
THE PUNCTUATION

Each Sunday at the Parish Eucharist we recite the Nicene Creed, which is the summary of the faith of the Church as revealed to the bishops of the Church, East and West, at the Council of Nicaea in 325. The Nicene Creed is, as it were, a summary of what as Christians we believe, and it contains the essential truths of the Christian faith. But, because it is a form of words that we recite each week we have tendency to race through these words. Yet if we do that, we will miss the truths of our faith. Therefore, we should observe the Punctuation.

The Nicene Creed was originally written in

Greek. The version that we use is therefore a translation. When the translators were rendering it in English they used the punctuation to emphasise the meaning.

As we recite this declaration of our Christian faith each Sunday we should do so in such a way as to celebrate what we believe, rather than race to the end.

Our Faith is a Mystery, revealed to us by Almighty God and given words by our bishops. We really should recite it well, and that means, observing the punctuation.

