



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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

SUNDAY 28 JANUARY 2024
Sunday Readings: Year B

4TH 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

Last Sunday, in the Apostolic letter from Pope Francis, we heard of the central importance of the Scriptures in the life of the Church. Today those Scriptures present us with a vivid illustration of the authority and power of Jesus.

An afflicted man confronts Jesus in the synagogue. He is said to be possessed by an unclean spirit. Whether that indicates mental illness or diabolical possession, we do not know, but Jesus deals with this poor individual in a direct and startling manner.

" Be quiet! Come out of him!"

The man is cured and the watching congregation are amazed.

" Here is a teaching that is new...and with what authority behind it..."

Yes, a new teaching indeed, the Good News that God and man are reconciled through the Sacrifice of Christ on the Cross of Calvary. That teaching, called The Magisterium, has been handed down by Christ Himself, who said that the gates of Hell would never prevail over His Body; the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

At times, it can seem that this teaching is fading, going out of fashion, being marginalised, but the centuries reveal that it continues in strength and scope through the world. The Living Voice of Christ speaks today as He did yesterday and will tomorrow, for He has promised never to abandon us.

" I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End".

Amen Lord Jesus.

As we approach the end of January, we can begin to think towards Lent. What is our personal aim this year? Can we draw closer to the Lord of Life through some extra activities, like Scripture reading, or coming to a weekday Mass or Stations of the Cross? We can reflect on these over the next weeks.

This week Masses as usual.
God bless everyone.

Father Clive.

Coffee after Mass during the Winter Months

In the wet and cold winter months, we are unable to have coffee after Mass on the patio outside church as we do in the warmer months, so today, the 4th February, a table has been booked at the Brazilian restaurant in Market Street for after-Mass coffee. For a trial period of a month, all coffee will be paid for, so no need for parishioners to pay for it - if you want one of the delicious pastries that are available, then you will need to pay for those yourself.

Everyone is very welcome to join for coffee after Mass, and many thanks to the people who have kindly organised this.

NEXT WEEK in

St Teresa's:

Monday 29 January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Open for private prayer

Tuesday 30 January

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Open for private prayer

Wednesday 31 January

St John Bosco, priest

Mass at 9.15am

Followed by Benediction

and Exposition

Thursday 1 February

The Conversion of St Paul

Open for private prayer

Friday 2 February

Candlemas

Mass at 9.15am

Saturday 3 February

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 4 February

5th 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

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