



# ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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

SUNDAY 10 MARCH 2024  
Sunday Readings: Year B

LAETARE SUNDAY

*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 11 March

Weekday in Lent

*Open for private prayer*

Tuesday 12 March

Weekday in Lent

*Open for private prayer*

**Wednesday 13 March**

**Weekday in Lent**

**Mass at 9.15am**

**Followed by**

**Stations of the Cross**

Thursday 14 March

Weekday of Lent

*Open for private prayer*

**Friday 15 March**

**Weekday in Lent**

**Mass at 9.15am**

Saturday 16 March

Weekday in Lent

**Sunday 17 March**

**5th 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

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.

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

Masses as usual this week, with Stations on Wednesday/Thursday and Rosary for Peace on Friday at 9.15 am ( Holy Trinity). Confessions after Mass or by appointment.

God bless everyone

Fr Clive.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

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## Easter Parish Magazine

A reminder that 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](mailto:alison@wychwoodtigger.com) or leave at the back of the church in a clearly labelled envelope by the 17<sup>th</sup> March.

## 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 now, parishioners will need to pay for their own drinks.

## CTC Lent lunches and Lent talks

CTC's annual final lent lunch (soup, bread, cheese) is from noon-1.30 on Fridays on the 15<sup>th</sup> March at St Mary's. The series of Lent talks are in the Friend's Meeting House at 7.30pm on Monday evenings from 26<sup>th</sup> Feb until 18<sup>th</sup> March. This week (11<sup>th</sup> March) Steve Page and Andy Faulkner will talk about their experience of living and working with people in rural Bangladesh through the Christian organisation 'Life for Bangladesh'. The emphasis is on practical support and education including helping build facilities for village schools.. There is no charge but donations are gratefully accepted.

## Volunteers for Children's Liturgy

**Brek is looking for another volunteer to help with Children's Liturgy. If you feel you are able to help, please speak to Brek after Mass.**

**Cantors:** It would also be good to have some new volunteers to join our Cantor team, singing the psalm once every few weeks. You do not have to be a great singer, just able to stay in tune, and the psalm settings we use are easy to learn. Speak to any of the cantors or organists if you would like to join the team.

## Online Talk: Invite from ACTA (A Call to Action) Birmingham

*Tuesday 12 March: 'Encouraging Lay and Clergy Collaboration' with Fr Michael White*

Fr Michael White, of St John the Baptist with Sacred Heart Parish in Tamworth, Staffordshire, has agreed to lead us in a Zoom meeting at which we can discuss and discover ways to build lay participation and collaboration in our own parishes.

He runs a very busy parish in Tamworth with much lay involvement and significant links to the wider local community.

Please email to register your interest at [actabhm@gmail.com](mailto:actabhm@gmail.com)

