



# ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY



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SUNDAY 28 JULY 2024  
Sunday Readings: Year B

17<sup>TH</sup> 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, Catherine, Joanna

Dear Parishioners

For the next five weeks we travel through the Sixth chapter of the Gospel according to St John. Although this is the Year of St Mark, that Gospel, the shortest, is simply not long enough to fill all the Sundays of Ordinary Time ( which comprise 34 weeks of the liturgical cycle). And what a glorious journey it is in that beautiful, mystical Gospel, so beloved by our Eastern Orthodox brothers and sisters.

Today Jesus is feeding the multitudes, in the fourth of the Miracles, which St John calls " signs"...pointers to the Divinity of Christ hidden under His humanity. The people are following the Master. They are sick, desperate...or simply curious to see this " Wonder worker" from Nazareth. Tired, hungry and thirsty they need to be fed and watered...but how and where? A small boy with cheap bread and fish is summoned, no doubt to the incredulity and scorn of some. Jesus takes the insignificant offering, gives thanks and the miracle takes place...all are fed. The people are amazed, just as the disciples had been when the waves and wind were stilled, and it seems that they begin to see, to see with their spirits not just their eyes, who He really is. The final line of the Gospel dispels this hope, however, as Jesus realises that their idea of the Chosen One is about this world, about an earthly Messiah not the Son of God.

Miracles are dismissed by " rational" people but the evidence is far too great. Last Wednesday we celebrated a Saint, still unknown in this country, who it is claimed has had more miracles attributed to him...29,000...than any other. St Charbel Makhlouf, a Lebanese monk, died in 1898 but the cures and conversions continue at his tomb, not only for Christians but for Muslims and many others. He was totally saturated with Christ and through his self-sacrifice he is still bringing the power of the Risen Lord to men and women.

Masses/Rosary as usual apart from Thursday when I have a hospital appointment. Many apologies.

God bless everyone.

Fr Clive

**You can read more about Saint Charbel at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website here:**

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/saint-charbel/>

**St Teresa's Parish family pilgrimage (reminder) [**

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED and ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY, FAMILY PILGRIMAGE – STONOR, SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2024**

*You are warmly invited to join our parish family pilgrimage to Stonor on Saturday 14 September which is being organized by ACN. For details and to sign up, contact Suze.*

## NEXT WEEK in

### St Teresa's:

Monday 29 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

*Open for private prayer*

Tuesday 30 July

Weekday in Ordinary Time

*Open for private prayer*

**Wednesday 31 July**

**St Ignatius of Loyola**

**Mass at 9.15**

**Followed by benediction and exposition**

Thursday 1 August

St Alphonsus Mary de

Liguori, Bishop.

*Open for private prayer*

**Friday 2 August**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

**Mass at 9.15**

Saturday 3 August

Weekday in Ordinary Time

*Open for private prayer*

**Sunday 4 August**

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

**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 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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## PROPOSED JOINT PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR HOLY YEAR 2025 - Holy Trinity and St Teresa's

2025 has been declared a Holy Year or Jubilee. These Holy Year's happen every 25 years and the theme for next year is to be Pilgrims of Hope. To celebrate this Holy Year, we are seeking EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ONLY at this time

### DETAILS

Spiritual leaders - Fr Clive and Fr Tony (dv)

4-5 days in September 2025 - to be confirmed.

Cost - as economically as possible

To gain the benefits of a Holy Year we will visit the 4 major basilicas in Rome - St Peter's, St Mary Major, St John Lateran and St Paul outside the walls and enter through the Holy Doors.

Please contact Elizabeth Canning 07785 9714344 - [emcanning1@btinternet.com](mailto:emcanning1@btinternet.com) if you would be interested in becoming involved in spiritual preparation for the Pilgrimage especially if you cannot travel.

### SPAM awareness:

*The diocesan safeguarding team have issued a spam alert:*

Please be on the lookout for a new scam and share with your parishioners, especially those who may have travelled with a religious event organiser.

We believe that parishioners who have travelled with an independent travel company, on tours to religious sites are being targeted.

Fraudsters pretending to be from the travel company are writing to parishioners who have travelled on a religious tour asking for donations. They are saying they have fallen on hard times and provide their bank account details so people can make a donation.

**Please do not make a donation – this is a scam.**

If you have made a donation, please report it to the police at Action Fraud on telephone number 0300 123 2040 or online at [actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk) and report it to your bank. (Dial 159 to be automatically connected to your bank's fraud prevention service).

If you receive any correspondence or emails from *any travel company*, asking for money, don't make any payments and report it to the police at Action Fraud.

\* If you have been a victim of fraud or cybercrime, report it at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by calling 0300 123 2040. In Scotland, victims of fraud and cybercrime should report to Police Scotland on 101.

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