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Sunday 15 June 2025 – Trinity Sunday

Readings: Year C

Dear Friends

This Sunday, the first after the end of Eastertide, is sometimes called "The Preacher's nightmare"! This is because the subject of the liturgy is that central mystery, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, One God in Three Persons. Week by week we affirm our belief in this fundamental statement of Christian Faith when we stand and together recite the Nicene Creed(or to give it the correct name The Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed). "I believe in One God..." The Catechism states: "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."

We can just about grasp all this but what does God as One and God as Three actually mean? St Augustine, that great thinker and pastor, wrestled for between 16-20 years with this in his book "On the Holy Trinity". Searching for analogies and explanations he took the biblical statement "God is Love" and spoke of the Father who loves, the Son who is loved and the Spirit who is Love between them. He also talked of the Triune God as Memory, Understanding and Will. All three activities of the mind are interactive, three parts of the same essence. Perhaps we should heed St Basil who writing about this said: "Let things beyond understanding be honoured in silence"! We cannot grasp this because it is a mystery. The Church calls on us to accept and to worship, in acknowledgement of the God who has come among us and is still active in His Church and World.

Finally...I am hoping that there will be no more interruptions to our usual Mass pattern. I am grateful as ever to Frs. Martin, Paul and Tony for being such great supports to our parishes. At the recent Priests' Conference in Birmingham that Fr Tony and I attended, we were both struck by the number of clergy in religious orders that have been sent from Africa and India in particular, to keep the parishes going. They are often young, enthusiastic and spiritual and it heartened us both. Like the Irish priests who ran so much in previous years, it may be that this fresh blood in the system will bring renewal and revival.

God bless everyone Fr Clive

Parish Notices

Weekday Masses – Holy Trinity 9:15am Monday, Tuesday and Thursday Holy Rosary for Peace Friday 9:15am

St Teresa's Weekday Masses – 9:15am Wednesday and Friday

Urgent: Opposing two bills before parliament - the decriminalisation of abortion and the Assisted Suicide Bill The following link will take you to the Archdiocese website where you can make your voice heard on these two upcoming bills in the houses of parliament:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/take-action-on-proposed-abortion-law-change/>

Sunday 15 June is Day for Life – please see the poster at the back of Church with information about where to find information and how to make a donation.

Holy Trinity Pastoral council meeting Tuesday 17 June, 7 pm in the parish room.

Please continue to pray for the soul of Bishop Mark Jabale and for all his family, friends and parishioners who mourn his loss. Copies of the funeral oration on Bishop Mark are at the back of church. Please do take one and if they are all gone let Johnny Hulme or Father Clive know and we can print off some more. It was by all accounts a beautiful day at Belmont Abbey for our former parish priest.

Sunday 22 June (Corpus Christi) is First Communion for our Holy Trinity children. It has been an excellent year at both churches and a great amount of effort put into preparing them by Mary and Nareen. In June we also have baptisms and weddings so it promises to be busy and happy!

June is busy in both churches with weddings and baptisms. The Requiem funeral for Lavinia Crowther will take place on Thursday 19th June in St Michael's, Barford. Lavinia was a member of our Saturday evening Mass congregation. May she rest in Peace.

Look ahead to July...**Parishes Mission Saturday 12-Friday 18th!** There will be a talk every evening in Holy Trinity and two day-time talks in St Teresa's.

Pope Leo's intention for June 2025 is that the world might grow in compassion: Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

Please continue to pray for our sick, housebound and frail parishioners of both our Parishes.

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.

