



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2024
Sunday Readings: Year B

PALM 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:

The Holy Week services will be held jointly with Holy Trinity, Chipping Norton (see times in the main bulletin text)

St Teresa's is open for Private prayer all week

Sunday 17 March
EASTER SUNDAY
Mass at 9.15am
ALL WELCOME

For Confessions, please contact Fr.Clive.

Dear Parishioners

At last, we have arrived at "The Great Week" as it is called in the Eastern Church: Holy Week, Semana Santa. Beginning with the heady Procession into Jerusalem of Palm Sunday (now also renamed Passion Sunday), we journey with Jesus through Spy Wednesday and the betrayal by a chosen disciple, with the Cross on Calvary casting an increasing shadow. The poignant supper on Maundy Thursday when Jesus gives His Commandment to love, the desolation of the garden, the bleak darkness and despair of Good Friday, the tomb's silence of Holy Saturday...

It is a mistake to view the events of this week as separate actions. They all form one story, the final Heilsgeschichte of our Faith. Each service is saturated with symbolism and theological meaning and that is why I always encourage the faithful to "do Holy Week", to allow oneself to be caught up into the divine drama, not as a spectator but as a participant in the tragedy and eventual triumph. Yes, it is demanding but it is worth it!

Holy Week does not end in the grave. At the Saturday evening Vigil, gradually the light returns, the gloom is scattered, hope and new life win the day.

"Rejoice, heavenly powers.."

Death is defeated. Christ rises. We have not been abandoned; he promised us that! On Easter morning the church is full of light and beauty as the Bride of Christ now sings the songs of Zion.

"Awake o sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine upon you"

I hope that this year you are able to do as much as possible of this Holy Week and to experience the Passion, and the Victory, of our Saviour. My big thanks on all our behalf to the musicians and singers, the cleaners and flower ladies, the readers and sidesmen, the newsletter ladies and collection beavers, for all that they have been doing through the Winter.

God bless everyone
Fr Clive.



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The Tridium (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil) is been celebrated by Fr. Clive at Holy Trinity only, as unfortunately there are no priests available this year for simultaneous celebrations in both parishes.

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: 3 pm The Passion Holy Trinity.

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

Sunday 31 March: 9.15 am Easter Sunday St Teresa's

Second collections on Palm Sunday and Good Friday for Holy Places.

PERSONAL DONATIONS FOR ACN/HAITI:

Through ACN, our parish helps support SAINT TERESE JUNIOR SEMINARY IN HAITI. Suze has offered to coordinate collecting personal donations for the seminary this Lent, when the situation in Haiti is particularly bad. Hand your donation to Suze after Mass. If you want to 'Give Aid' it, please include your address, postcode and Suze will complete the process. This is wholly informal and not a second collection, but an opportunity for you to donate where help is urgently needed. If you have any questions or queries you can reach me on 01993 891720 or email: suemathews1066@btinternet.com.

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.

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.

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