



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY



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

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2024

2ND 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 26 February

Weekday in Lent

Open for private prayer

Tuesday 27 February

Weekday in Lent

Open for private prayer

Wednesday 28 February

Weekday in Lent

Mass at 9.15am

Followed by

Stations of the Cross

Thursday 29 February

Weekday in Lent

Open for private prayer

Friday 1 March

St David, Bishop

Mass at 9.15am

Saturday 2 March

Weekday in Lent

Sunday 3 March

3rd 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

Last week we journeyed with the Lord into the wilderness. Today we are on Mount Tabor, in that remarkable episode of the Transfiguration, when the full Divinity of Christ is revealed briefly to the astonished inner circle of Peter, James and John. Moses and Elijah, signifying the twin Old Testament pillars of Law and Prophets, appear alongside, now relegated to a supporting role to Jesus, Himself the fulfilment and completion of the Old Covenant.

Through the history of Israel, the Lord God makes Covenants, only for them to be broken and discarded by a fickle people. Noah, Abraham, Moses, David...these great men of God plead mercy and forgiveness for a nation often heedless and feckless. Eventually Jeremiah, a prophet ignored and killed by his contemporaries, proclaims:

"The days are coming, the Lord God declares, when I shall make a New Covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not like the Covenant I made with their ancestors...I shall forgive their guilt and never more call their sin to mind."

Jesus Christ is The New Covenant, as He reminds the disciples at the Last Supper:

"This is the blood of the New Covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."

As we travel through Lent, and the shadow of the Cross grows larger over us, let us keep in mind that glorious Transfiguration, which assures us that sin and death are not the final word, and the words of St Paul from today's Second reading:

"With God on our side, who can be against us?"

This week: Masses as usual.

Please take a "Walk with me" booklet to help with Lenten prayer. There is also a pro Life leaflet on the pews to read and action.

God bless everyone.

Fr Clive.

Second Collection: CAFOD Family Fast Day

This week's second collection is for CAFOD. You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk.

St Teresa's 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.

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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.

TALK AT BANBURY

An excellent opportunity to hear the American Catholic Evangelist **Jimmy Mitchell** give a talk on the evening of Sunday 3rd March at 6.30pm at St Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Edmunds Rd, Banbury OX16 0PP

All welcome to attend.

As an international speaker, Jimmy has led thousands of people to have a deeper relationship with Christ.

"Draw close to God and He will draw near to you." James 4:8

Wherever you are in your faith journey, this is a talk not to be missed! Young people especially welcome as Jimmy has spent a lot of his missionary work in Youth Evangelisation.

It promises to be an inspirational evening!

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

World day of Prayer: The churches of Charlbury, including St Teresa's, will take part in the World Day of Prayer next Friday 1 March at the Methodist Church at 11am. The testimonies and prayers have been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine, and our parishioner Elena Piras will be reading one of them.

CTC 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: 8th March, Baptist Church; 15th March, St Mary's. The series of Lent talks are 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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