

# Historical Introduction

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.

**Holy Trinity Heth** 

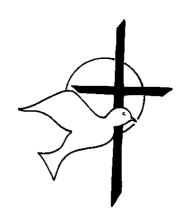
# Paragraph I – God the Father I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

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.



#### **Canon John Y Batthula** Parish Priest & Dean

JUNE	TIME	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & HOLY TRINITY	INFORMATION
SUNDAY 7TH	9.30 am	Bill & Kitty Homby (RIP) & Angela Nelson (RIP)	Solemnity of the Holy Trinity
	11.00 AM	People of God	
MONDAY 8TH	9.30 AM	Intentions of Eleanor King ( Hilary)	
TUESDAY 9TH	9.30 AM		
	11.00	Deanery meeting - ZOOM Flatform	
WEDNESDAY 10TH	9.30 AM	James Day (RIP)	
	12 NOON	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Midday Prayers	
THURSDAY 11TH	9.30 AM		Mem. of St Barnabas A
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	2.00 PM	Covid-19 Recovery Group meet - ZOOM Flatform	
	7.00 PM	Scripture Group meets—ZOOM Flatfrom	
FRIDAY 12TH	9.30 AM	Intentions of Eleanor King ( Hilary)	
	6 PM - 7 PM	Holy Hour	
SATURDAY 13TH	10.00 AM		Mem. of St Anthony of Padua PD
	10.20 -11.00 AM	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament	
	6.00 PM	Rosary Group - ZOOM Flatform	
SUNDAY 14TH	9.30 AM		Solemnity of Corpus Christi
	11.00 AM	People of God	



# Today's Liturgy of the Word in Brief:

Today we celebrate the greatest mystery of our faith. We would not know anything about it if God had not revealed it to us. The mystery is this: that God is Father, Son and Spirit. It is not so much something to talk about (for words are totally inadequate), as something to celebrate, pray, and live.

*First Reading* (Exodus 34:4-6.8-9). God revealed himself to Moses on Mount Sinai as a God of tenderness and compassion. Moses begged God to accompany his stubborn people on their journey to the Promised Land.

*Second Reading* (2 Cor 13: 11-13). This is the conclusion of St Paul's second letter to the Christians at Corinth. We sometimes use it as a greeting at the start of Mass.

*Gospel* (John 3:16-18). This passage has a most consoling message. God the Father sent his Son to us, not to condemn us, but to save us.



Parish Helpers: Ring this number 07387 281

**861** and leave a message if you need assistance and we will try our best to assist.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS:** I would like to let the parents know that First Holy Communions will be taking place when our Churches are opened for the public and when Mass can be celebrated with your participation, until then, please pray for each other and hope that day will be very soon.

**PARISH WEBCAM LINK:** Please note that our Parish webcam link has changed. From now please follow this link: <u>https://watchmcnmedia.tv/camera/church-of</u> -the-immaculate-conception-bicester

**SACRED HEART NOVENA MASS:** Every year Bridgettine Sisters residents of Maryvale organise the annual novena to the sacred Heart of Jesus. In the present situation, Mgr McHugh has taken the responsibility to organise Novena Masses. So on Monday 15th June at 8pm I will be celebrating a special Mass in honour of Sacred Heart of Jesus. You may participate Via livestream from our Parish Webcam and Parish Facebook.

# WINNERS 100 CLUB DRAWN ON SUN 31 MAY 2020,

witnessed at a distance by Mrs M. Mellett. 2020 May NAME Number £100 Frank Clark 51 £50 Deborah Cousins 32 £25 Mary Kelly 69 Please pay online if you can. Email paulo

Please pay online if you can. Email paulcous@yahoo.com for details. The remaining 5 numbers are: 30,50,66,94,96 contact paulcous@yahoo.com, or tel.01869 242838 for details of how to pay during the lock-down.

# OPENING OF OUR PARISH CHURCH:

# Plan the Team and Responsibilities

In order to re-open the Church you will need to ensure you have adequate staff or volunteers to support the process. Members of your team should be deemed healthy and fit for work prior to commencement of work. At present this excludes those who are deemed vulnerable (over 70 years, and/or with certain pre-existing health conditions, self-isolating or shielding). This may change. The size of your team will vary depending on the size of the church but should address the following:

o Stewarding – at the entry point, exit point and in the church.

o Ideally keep your team working together in distinct groups.

o The stewards should know the maximum capacity of the church and ensure this is respected

o Guidance should be given to stewards on hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene and actions to take in the event of a First Aid emergency.

o Stewards must not physically interact (shake hands, hugging) with parishioners with the exception of an emergency situation.

#### Plan the Cleaning Regime.

In order to maintain a COVID-19 safe environment and demonstrate our duty of care to Parishioners, a clear cleaning regime will need to be implemented. The regime will be based on Church usage and must address the following:

o Cleaners should be reminded of the required hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene guidance.

o Churches must have a thorough domestic clean at least once each day or more regularly if necessary depending on usage. This involves washing with hot soapy water to break down the virus followed by disinfecting the area. Use disposable cloths or paper towels.

o Areas of frequent touch will need to be cleaned more regularly throughout the opening times of the Church. This includes door handles, push plates, railings, where people have sat, kneeled etc. Doors should be left open if possible. But certainly not fire doors.

o Cleaners must wear face coverings, rubber gloves and aprons when cleaning. More detail will be given on washing or disposal when this is clarified.

o Cleaners should be advised to wash thoroughly before socialising with members of their household.

# We need Volunteers for cleaning Church everyday and Stewarding.

Please get in touch with me if you would like to help us.

VERY SOON OUR PARISH EMAILS WILL BE CHANGING (Office, Gift Aid, Safeguarding Rep., Health & Safety, Priests of the Parish.) canon.john.batthula@rcaob.org.uk tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk (Office) ga.tic.bicester@rcaob.org.uk (Gift Aid)

