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Readings: Year B

Dear Parishioners

"Now this is the Catholic Faith. We worship one God in the Trinity and the Trinity in Unity, without either confusing the persons or dividing the substance..." How many could identify where/when this is said? Or even where it is from? It sounds a little like the Creed we recite every Solemnity (that includes Sundays), which is called the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed after the early church councils where it was formulated. This other Creed (there are three...the shortest is called the Apostles' Creed which is said at the beginning of a rosary)...this Creed is the Athanasian Creed, and it used to be recited regularly but in the church reforms over the centuries it gradually dwindled in prominence and now is said only once a year, on today's feast of the Holy Trinity....if at all! Confused? That is what most are when faced with the central Christian doctrine of the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

The Catechism is very clear on its importance: "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian Faith and Life. It is the mystery of God in Himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of Faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the hierarchy of the truths of Faith."

The Trinity is a mystery and perhaps we should heed the wise words of an early Greek Father of the Church: "Let things beyond words be honoured in silence."

A big thank you to the party organisers for last week after the Sunday parish Mass at Holy Trinity to welcome Declan and Claire into the Catholic family. Our next "event" will be First Communion on **9th June** at Holy Trinity and that brings all the Instruction of children, teenagers and adults to a close...before we begin the next cycle! If you have or know of young people coming up to the next sacramental age, or any adults who are enquiring about reception...please ask them to make contact so we can start to plan for 2024/5. Very exciting!

Thursday 27th June is the official close of the Deanery Visitation with a meeting to report back on the Archbishop's conclusions and directives for our future. More details will follow. Next week there are no weekday Masses in either church as I am away in Madrid.

God bless everyone Father Clive

Parish Notices

No Masses next week:

9:15am Friday Rosary for Peace.

As we look ahead to next year's Jubilee. CAFOD invites you to Ripples of Hope, a special day of reflection, prayer and spiritual nourishment led by well known and much loved Catholic speaker, teacher and author **David Wells**. The event will be held on **Saturday 8 June 2024** at The Dormer Conference Centre, St Peter Apostle Catholic Church, Leamington Spa, CV32 5AA from 11.00am – 4.00pm (a light lunch will be provided). To attend please register here: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/ripples-of-hope>

An extract from the Vatican Weekly Newsletter and Pope Francis Prayer Intention for May 2024:

'It is important to note that formation does not end at a specific moment, such as ordination, but rather continues throughout life, integrating the person intellectually, humanly, affectively, and spiritually. Preparation continues into that of living in a community. "Life in community is so enriching, even though it can be difficult at times". "Living together is not the same as living in community", adds the Pope.

Finally, Pope Francis asks that we pray *For the formation of religious women and men, and seminarians grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.*

A reminder of Upcoming Parish Events: 21 June at 7pm Wine Tasting (always competitive!) at the home of James and Juliet Byrne. More details to follow, including price of ticket to raise funds for CAFOD. Food will be served.

Please continue to pray for our sick, housebound and frail parishioners of both our Parishes: Carol Wilson, Tom Cantwell, Bridget Kennelly, Audrey Nellis, Richard O'Farrell, Mary Ward, Paula Biggs, Lynette Murphy, Betty, Ania.

In addition to your own daily prayers please remember: All those who mourn the loss of loved ones: The repose of the souls of those who have died: People whose anniversaries occur at this time: The people of the Middle East, Morocco, Ukraine, Turkey and Syria.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Tammy Lawson**. Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

