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JUNE 15 Sunday readings YEAR C

2nd Sunday of PENTECOST

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY - ST TERESA'S 9.15 AM

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY - HOLY TRINITY 9.15 AM

ROSARY after mass FRIDAY

CONFESSION : please contact Fr Clive

FUNERAL of Lavinia Crowther Thursday 19 June, St Michael's Barford

SECOND COLLECTION; Day for LIFE

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.

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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.

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.

On Sunday 22 June we will be celebrating First Communions in Holy Trinity with the children from our Primary school and other schools. Please do support these young people as they continue on their spiritual journey.

Look ahead to July... Parish Mission Saturday 12-Friday 18th! There will be a talk every evening in Holy Trinity and two day-time talks in St Teresa's. I think this is the first Mission ever in either parish...please correct me if I am wrong on this!

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

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DAY FOR LIFE This Sunday, the Church celebrates Day for Life, when it asks us to pray for those who suffer and to remain with them like the Good Samaritan, bearing witness to their unique and unrepeatable value.

To read pope Leo's message for the day: <http://tinyurl.com/4nz2jnp>

English and Welsh bishops: <https://tinyurl.com/3k955dtp>

To donate: <https://tinyurl.com/5bn8wf5c>

Please also lobby your MP on the **Assisted Dying Bill** – vote is on Friday 20 June 2025

Crime and Policing Bill vote on Tuesday 17 June 2025

There are new proposed provisions.

Clause 1 – the criminal law would now longer apply to women acting to end their pregnancy at any time, including up to and during birth.

Clause 20 – would decriminalize abortion until to and including birth.

The current law permits abortions up to 24 weeks. Notably in Europe the limit is typically 12 weeks.

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