



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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

SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024
Sunday Readings: Year B

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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:

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Monday 29 April
St Catherine of Siena
Open for private prayer
Tuesday 30 April
St Pius V, pope
Open for private prayer
Wednesday 1 May
St Joseph the Worker
Mass at 9.15am
Followed by
Benediction and
Exposition
Thursday 2 May
St Athanasius
Open for private prayer
Friday 3 May
Ss Philip and James
Saturday 4 May
The English Martyrs
Open for private prayer
Sunday 5 May
6th Sunday of Easter
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 the True Vine".

These words of Jesus are the seventh and final time he uses the " I am" introduction in the Gospel of St John. His listeners would recognise these two words as a self-description of the Lord God of Israel, to Moses, when he asked at the burning bush...who are you?

" I am who I am"

From that point, " I am" marked for the Jews the Divine, the Unknowable, the Unutterable. When Jesus says it of Himself, the people would know exactly what was being claimed. Nothing less than equality with God.

" I am the True Vine".

Jesus goes on to point out what we all know that for a plant or tree to be healthy and bear fruit,sap-life must flow through all parts. If a branch is broken off..then gradual but inexorable death follows.

" Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away...he withers."

What is the end of that broken branch?

"these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt."

Not a happy ending!

Jesus is trying to make his hearers understand that without a living connection, a relationship, with Him, they will die spiritually. Like any friendship, no interaction brings no future. The relationship withers and it will die.

How do we maintain this connection with the Lord? The first and most vital way is through the Holy Eucharist, when we share in His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. Prayer is another vital life-line when in the words of St Teresa, " we talk with a friend". Works of mercy, serving those less fortunate with our money, time or talents is a third channel of grace for us.

Three simple steps to a healthy, dynamic spiritual life, one that manifests itself in joy, peace, generosity of person and the fruits of the Holy Spirit of which St Paul writes.

Masses as usual next week in both parishes. Rosary for Peace at 9.15 am on Friday at Holy Trinity.

Thank you to all who are working behind the scenes with cleaning, flowers, newsletters, finance and general upkeep of our lovely churches. How blessed are we to have two beautiful places of worship.

God bless everyone

Fr Clive.



Pray for Peace



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