



Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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Sunday 9 June 2024 – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Year B

Dear Parishioners

This last week we commemorated on 6th June the 80th anniversary of Operation OverLord, the D-Day landings on the coast of Normandy that marked "the beginning of the end" for the Third Reich and the Second World War. More than 150,000 troops assaulted the five beaches of Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno and Sword in the largest amphibious operation ever launched in history. 6,000 ships and landing-craft, 50,000 vehicles and 11,000 planes supported the push to establish beachheads on French soil. It was a success, by 11th June the beachheads were secure and over 326,000 allied troops and 100,000 tons of equipment had crossed. The human cost was high. Over 8,000 Americans, 3,000 British, 1,000 Canadians and up to 9,000 Germans were killed, wounded or captured. On the day itself over 4,000 allied troops died...sons, brothers, fathers...unbearable sadness and suffering was the reward for a job well done, a task that had to be accomplished to rid the world of the Nazi evil. But at such a cost for those families.

The following day, on Friday, we celebrated the great Catholic feast of Sacred Heart...Cor Jesu Sanctissima...and a more fitting response to the horrors of warfare could not be found. This powerful devotion, the second most popular after the Holy Rosary, reminds us that the heart of God is a boundless source of Love and Forgiveness...despite the wickedness of the world and the darkness of mankind's own heart. The Sacred Heart beats in the Body of Christ, His Church, and despite all the efforts of tyrants and dictators, this Heart can never be stopped. History shows us that the foolishness of the world is always overcome and the darkness scattered in the face of God's blinding Love. Nazis, Communists, Islamists...all try and fail to quench the Flame of Love. The Sacred Heart united with the Immaculate Heart of Mary will triumph!

This weekend we are seeing our children make their First Communions and we must continue to pray for them in their walk with Jesus. No more precious gift will they receive than the Life of Jesus in this most blessed of Sacraments.

God bless everyone Father Clive

Parish Notices

Masses next week: Monday, Tuesday at 9:15am. No Mass on Wednesday at St Teresa's or Thursday at Holy Trinity as Father Clive and Father Tony are attending a residential Synod for Priests with the Archbishop and all clergy from the diocese. In this time of concern for the deaneries it will be good to hear of what plans and developments there are for us in our parishes. Friday 9:15am The Holy Rosary for Peace.

In June we pray with Pope Francis *For migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence; may they find welcome and new life opportunities in their host countries*

Holy Trinity Parish Wine Tasting evening, Friday 21st June 7pm at James and Juliet Byrne's Home, Hawkyard House, 66 New Street, Chipping Norton, OX7 5LJ. Tickets at £20 each to include the wine and food, are now for sale after Mass on Saturdays and Sundays. It's easier for us if you pay by cash, however, if you find that impossible, email me - johnnyhulme@me.com and I will send you bank details. Entry is by ticket only and due to space, numbers are limited, all proceeds will go to CAFOD. The evening will take the form of a fun Wine challenge, for expert and novice alike, 6 rounds starting with a Champagne, each from 2 different producers using the same grape, one inexpensive and one expensive. Daniel will describe one wine, and Kathy will describe the other, your task is then to decide which is which, it's much harder than you might think! There is no parking so I suggest you leave your Car in the New street Car Park.

Deanery: Closing of Visitation **27th June** (Immaculate Conception, Bicester)

Please note in your diaries Parish BBQ 14th July

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.

