



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY



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

SUNDAY 5 MAY 2024
Sunday Readings: Year B

6TH 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.

Dear Parishioners

"What I command you... is to love one another"

The words of Jesus to His closest friends, at the Last Supper, the evening when He washes their feet as their servant, and the day before He will walk the Way of the Cross to an agonising death on the Calvary Cross.

What sort of Love? Scientists and psychologists have examined and analysed the affects of love on the brain and body and discovered some amazing changes that this primal emotion can effect. Raised dopamine to give feelings of euphoria, heightened immune systems...even a claim that being in love can work against cancer. On the other hand, lowered serotonin and mood-swings point to a darker side.

The conclusion must be that love can affect us for good or bad, depending on exactly what sort of love it is!

In our readings today we hear of the love that God shows to His world. St Peter realises that salvation and grace are for everyone, not just the chosen few, and he begins to break the mould of his nationalistic upbringing. St Paul will go further in his exposure to Christ's mercy and bring the message of God to the Gentiles despite his own strict Jewish upbringing and training. St John in his letter states:

"God is love"

which he sees in the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, a saving action for all men and women not just one race.

In that sacrifice of Christ our eternal High Priest, the love of God is shown clearly and wonderfully. In our daily Masses we can share in that once-for-all event every time the Holy Eucharist is offered up on our altars. It is the most vivid and simple of demonstrations that "God is love." No matter who we are or what we have done, we are forgiven, accepted and loved by our Heavenly Father.

God bless everyone this week.

Fr Clive

Ascension day – Thursday – School Mass at Holy Trinity at 9.15am. St Teresa's Mass, 7pm

International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians (5 May 2024)

On this annual International day of Prayer for Eastern Christians, we pray in solidarity with our Christian brothers and sisters of the East, especially in the Holy Land and Ukraine. We ask the Lord to sustain them, many of whom are suffering persecution, displacement and discrimination, in their faith in the Risen Christ.

We pray that stability and peace may flourish in their lands; the place where the Gospel was first heard and proclaimed, the origins of monastic life and in the unbroken lived tradition of our common Christian faith.

NEXT WEEK in St Teresa's:

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Monday 6 May
Weekday in Easter
Open for private prayer
Tuesday 7 May
Weekday in Easter
Open for private prayer
Wednesday 8 May
Weekday in Easter
Mass at 9.15am
Followed by
Benediction and Exposition
Thursday 9 May
ASCENSION
Mass 7pm
Friday 10 May
Weekday in Easter
Mass at 9.15am
Saturday 11 May
Weekday in Easter
Open for private prayer
Sunday 12 May
7th 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

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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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