



# ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

COMBE, DUNS TEW, ENSTONE, GAGINGWELL, GLYMPTON, MIDDLE BARTON,  
RADFORD, RAMSDEN, STEEPLE ASTON and STONESFIELD

SUNDAY 7 JANUARY 2024  
Sunday Readings: Year B

EPIPHANY

Please pray for the sick and the housebound of our parishes: Paula B, Lynette M, Carol W, Tom C, Elizabeth P, Bridget K, Audrey N, Richard O, Mary W, Betty, Ania.

## NEXT WEEK in

### St Teresa's:

Monday 8 January  
Baptism of the Lord  
*Open for private prayer*  
Tuesday 9 January  
Weekday in Ordinary Time  
*Open for private prayer*  
**Wednesday 10 January**  
**Weekday in Ordinary Time**  
**Mass at 9.15am**  
**Followed by Benediction**  
**and Exposition**  
Thursday 11 January  
Weekday in Ordinary Time  
*Open for private prayer*  
**Friday 12 January**  
Weekday in Ordinary Time  
**Mass at 9.15am**  
Saturday 13 January  
Weekday in Ordinary Time  
**Sunday 14 January**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time**  
**Mass at 9.15am**  
**ALL WELCOME**  
*For Confessions, please*  
*contact Fr.Clive.*

*Weekday Mass in our*  
*sister parish, Holy Trinity,*  
*Chipping Norton, on*  
*Monday, Tuesday, and*  
*Thursday, all at 9.15am,*  
*with Rosary group at*  
*9.15am on Friday, vigil*  
*mass at 6pm Sat and*  
*Sunday mass at 11am*

Dear Parishioners

Today is Epiphany, that ancient feast which originally encompassed the Nativity, the coming of the Wise Men, the Baptism of the Lord, the Wedding at Cana and the first miracle! Over time these separate elements have been drawn out and reinterpreted in differing ways across the Universal Church. So, in the Orthodox tradition, Epiphany centres on the Baptism of the Lord and is treated as we treat Christmas. There is an echo of that in Spanish and Italian cultures where Tres Reyes( Three Kings) in Spain and Hispanic countries, and La Befana in Italy...these see the giving of presents in the same way we in UK and Anglo-Saxon countries view Christmas Day. All very confusing but testimony to the way the Christian Faith embeds itself organically into localities and times. All these manifestations exhibit a similar theme...joy and celebration with food and drink at the arrival of the Saviour for all nations.

This is what the Wise men symbolise. The Old Covenant with one chosen people tasked to bear the message of One God is giving way to the New Covenant when the long-awaited Messiah brings the same message to all peoples. Faith is no longer ethnically-bound but free to all men and women regardless of race. The star of Bethlehem still shines even in the terrible darkness that mankind can engender and all the tin-pot Herods of this passing world cannot extinguish the Hope of the Ages, Jesus Christ the Saviour.

It is traditional on Epiphany to proclaim the important Liturgical days for the year:

Ash Wednesday: 14th February  
Easter Sunday: 31st March  
Ascension: 9th May  
Pentecost: 19th May  
Corpus Christi: 30th May  
Advent: 1st December

Masses as usual next week. Sarah and I have enjoyed a lovely if wet break in Bath this last week and I feel recharged after the Christmas festivities...which I enjoyed greatly! This coming Wednesday(10th) Serhii, Hannah and the three girls are due to arrive in the UK from Kharkhiv , Ukraine. David Bowers and I are travelling up to collect them and to bring them back to Holy Trinity. Please remember them in your prayers and also the Holy Family Catholic parish in Gaza for whom we have a final Crib collection this weekend. Many thanks for generosity shown.

God bless  
Fr Clive.

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