



# ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY



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RADFORD, RAMSDEN, STEEPLE ASTON and STONESFIELD

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2024  
Sunday Readings: Year B

23RD 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

With Fr Clive away this week, Fr Martin has written a text for us:

It is worth thinking today about how much we need God to heal our deafness. How easily the world's noise swamps us so we cannot properly hear God speaking to us. So we get depressed about the world rather than seeing God at work in all sorts of ways. Notice in our 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Isaiah 35:4-7) that the prophet was faced with a lot of gloomy people? One feels he almost had to shout at them 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming.'

In our 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, (James 2:1-5) Christians are being given a good telling-off as even in church they are being influenced by the ways of the world in which the well-off are treated with more respect whilst the poor are ignored. It's a point made in the Grenfell Tower Report isn't it?

Then how shocking in our Gospel that once again Jesus is helping foreigners rather than his own people. How easy to be so deaf that we do not notice this!

Yes, it is good to hear that the deaf man was healed, but we need to get really into the story and to identify with the deaf man and recognise that we too need healing. Sometimes we need to let Jesus take us aside privately so he can work on us, so that we might hear God more clearly; and we might note that he might use unconventional ways of getting through to us – his spittle on our tongue! Yuk!

Yes, it is true that the world is very deaf too, and praying that more people may be made ready hear and see God at work, rather than dismissing the Christian faith as an out-of-date religion, is another message for us in our Readings. But we need to remember that shouting at people doesn't normally do the trick. We can never tell who God is going to work on next, and so we need to be ready to respond when someone begin to ask us, or challenge us, on our faith. Sometimes the that challenge can be presented in a critical way even though they are halfway to being convinced. We need to be ready!

Just to let you know again about my Novel which is now available from Amazon.

It is called "Finding Colin" by Martin Flatman and costs £5.99 or 99p on Kindle.

Father Martin Flatman

## Second collection – Education Sunday

This Sunday will be Education Sunday, when churches throughout England and Wales celebrate our Christian schools. In all Catholic churches, we'll be taking a collection for the Catholic Education Service. The Catholic church is the nations' 1 largest provider of secondary schools, and educates more young people from deprived backgrounds than

anyone else. 40% of pupils at Catholic schools aren't Catholic and pupils at Catholic perform better than average at English and Maths GCSE

**A reminder for those who are coming – next Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, is the Parish / ACN family pilgrimage to Stonor. Also the annual ride and stride to raise money for Oxfordshire churches.**

## NEXT WEEK in

### St Teresa's:

Monday 9 Sept

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Open for private prayer

Tuesday 10 Sept

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Open for private prayer

Wednesday 11 Sept

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 9.15

Thursday 12 Sept

Weekday of Ordinary Time

Open for private prayer

Friday 13 Sept

St John Chrysostom

Mass at 9.15

Saturday 14 Sept

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Open for private prayer

Sunday 15 September

24th 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, Tuesday and Thursday 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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