



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY



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SUNDAY 26 MAY 2024
Sunday Readings: Year B

TRINITY

Please pray for the sick and the housebound of our parishes: Paula B, Lynette M, Carol W, Tom C, Bridget K, Audrey N, Richard O, Mary W, Betty, Ania.

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 3...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 in either parish...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.

Closing of Deanery Visitations Meeting

Canon John would like to invite you all the Closing of Deanery Visitations Meeting which will commence with Vespers at the church of the Immaculate Conception, Bicester, OX26 1UN, followed by a meeting in the St John Paul II Centre (next door to the church) on **Thursday, 27th June at 7pm**. His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley and Episcopal Vicar Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will report on the current parish visitations taking place in our Deanery.

A way forward" _ St Teresa's Parish Meeting – June 22nd

As we're sure everyone is aware this is a pivotal time for all Catholic parishes, given the reducing numbers of priests and the closing of some churches. In response, **the Archdiocese are currently considering a number of options to sustain our future**. However, given the range of skills and talents we have between us in our small but mighty parish, we feel we have an opportunity to be proactive rather than reactive for St Teresa's future both with Fr Clive now and beyond. *(continued overleaf)*

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Inigorated by our time together meeting for the Synodal process, we thought it would be wise for St Teresa's to consider meeting again on how we best move forward together as a parish. Therefore, we have booked the **Memorial Hall in Charlbury** for **Saturday, June 22nd from 9.30** to allow us to talk, share and build ideas for how we can best work together. A few of us have met to talk through a structure for the morning and are suggesting the following:

- 9.30am** Tea/ coffee/ cake to catch up with each other
- 10.00am** Prayer, introduction and discussions in small groups
- 11.30am** Break
- 11.45am** Further discussions and collation of ideas*
- 1.00pm** Shared lunch with food from contributions brought
- 2.00pm** Closing prayer

Please let Alison know if you can come to the shared lunch and what you would like to bring.

We would love as many people in the parish to attend this vital event to invest in a flourishing future for St Teresa's. Please let us know as soon as possible if can you attend by messaging Brek Taylor-Tamblyn on 07779 579 482. It would be great to know numbers advance, any queries or access issues and what you could bring for the lunch. We are considering a creche for the event which would probably be some games followed by a movie, after which the children would join us for the meal.

*We are aiming to use the Deanery's strategy to develop a parish plan for Formation, Evangelisation, Outreach, Liturgy and Worship as part of our collation of information after the discussions. If you wish to read more about this strategy, then please have a read of the presentation from the meeting held in October 2023 where these and other ideas were presented. We were fortunate enough to be represented by Trevor Hodkinson our Parish Chair who will also be attending this event and can answer questions about progress so far. You can read more about it here also:

<https://banburyandwarwick-catholicdeanery.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Warwick-and-Banbury-Deanery-Oct-23-FF-mark-up.pdf>

We look forward to seeing you on June 22nd.

Brek Taylor

ACN PILGRIMAGE: PILGRIM PATHS (visiting Durham, Lindisfarne, Jarrow and more) 22-27 July 2024. Travel the pilgrim paths of the early church in Durham, Lindisfarne, Escomb, Ruthwell and Jarrow with Saints Cuthbert and Bede. This Aid to the Church in Need pilgrimage will include reflections on the persecuted Church of today and look into the history of the early church and experience communal prayer of the Divine Office in beautiful surroundings, daily Mass and devotions. There are just three places left on this pilgrimage, so if you'd like to join us and other pilgrims from across the UK, please contact Teresa Kehoe at Teresa.Kehoe@acnuk.org.

ACN FAMILY PILGRIMAGE TO STONOR, SAT 14 SEPT 2024 ACN is organizing a pilgrimage specially for parishioners at St Teresa's, and is partly sponsored by St Teresa's. The pilgrimage is suitable for families with/without children as the programme allows choices of activities according to preference, ie a tour of the house, Mass and other devotions are included, but bring your own picnic. If you are interested please contact Suze on suemathews1066@btinternet.com, or see her after Mass on Sundays.

LENTEN DONATIONS FOR HAITI:

Thank you for your generous donations for the Seminary of St Therese in Haiti. I sent ACN £170, all as Gift Aid, as a part of our ongoing commitment to help support the seminary in Haiti.

Suze Mathews

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