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NEWSLETTER

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

About Today's Solemnity Today, on Trinity Sunday, we celebrate the divine qualities that have been revealed about our Triune God: mercy, fidelity, love, grace and fellowship.

TIMES OF MASS AND LITURGIES THIS WEEK

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 10.00am

Monday *Feria*

9.30am

Tuesday *Feria*

9.30am

Wednesday *Feria*

Thursday *St Barnabas*

6.30pm

7.00pm

Friday *Feria*

9.00am

Saturday *St Anthony of Padua*

9.30am

MASS – *Int. People of the parish*

Mass – *Int. Private intention*

Mass – *Int. Mary Lynch, RIP, 2nd anni.*

NO MASS TODAY

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Mass – *Int. Private intention*

Mass – *Int. Private intention*

Mass – *Int. Edna Welch, special intention*

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY

AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI) 10.00am

MASS – *Int. People of the parish*

All these Liturgies will be **live streamed online**. Join us on Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/OurLadyChurchCB)

You **DO NOT** require a Facebook account to access our Facebook page!

Scripture Insights

The First Reading, from the Book of Exodus, presents two important aspects of our Triune God: mercy and fidelity. Today's reading is best understood in the context of Exodus 32, Israel's sin of infidelity in making the "golden calf" to replace God. In anger, Moses breaks the stone tablets upon which the Ten Commandments were written. When Israel atones for this sin, Moses receives from God a new set of stone tables of the Ten Commandments. In response, Moses bows down in worship to God, who forgives his people for their idolatry. In being given a second chance at receiving the Ten Commandments, Moses recognises God's mercy and fidelity to a sinful and "headstrong people."

For nearly twelve-hundred years, from Moses to the Christ, Israel has God's Law, written in stone, by which the people of Israel could measure themselves in relation to God and to each other. In today's Gospel reading we learn that God fulfils his covenantal promise to Israel, no longer in stone, in the flesh and blood of his Son. It is not only God's mercy and fidelity to Israel that brings forth the Word made flesh; it is God's love: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son."

Liturgy and Life

(1) Moses describes God as "rich in kindness and faithfulness." How do you describe God? (2) St. Paul tells the Corinthians to rejoice. Do you think of joy as part of our mandate to love out the Gospel? (3) How can you take to heart St. Paul's directive to "help one another, be united, live in peace"?

Connections to Church Teaching and Tradition

In today's Gospel, we hear that God sent his so "the world might be saved through him." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC), 51, explains the unity of the work of the Trinity while quoting from *Dei Verbum* (DV), 2. "It pleased God, in his goodness and wisdom, to reveal himself and to make known the mystery of his will. His will was that men should have access to the Father, through Christ, the Word made flesh, in the Holy Spirit, and thus become sharers in the divine nature (see DV, 2; cf. Ephesians 1:9; 2:18; 2 Peter 1:4)."

The Second Reading is the conclusion to the Second Letter to the Corinthians. Paul's final words to the Church in Corinth mirror the priest's greeting at the beginning of Mass: "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you." Our understanding of the Trinity has been handed down from the early Church, the CCC, 250, explains: "During the first centuries the Church sought to clarify its Trinitarian faith. . . This clarification was the work of the early councils, aided by the theological work of the Church Fathers and sustained by the Christian people's sense of the faith."

LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH OUR CHILDREN

Worksheet activities for this Sunday's readings may be downloaded from our parish website:

www.ourladyschurch-cheshambois.org

OUR CONDOLENCES AND SYMPATHIES to all those who have lost loved ones in recent days: **Mrs Anne Marie Archer**, died on 26th May 2020. We pray for all those who have died, and their families, during Mass each day. **May the Lord enfold them in his mercy.** May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

We are **praying for our children** who are **preparing to receive Holy Communion** for the first time: **Lucinda, Thor, Nuala, Seth and Alice**, as we have had to postpone the originally planned date. We will reschedule, once we are able to gather for public worship in our Church. *Do keep these children, and their families, in your prayers this week.*

Thank you to all those who leave greetings, messages, and delicious treats for on The Presbytery steps. I am so grateful for your support and encouragement during this unique time. Thank you, too, for your messages and emoji during the Live Streaming of Masses. *It is good to know that you are there as part of the congregation even if I cannot see you!*

THE LATEST EDITION OF THE VINE

The Diocese of Northampton newspaper may be viewed online:

<https://www.churchpaper.co.uk/Catholic-newspapers.asp?PublicationID=8&PubDate=1187>

The latest Diocesan News may be found here:

www.northamptondiocese.org/news

MONEY MATTERS

Many parishioners generously support the parish financially by bank standing orders, others make their offerings through the collection baskets at Sunday Mass. Your generosity is appreciated and encourage you to continue supporting the parish through online donations at

www.northamptondiocese.org/donate Please include 'Our Lady's Chesham Bois – Offertory' in the comments box to

ensure the parish is allocated your donation. Some parishioners may prefer to **donate by telephone** instead. Each Tuesday between 10:00am and 4:00pm, parishioners will be able to call **01604 712065**, to donate to our parish. All they will require is their debit or credit card to hand when they call. A one-off donation may be made to cover their missed Sunday offerings or call each week knowing their offering is going to the parish they wish. As only one person is answering the phone line it may be busy when you call, please leave your contact details on the answering service and you will be called back or phone back a little later.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR REOPENING OF CHURCH

We are starting to prepare to reopen the doors of our church building for private prayer. We do not yet know a date when this might be allowed but it could be only a few weeks away so we need to be prepared. Reopening must happen in a safe manner, and is likely to take place in stages. If we are to be able to reopen, **at first it will be for private prayer only.** We must follow the directions and guidelines set out by the Diocese. Bishop David Oakley will only authorise the re-opening of churches where it is safe and practical to do so. This means that we have to create a safe environment for prayer but also have a sufficient number of volunteers to act as stewards. We are advised that there is a minimum of two stewards at any one time. Guidelines for stewards will be issued in due course.

We need a number of volunteer stewards to ensure for the Church to be open at specific times. Volunteers need to be healthy individuals and **not** part of the group of people who are being 'shielded' from coronavirus. Are you able to help? Please contact Fr Andy if you are willing to help as a steward to cover set periods when the building is open. *My thanks to those who have already volunteered.*

CAFOD, our Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, launched its coronavirus emergency appeal on 30 April. Coronavirus (Covid-19) has now spread worldwide, with confirmed cases in many countries where CAFOD works. The effects of coronavirus on developing countries are likely to be devastating. Many countries have very weak healthcare systems and will not be able to cope. Families without enough to eat and without access to clean water, possibly living with other diseases, will be particularly vulnerable to coronavirus. It is not just a public health emergency. Many of the world's most vulnerable people will lose their jobs and be unable to support their families. The poorest and most marginalised communities, working hard to transform their lives, will be pushed further into poverty. CAFOD is adapting its programmes to help manage the risk of coronavirus in communities and working with local Church aid agencies on the frontline of this crisis. They are already working to get food to where it is needed most; to improve hygiene, handwashing and sanitation in communities and households; producing radio messages, posters and leaflets in local languages on risks and prevention; and training community volunteers to carry out awareness campaigns. In order to continue protecting and improving the lives of those in poor communities, your prayers and gifts are needed now more than ever. While we are not able to hold collections in our church, you can donate at cafod.org.uk/coronavirusappeal. In these challenging times, your gifts and prayers are needed as much as ever. [Help our local experts reach those in desperate need.](#)