



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY 2024
Sunday Readings: Year B

3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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.

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."

Next week: Masses as usual.

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).

To parents: St Teresa's and Holy Trinity need servers! If you would like your children to serve on the altar please see me. 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.

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

God bless everyone.

Fr Clive.

NEXT WEEK in

St Teresa's:

Monday 22 January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Open for private prayer

Tuesday 23 January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Open for private prayer

Wednesday 24 January

St Francis de Sales

Mass at 9.15am

Followed by Benediction

and Exposition

Thursday 25 January

The Conversion of St Paul

Open for private prayer

Friday 26 January

Ss Timothy and Titus,

Mass at 9.15am

Saturday 27 January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 28 January

4th 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

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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

Sharnalee Foster. She can be contacted at sg.stteresa.charlbury@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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