



## Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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**Sunday 21 January 2024 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings: Year B**

### NEXT WEEK in

**Holy Trinity:**

**Monday 22 January**

**Mass at 9:15am**

**Saint Vincent**

**Tuesday 23 January**

**Mass at 9:15am**

**Wednesday 24 January**

**Saint Francis de Sales**

**Thursday 25 January**

**Mass 9:15am**

**The Conversion of Saint**

**Paul the Apostle**

**Friday 26 January**

**Saints Timothy and Titus**

**Praying the Holy Rosary**

**for Peace 9:15am**

**Saturday 27 January**

**Saint Angela Merici:**

**Blessed Virgin Mary**

**6pm Vigil Mass**

**Sunday 28 January**

**Mass 11am**

**Fourth Sunday In Ordinary  
Time**

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### Dear Parishioners

In September 2019, on the 1600th anniversary for the death of St Jerome, the "Father of Biblical scholarship", Pope Francis published an Apostolic Letter called "Aperuit illis" ("He opened to them"), instituting the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the "Sunday of the Word of God."** In this letter the Holy Father called attention to the fundamental place of Holy Scripture in our Faith, and urged Catholics to study, to meditate on and to apply the sacred Word to their daily lives.

"The relationship between the Risen Lord, the community of believers and sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians. Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of His Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence, St Jerome could rightly claim: "Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ...With this Letter, I wish to respond to the many requests I have received from the people of God that the entire Church celebrate, in unity of purpose, a Sunday of the Word of God...Consequently, I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God will thus be a fitting part of that time of the year when we are encouraged ...to pray for Christian unity."

This Octave( 8 days) from 18th to 25th January is given over to prayers for Christian unity and it was most fitting that on the Eve of the Octave, when the new Vicar of St Mary's Charlbury was installed, Peter Clifton, the St Teresa's representative on the Charlbury ecumenical forum, and I, were able to attend to show the Catholic community's support and to follow our Lord's command that " They should all be one."

ALL WELCOME

**Weekday Masses in our  
sister parish St Teresa's  
Charlbury 9.15am on  
Wednesday, Friday and  
Sunday.**

**God Bless Everyone, Father Clive**

## **Parish Notices**

**Masses as usual this week.** Don't forget the Rosary for Peace at 9.15 am on a Fridays in Holy Trinity. The world needs these prayers! Monday: 10.30 am Baptism of Reece Fernandes (Holy Trinity). Tuesday: 10 am Reception class in church for Introduction to the Holy Mass (Holy Trinity).

### **Tuesday 7 pm Finance meeting (Holy Trinity)**

**To parents: St Teresa's and Holy Trinity need servers!** If you would like your children to serve on the altar please see Father Clive. Generally 7 years old is the right age to start but exceptions can be made. No pay, but servers' treats and an annual trip out on offer.

**Requests for Baptism and Reception** are most encouraging but if you have friends who are thinking about either, please tell them to make contact with Father Clive as soon as possible as there are only so many spots in the week to accommodate all requests.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January 2024: For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church** Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

**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.