). What God offers us is worth everything we have. The question is: are we prepared to pay the necessary price for it?

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 down-loaded from the diocesan website above and then posted to me, Canon John Bathula, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS: I would like to congratulate children who are making their First Holy Communion in the next few weeks. One of the best way 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.

COLLECTING CONTACT DETAILS OF THOSE WHO COME TO CHURCH FOR NHS TRACK AND TRACE:

For the safety of all who attend Mass, the government has advised that a contact phone number be kept for everyone who comes to Mass, for a period of 21 days. That information will be destroyed after 21 days. It will be made available to NHS Track and Trace if they contact the parish to request that information. It will only be made available to any third party if that is required by law. If you come to Mass in a group or as a family only one contact number will be needed. The legal basis on which the parish will hold this information is your consent. If you do not wish to provide your phone number for these purposes, you will still need to give your name & be able to attend Mass.

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.

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING: We are one of the a very few Churches in the archdiocese to have everyday public Mass and four weekend masses. But since church has reopened, there have been many cases of people not following the signage and guidelines in church, which are there to ensure your safety and the safety of others. 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. 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. Your offering can be placed in the casket at the entrance or exit.

We will provide a separate Lectern for the reader. 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 to the Holy Trinity, please contact Breff Kelly on 01280 702 500 or email him: breffkelly@gmail.com Please place your offering in the basket as you leave the Church through the Sacristy Door.

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.

DEAR ALTAR SERVERS: I am very sorry that you are unable to serve at the moment, due to the restrictions on Social Distancing and access to the sacristy. I am continuing to monitor this and as soon as any of the restrictions change, we will look forward to welcoming you back on to the sanctuary! Thank you for your help throughout the year!

BAPTISMS: Those parents who have attended the Baptismal course in February and other parents too, may contact me to arrange a date for the celebration of your child's baptism. Please remember that you can only invite up to 30 people only. Must follow the same regulations as the celebration of the Holy Mass.

This weekend: 26/7	Lector
Saturday 6pm	P Simms
Sunday 9.30am	M Brown
Sunday 11am	T Lane
Sunday 6pm	L Cleeve
Next weekend: 2/8	Lector
Saturday 6pm	L Cleeve
Sunday 9.30am	M Brown
Sunday 11am	M odaro
Sunday 6pm	H King



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	Total	People attended
Bicester	£ 300.10	£ 9.00	309.10	189
Hethe	25 +45		£70	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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