



## Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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**Sunday 23 June 2024 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings: Year B**

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**Dear Parishioners**

Today's Gospel is one of the most striking of all episodes in the life of Jesus and His disciples: the Stilling of the Storm. Jesus sets out with his friends in a boat to cross the Sea of Galilee. This is a notoriously unpredictable stretch of water, an inland lake measuring 12 miles by 7 miles, relatively shallow at 200 feet in the deepest, but prone to sudden and violent storms. These are the result of cold winds sweeping down through the wadis and the steep hills surrounding the water and hitting the relatively warm surface. A calm evening can descend quickly into a cauldron-storm. Things look bad as a major "weather-event" erupts and waves start to sink the boat. Jesus is still asleep in the stern, exhausted from His healing and preaching work. "Master, do you not care?" He wakes, silences the wind and the sea, and the disciples are struck with awe asking among themselves..."Who then is this? Even the wind and waves obey Him." In their hearts, the disciples know who this is. To the Jews, only one force could control the unruly elements of Nature, only one Person was able to bring order to the chaos of existence: Yahweh, The Lord God Almighty. They had just seen Him for themselves. The sea, the archetypal uncontrolled force of the universe, could only be tamed and brought to heel by the Divine. "Who then is this?" That is a question for us all.

In the storms of our lives only one Person is able to bring calm and order: Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, Saviour of mankind. In the good times we let Him sleep but as we begin to go down we look to Him. He could ask us as He asked the disciples: "Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?" Instead He says: "This is my Body. This is my Blood" Freely given, freely offered. In every Mass we see and we adore. As we sing at the end of Benediction: "O Sacrament most holy O Sacrament Divine, All praise and all thanksgiving, For evermore be Thine."

**God bless everyone      Father Clive**

**Parish Notices** Next week: Masses 9:15 Monday and Thursday. Friday 9:15am The Holy Rosary for Peace. (On Tuesday there is no Mass as Fr Tony and I have to attend an all-day Safeguarding course in Immaculate Conception, Bicester)

**A reminder - Deanery: Closing of Visitation 27th June** (Immaculate Conception, Bicester) All welcome

**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*

**St John Henry Newman afternoon on Sunday 23rd June in Oxford...**details at back of church

**Holy Trinity Parish Wine Tasting evening last night was a great success.** A big thank you to Juliet and James Byrne who hosted the event in their home. Thanks also to the organisers, food preparers and raffle ticket sellers. All funds raised will go to CAFOD. A huge thank you to Daniel for selecting the wines and sharing his expertise and stories with us. Here are details of the wines, where to buy them and prices for those of you who have asked:

**Chapel Down's 'A Touch of Sparkle'** 2022 Kent (Majestic Wine £18) **Nicholas de Montbart** Champagne (Aldi £13) **Chatelain Pouilly-Fume** 2022 Loire (Waitrose £18) **Cowrie Bay** 2023 Marlborough New Zealand (Tesco £8) **Dr Loosen, Urziger Wurzgarten** Mosel 2022 (Waitrose £16) **Grey Slate** 2023 Mosel Germany (Sainsburys £10) **La Carezza Pinot Nero** Veneto Italy 2023 (Asda £12) **Montgravet, Cinsault**, Provence 2023 (Sainsburys £6.50) **Fleurie**, Georges Duboeuf 2022 Burgundy (Waitrose £15) **Errazuriz Estate Reserva**, 2023 Chile (Co-op £9) **The Hedonist** McLaren Vale 2021 Australia (Waitrose £15) **Porcupine Ridge**, Boekenhoutskloof 2022 South Africa (Aldi £9)

**Please note in your diaries Parish BBQ 14th July**

**Proposed Joint Pilgrimage to Rome for Holy Year 2025 - Holy Trinity and St Teresa's** - 2025 has been declared a Holy Year or Jubilee. These Holy Year's happen every 25 years and the theme for next year is to be Pilgrims of Hope. The Holy Father has asked us to pray for 1) the resolution of wars 2) the post COVID situation 3) the climate. To celebrate this Holy Year, we are seeking **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ONLY at this time** DETAILS Spiritual leaders - Fr Clive and Fr Tony (dv) 4-5 days in September 2025 - to be confirmed. Cost - as economically as possible. To gain the benefits of a Holy Year we will visit the 4 major basilicas in Rome - St Peter's, St Mary Major, St John Lateran and St Paul outside the walls and enter through the Holy Doors. Please contact Johnny Hulme 07770 433290 [Johnnyhulme@me.com](mailto:Johnnyhulme@me.com) or Paul Branch 07771624578 [pnmebranch@btinternet.com](mailto:pnmebranch@btinternet.com) at Holy Trinity or Elizabeth Canning 07785 9714344 - [emcanning1@btinternet.com](mailto:emcanning1@btinternet.com) at St Teresa's. For more information on the Holy Year and what it means please click on the following link; [www.iubilaeum2025.va](http://www.iubilaeum2025.va). Please also let Elizabeth Canning know if you would be interested in becoming involved in spiritual preparation for the Pilgrimage especially if you cannot travel.

**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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.