



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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RADFORD, RAMSDEN, STEEPLE ASTON and STONESFIELD

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2024

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Readings: Year B

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

NEXT WEEK in

St Teresa's:

Monday 19 February

Weekday in Lent

Open for private prayer

Tuesday 20 February

Weekday in Lent

Open for private prayer

Wednesday 21 February

Weekday in Lent

Mass at 9.15am

Followed by

Stations of the Cross

Thursday 22 February

The chair of St. Peter

Open for private prayer

Friday 23 February

St Polycarp, bishop, martyr

Open for private prayer

Saturday 24 February

Weekday in Lent

Sunday 25 February

2nd Sunday of Lent

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

" I am not asking you to do anything more than look at Him."(St Teresa of Avila).

Last weekend I was in a very happy place: The Carmel of the Magnificat, in Wolverhampton, home to an enclosed community of discalced Carmelite nuns. These nuns never leave their enclosure in the Carmel, except to seek medical help or vote, and they live lives of prayer, silence, austerity, manual labour and community life. It was my pleasure to spend the weekend in their guest quarters soaking up the deep tranquility and holiness of that place.

The Carmelites talk of their vocation as " the wilderness", to go out and do battle in prayer with the forces of darkness in this world...and don't we need that at present! They lay down their own needs and wants to petition for others who are in trouble and pain.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is driven...a strong expression used by St Mark...out into the wilderness where He does battle with Satan, who is desperate to corrupt and ruin the Son of God, the only One who can liberate Creation from the powers of Darkness. St Mark's version is typically more terse and spare than St Matthew and St Luke, but the picture is painted with the same energy as the rest of this year's Gospel. Satan tests Jesus...but fails! The Father of Lies will return but he will be as impotent then as he is now and from the Cross in agony and suffering the Son of God will cry out : " It is finished". The great work of our Redemption will be completed.

This Lent is our opportunity to join with the Carmelite sisters, with all believers, to unite ourselves with the Crucified King as we offer our whole lives to Him. Let's not delay, let's not put it off for another year. Who knows where the world is heading? Join with the Mother of God, so greatly loved by Carmelites, in following her son, the Christ, who alone can bring pardon and peace.

Masses as usual in both parishes apart from Thursday at Holy Trinity which is a school Mass (First Confessions to follow so no Stations). Stations of the Cross on Wednesday at St Teresa's.

God bless everyone.

Fr Clive.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

This year's CAFOD family fast day is this coming Friday, 23rd February. There are envelopes for donations at the back of the church. You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk .

Online Lectio Divina: Don't forget to sign up for the Online Lectio Divina. If you have already done so but have not received anything, then we must have recorded your email

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address wrongly, so send your correct email to frmartinflatman@gmail.com

This is what the Online Lectio Divina is:

You are sent the Readings on Sunday afternoon for the next Sunday. You have three days to find time to read them through prayerfully and find a phrase or just a word that you like, that speaks to you. You do not have to be clever. You Email your response to Father Martin by Tuesday midnight and he collates them and sends them back for everyone to see on Wednesday afternoon. Your email address is not shared with others and you are identified only by your Christian name.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

There will be a meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th March in St Teresa's Church.

The agenda will be circulated as soon as possible. Please make every effort to attend and if you have any items for discussion, please talk to Trevor or Fr Clive.

The meeting is open to all parishioners.

Easter Parish Magazine

We hope to have another edition of St Teresa's parish magazine by Easter – if you have any contributions – news, reflections, pictures, poems or prayers you have written, anecdotes, memories, puzzles or anything else you would like to share with the parish, please could you email them to alison@wychwoodtigger.com or leave at the back of the church in a clearly labelled envelope by the 17th March.

ACN - SAVE THE DATE: ACN is organizing a **family/children's pilgrimage** for St Teresa's and Holy Trinity to Stonor on **Sat 14 September**. St Teresa's is sponsoring this event to help keep the costs as low as possible. More information and how to book will be available shortly.

Thoughts, prayers and thanks, Suze

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 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.

Churches together in Charlbury Lent lunches and Lent talks

CTC's annual lent lunches (soup, bread, cheese) are from noon-1.30 on Fridays from 16th Feb to the 15th March. The remaining dates and venues are: 23rd Feb, Methodist Church; 8th March, Baptist Church; 15th March, St Mary's. The series of Lent talks are being held in the Friend's Meeting House at 7.30pm on Monday evenings from 26th Feb until 18th March. This week (26th Feb) Ian Cave will talk about his experience of living in the West bank for three months and taking part in the World Council of Churches Eccumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel which is working towards a just peace between Israelis and Palestinians. There is no charge but donations are gratefully accepted.

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