



# ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY



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SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024  
Sunday Readings: Year B

CORPUS CHRISTI

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

This Sunday is Corpus Christi, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Originally on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday, it was moved to the Sunday by the Bishops of England and Wales in 2006. It still remains on the Thursday for many countries, for example Spain where it is also a public holiday in some provinces.

St Thomas Aquinas suggested this feast to Pope Urban IV and he wrote the beautiful hymns Salutaris Hostia and Tantum Ergo which we sing at Benediction. In the Middle Ages the Mystery plays were performed at this time in England but with the abolishment of the feast by the Protestant powers in 1548, they too lapsed. In Rome Pope Francis will lead a Corpus Christi procession from St John Lateran to St Mary Maggiore and in Oxford the Oratorians will be doing the same, as a Catholic presence in the city.

So what is it all about? The "bells and the smells", the Monstrance raised in blessing, the veneration of the Sacred Host...

It is our response to the simple words of Jesus:

"I am the Living Bread..Whoever eats this Bread will live for ever. This Bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

These words are clear, plain and convincing. At the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist, the self-giving of His Body and Blood. On Corpus Christi we celebrate that gift. As the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity are lifted up before our eyes, let us adore Him who came to save and cleanse us from our sins, Jesus Christ our Lord and God.

Masses as usual next week.

Next Sunday( 9th June) it is First Communion for our primary school children. Please support them in your prayers.

God bless everyone

Fr Clive.

### Closing of Deanery Visitations Meeting

Canon John would like to invite you all the Closing of Deanery Visitations Meeting which will commence with Vespers at the church of the Immaculate Conception, Bicester, OX26 1UN, followed by a meeting in the St John Paul II Centre (next door to the church) on **Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm**. His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley and Episcopal Vicar Canon Paul Fitzpatrick will report on the current parish visitations taking place in our Deanery.

### A way forward” \_ St Teresa’s Parish Meeting – June 22nd

As we’re sure everyone is aware this is a pivotal time for all Catholic parishes, given the reducing numbers of priests and the closing of some churches. In response, **the Archdiocese are currently considering a number of options to sustain our future**. However, given the range of skills and talents we have between us in our small but mighty parish, we feel we have an opportunity to be

### NEXT WEEK in

#### St Teresa’s:

Monday 3 June

Ss Charles Lwanga and companions, martyrs  
*Open for private prayer*

Tuesday 4 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time  
*Open for private prayer*

Wednesday 5 June

St Boniface, martyr

Mass at 9.15am

Followed by Benediction and Exposition

Thursday 6 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time  
*Open for private prayer*

Friday 7 June

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Mass at 9.15am

Saturday 8 June

Immaculate heart of Mary

Sunday 9 June

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish 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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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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proactive rather than reactive for St Teresa's future both with Fr Clive now and beyond.

**Invigorated by our time together meeting for the Synodal process, we thought it would be wise for St Teresa's to consider meeting again on how we best move forward together as a parish.** Therefore, we have booked the **Memorial Hall in Charlbury for Saturday, June 22nd from 9.30** to allow us to talk, share and build ideas for how we can best work together. A few of us have met to talk through a structure for the morning and are suggesting the following:

- 9.30am** Tea/ coffee/ cake to catch up with each other
- 10.00am** Prayer, introduction and discussions in small groups
- 11.30am** Break
- 11.45am** Further discussions and collation of ideas\*
- 1.00pm** Shared lunch with food from contributions brought
- 2.00pm** Closing prayer

**Please let Alison know if you can come to the shared lunch and what you would like to bring.**

We look forward to seeing you on June 22nd.

Brek Taylor

## **ACN PILGRIMAGE: PILGRIM PATHS (visiting Durham, Lindisfarne, Jarrow and more) 22-27 July 2024.**

Travel the pilgrim paths of the early church in Durham, Lindisfarne, Escomb, Ruthwell and Jarrow with Saints Cuthbert and Bede. This Aid to the Church in Need pilgrimage will include reflections on the persecuted Church of today and look into the history of the early church and experience communal prayer of the Divine Office in beautiful surroundings, daily Mass and devotions. There are just three places left on this pilgrimage, so if you'd like to join us and other pilgrims from across the UK, please contact Teresa Kehoe at [Teresa.Kehoe@acnuk.org](mailto:Teresa.Kehoe@acnuk.org).

**ACN FAMILY PILGRIMAGE TO STONOR, SAT 14 SEPT 2024** ACN is organizing a pilgrimage specially for parishioners at St Teresa's, and is partly sponsored by St Teresa's. The pilgrimage is suitable for families with/without children as the programme allows choices of activities according to preference, ie a tour of the house, Mass and other devotions are included, but bring your own picnic. If you are interested please contact Suze on [suemathews1066@btinternet.com](mailto:suemathews1066@btinternet.com), or see her after Mass on Sundays.

## **LENTEN DONATIONS FOR HAITI:**

Thank you for your generous donations for the Seminary of St Therese in Haiti. I sent ACN £170, all as Gift Aid, as a part of our on-going commitment to help support the seminary in Haiti.

Suze Mathews

## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – PARISH BARBECUE:**

We hope to revise our annual parish barbecue on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July – please keep the date free. More soon!

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