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NEXT WEEK in

Holy Trinity:

Monday 11 March

Mass at 9:15am

Tuesday 12 March

Mass at 9:15am

Wednesday 13 March

Thursday 14 March

Mass 9:15am

Friday 15 March

Prayer for Peace 9:15am

Saturday 16 March

6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 17 March

Mass 11am

Fifth Sunday of Lent

ALL WELCOME

**Weekday Masses in our
sister parish St Teresa's
Charlbury 9.15am on
Wednesday, Friday and
Sunday.**

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Sunday 10 March 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday

Readings: Year B

Dear Parishioners

On two Sundays of the year, the liturgical colour is Rose (incorrectly called pink!). These are Gaudete Sunday in Advent and today, Laetare Sunday in Lent. Sombre, penitential Violet (purple) is replaced by the softer colour to remind us all that both Advent and Lent are not ends in themselves but are preparations for the joy of Christmas and Easter, the Nativity and the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Both "Gaudete" and "Laetare" are invitations to rejoice in the coming of the Saviour.

Today's Gospel from St John contains the most famous line in the whole of the Scriptures: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him will not die but have eternal Life."

Why would the Lord, Father God offer His only-begotten to enter into this world of sin, disease, war and strife on all levels? To be executed in a horrible way as a common criminal, totally humiliated, abandoned by all except His mother, St John a teenager and a couple of other women of no importance? Because as Jesus Himself explained to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, it was pre-ordained that the Christ should suffer, die and rise again on the third day. He was fulfilling the prophecies about Himself, achieving through His Atonement on that Tree the reconciliation between the Creator and His Creation.

As St John wrote, also in today's Gospel: "The Son of Man must be lifted up...so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him."

As we draw closer to Holy Week, let us lift up our eyes and hearts to that Crucified Christ, that Man of Sorrows, and walk with Him along the Via Dolorosa, to the glory of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday.

God Bless Everyone

Fr Clive

Parish Notices – Masses Holy Trinity – 9:15am. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Stations of the Cross will follow Thursday’s Mass. Confessions after Mass or by appointment.

Please note the Holy Week times. Why not "do Holy Week" this year?

Palm Sunday 24 March: 9.15 am St Teresa's and 11 am Holy Trinity ...both with a Procession.

Monday/Tuesday 25/26 March: 9.15 am Holy Trinity (note: Tuesday is a school Mass).

Tuesday 26 March: 7 pm Service of Reconciliation (Confessions) Holy Trinity.

Wednesday 27 March: Chrism Mass in St Chad's Cathedral. No Masses in either parish.

Thursday 28 March: 7 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, Holy Trinity.

Friday 29 March: 10 am Stations of the Cross and 3 pm The Passion...both Holy Trinity.

Saturday 30 March: 8 pm The Easter Vigil Holy Trinity.

Sunday 31 March: 11 am Easter Sunday

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for March 2024: For the New Martyrs. For those around the world who risk their lives for the gospel, to inspire the Church with their courage and missionary zeal.

Please continue to pray for our sick, housebound and frail parishioners of both our Parishes: Carol Wilson, Tom Cantwell, Bridget Kennelly, Audrey Nellis, Richard O’Farrell, Mary Ward, Paula Biggs, Lynette Murphy, Betty, Ania.

In addition to your own daily prayers please remember: All those who mourn the loss of loved ones: The repose of the souls of those who have died: People whose anniversaries occur at this time: The people of the Middle East, Morocco, Ukraine, Turkey and Syria.

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 **Tammy Lawson**. Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

