



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY



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SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2024
Sunday Readings: Year B

11TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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 last week Fr Tony and I have been on a three-day residential course called " The Synod for priests" in Leamington. It was a gathering of the diocesan clergy, to discuss and prepare for the future as parishes face reorganisation in the face of the diminishing number of serving priests. The Archbishop was also with us, with his " Curia"(HQ) and we spent the time in prayer, worship, group conversations and fellowship. It was very good to hear the wisdom of the senior men like Fr Tony, and to be challenged by the energy and enthusiasm of the younger priests who are an impressive lot, if thin on the ground at present. Much will be asked of them and we must keep them in our prayers at all times.

This Sunday's Gospel could not be more appropriate for such an event. Jesus tries to explain about the Kingdom of God. What is it like? Where is it to be found? No doubt the crowds were expecting a warrior-like Messiah to usher in the reign of God with force and power, like the hated Roman occupiers and all the kingdoms of this world. Jesus picks what must have seemed like a strange way of describing the new age that He embodied...seeds, in particular the tiny mustard seed. How insignificant they are, how weak and vulnerable to destruction! Yet, it is these apparently insignificant things that become something much greater, working away without human help or intervention. The smallest of them the mustard seed grows to be a substantial tree, totally unexpected from its original state.

Each parish, each priest, each person is a seed of the Kingdom and if we allow the Holy Spirit to feed and nurture us, we will produce that harvest, that tree so useful for others called the Church. Through the celebration of the sacraments, the preaching of the Gospel, good works, charity and fellowship we can face into the future with confidence and trust in the God whose kingdom we pray for at every Mass.

Next week: Masses as usual
Dates for the diary.

St Teresa's: Parish meeting 22nd June
Celebration of 100th Anniversary of Saint J H Newman's first sermon Sunday 23rd June - see details at the back of the church
St Teresa's Parish BBQ 14th July
Deanery: Closing of Visitation 27th June(Immaculate Conception, Bicester)

God bless everyone.
Fr Clive.

ANNUAL DAY OF LIFE: This weekend the Church will celebrate its annual Day for Life. We will be taking a Second Collection, but you can also contribute directly online to the website the Bishops' Conference has set up at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/donate-day-for-life/>

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NEXT WEEK IN

St Teresa's:

Monday 17 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Open for private prayer

Tuesday 18 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Open for private prayer

Wednesday 19 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 9.15

Followed by benediction
and exposition

Thursday 20 June

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Open for private prayer

Friday 21 June

St Aloysius Gonzaga

Mass at 9.15am

Saturday 22 June

St John Fisher and St

Thomas More, martyrs

Open for private prayer

Sunday 23 June

12th 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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PARISH BARBECUE -14th July – Tickets will go on sale from next weekend. Watch this space

NEXT SATURDAY :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 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 bring a plate to share if you are coming to the shared lunch.

We look forward to seeing you on June 22nd.

Brek Taylor

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, 27th 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.

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, or see her after Mass on Sundays.

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