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**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
2nd August 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 Church

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

The Church of Jesus Christ is His Mystical Body. Therefore the Church is holy, even if the human beings who compromise it are not always holy. The Church is one because Christ is one. The Church is catholic because the Church is "universal." Catholic means universal. And the Church is apostolic because Christ founded it upon the Apostles.

We enter into this Church through the one Baptism of Christ, by which we are cleansed of original sin, are grafted onto Christ, and become adopted sons and daughters of God.

We believe that when Christ comes again, we will be reunited with our bodies in a glorified way, similar to Christ's resurrected Body. We do not know exactly what this will look like.

And we look forward to the life of the world to come which is eternal blessedness in the company of the angels and the saints

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in constant praise and love of God. We will want for nothing and all suffering will be no more.

Amen.:

And finally... amen! Amen means "yes," "so be it," and "I believe." It is the only ending to the Creed that we can offer as human beings. God has revealed all He is and all that He has done for us, and our confident and faithful "Amen" is the response of our heart.



God bless you

Canon John Y Batthula
Parish Priest & Dean

AUGUST	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	
SATURDAY 1ST	10.00 AM at HT Hethe	People of God	18th Sunday in ordinary time A
	6.00 PM IC	Thanksgiving - Zac Kallay & Y 3 Class	
SUNDAY 2ND	9.30 PM IC	Melanie Libo - For healing & strength	
	11.00 AM IC	People of God	
	6.00 PM IC	Melanie Lobo - For Healing & Strength	
MONDAY 3RD	9.30 AM IC	Thanksgiving - St Jude	Feria
TUESDAY 4TH		NO MASS	Memorial of St John Mary Vianney P
	7.00 PM	Rosary - Zoom Platform	
WEDNESDAY 5TH	9.30 AM IC	James Carey - Get well	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary
THURSDAY 6TH	9.30 AM IC	Kitty Hornby (RIP)	Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
	7.00 PM	Scripture Group meets—ZOOM Platform	
FRIDAY 7TH	12 Noon IC	James Carey - Get well	
	12 Noon	Funeral Service - Michael John McQuilliam (RIP)	At Banbury Crematorium
SATURDAY 08TH	10.00 AM at HT Hethe		Memorial of St Dominic P
	6.00 PM IC		19th Sunday in ordinary time A
SUNDAY	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 people followed Jesus to a lonely spot, forgetting their food in order to listen to his words and to seek healing for their sicknesses. We have come here to meet Jesus. We too have left aside, if only for a while, our ordinary concerns to listen to Christ's words and to be healed by him.

First Reading (Isaiah 55: 1-3). This contains an invitation, addressed to the exiles in Babylon, to come to a banquet at which the food and drink will not only be excellent but also free. The banquet stands for the life of love and friendship God wishes to share with his people.

Second Reading (Romans 8:35.37-39). St Paul says that no matter what bad times or experiences he may have to go through, he is undaunted, because he is certain that Christ loves him.

Gospel (Matthew 14: 13-21). Jesus has compassion on the people. He heals their sick, teaches them at length, and gives them food in abundance.

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 Baththula, 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.



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.

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. 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. 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.** Your offering can be placed in the casket at the entrance or exit.

We provide a separate Lectern 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 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.

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

SYMPATHY We extend our very deepest sympathy & assurance of our prayers to the family of Michael McQuilliam who passed away on Friday 17th July 2020, aged 66 years. Funeral Service will be taking place at Banbury Crematorium on Friday 7th August at 12 Noon. *May he rest in peace.*

ST JOHN PAUL II CENTRE: For a long time the heating system has been a big problem and especially for the past 4 years it hasn't been working properly or not worked at all. We ended up spending thousands in repairs. The heating system has to be completely replaced. It is going to cost almost £25,000 in total. Before the lockdown I have instructed the same Company that did our Church heating to get the costings and which they have provided. During the past week they have started the work and I would say that it will be completed before the end of this coming weekend.

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 of how to pay.

This weekend: 2/8	Lector
Saturday 6pm	L Cleeve
Sunday 9.30am	M Brown
Sunday 11am	M Odaro
Sunday 6pm	H King

Next weekend: 9/8	Lector
Saturday 6pm	P Simms
Sunday 9.30am	S & L Taylor
Sunday 11am	M Odaro
Sunday 6pm	H King



Church	Loose	Gift Aid	Total	People attended
Bicester	£ 296.71	£ 7	£303.71	208
Hethe	£25			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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