

NEXT WEEK in St Teresa's: Monday 19 August 1.30pm Requiem Mass for **Gerard Frost** Tuesday 20 August

Open for private prayer Wednesday 21 August St Pius X, pope

St Bernard

Mass at 9.15 Followed by Benediction and Exposition

Thursday 22 August The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Open for private prayer

Friday 23 August Weekday in Ordinary Time Mass at 9.15

Saturday 24 August St Bartholomew, Apostle Open for private prayer Sunday 25 August

21st Sunday Parish Mass at 9.15am **ALL WELCOME**

For Confessions, please contact Fr.Clive.

Weekday Mass in our sister parish, Holy Trinity, Chippina 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

ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2024 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

This last week on Thursday the Church celebrated the great Summer feast: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is one of the four "Marian dogmas" which Weekday in Ordinary Time the faithful believe about Mary. In the words of Pope Pius XII:"We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma:that the Immaculate Mother of God, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

> Devotion to Mary had been in the Church's life since the earliest times but it took centuries as with other beliefs for its full articulation. In the second century, shortly after the Apostles had died St Irenaeus was writing:

"For what the virgin Eve had bound through unbelief, this did the Virgin Mary set free through faith"

There is a beautiful story about Mary's death. When she had been laid in her tomb the Apostles visited her but found no body...and instead it was full of flowers! Unlike all other Apostles and saints, there are no relics of Mary...because her body was assumed into heaven immediately on her "falling sleep".

The importance of The Assumption becomes very clear in our Gospel passage, still in the Sixth chapter of St John. Jesus is trying to explain the Bread of Life, that He gives Himself Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, for the life of the world. His followers are struggling with this and soon many will start to turn away unable to accept what the Lord says.

"I am the living Bread which has come down from heaven."

What is this living Bread for?

"Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day."

Mary demonstrates this statement as she becomes the first- fruits for humanity, of the Lord's victory over death and corruption. In her Assumption we place our hopes that we too through the Resurrection of her Son, will be raised to eternal life.

"Hail Mary, full of grace.

Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death."

Masses/ Rosary this week: All as usual.

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God bless everyone.

Fr Clive

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St Teresa's Parish family pilgrimage:

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

Booking forms are available to download from on our parish website (look under the Newsletter tab) => please book with Suze by the 24th August at the latest.

From this Sunday (18th August for nine days): Diocesan Novena for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi:

Take a moment to pause and to appreciate the work of this holy Passionist in our Archdiocese and to pray for his Canonisation.

Details can be found here:

https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/diocesan-novena-for-the-canonisation-of-blessed-dominic-barberi

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