



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2024
Sunday Readings: Year B

24TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Please pray for the sick and the housebound of our parishes: Paula B, Lynette M, Carol W, Bridget K, Audrey N, Richard O, Mary W, Betty, Ania, Catherine, Joanna

Dear Parishioners

" O Crux, Ave Spes Unica" "Hail to the Cross, our only Hope."

The words of an ancient Roman hymn, which can be found in one of the four major Basilicas in Rome, St Paul's outside the Walls. They sum up today's Gospel as Jesus tries to reveal to His disciples the Reality of who He is beneath the Appearance, and what is required of a disciple to follow the Master.

The disciples, in St Peter's response, are beginning to grasp that Jesus of Nazareth is not just a Wonder-Worker or charismatic Preacher, but they are still far from grasping the nature of the Word made Flesh. He asks them:

" Who do people say I am?"

John the Baptist, Elijah or one of the Prophets, they reply.

But this is only an introduction to the real question:

"But you" He asked, " Who do you say I am?"

St Peter replies on their behalf:

" You are the Christ."

It would be satisfying if we could leave things there but it then becomes very clear that although the disciples have grasped that Jesus is no ordinary man, they are still stuck in a worldly, power-dominated mind-set. For them a Messiah would be victorious over their enemies and establish an earthly rule with the disciples at top table. This was the current Jewish belief.

This is exactly not what the Son of Man was about and Jesus, after rebuking St Peter, then lays out in stark terms what following Him entails.

" If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me."

This is hardly inviting news and allied with Jesus' words about being the Bread of Heaven, is it any wonder that eventually all those eager crowds had shrunk to the Twelve, and one of those about to fall away and betray the Master?

Things get worse with the arrest, scourging and Crucifixion, the complete public humiliation of Jesus and the apparent disaster of following the carpenter's son. The empty tomb finally opens their eyes.

What about us? Will we do what He asks? If not...why not?

There is a consequence to this but also a reward:

" For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel, will save it."

Many thanks to all who " held the fort" while I was away in Austria. It was very hot...31-35C(85-95F in old money)! Masses this week: Monday- Wednesday as usual.

NEXT WEEK in

St Teresa's:

Monday 16 Sept

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Open for private prayer

Tuesday 17 Sept

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Open for private prayer

Wednesday 18 Sept

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Mass at 9.15

Followed by benediction

and exposition

Thursday 19 Sept

Weekday of Ordinary Time

Open for private prayer

Friday 20 Sept

Weekday of Ordinary Time

Open for private prayer

Saturday 21 Sept

Weekday of Ordinary Time

Open for private prayer

Sunday 22 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 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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Thursday/ Friday: no Mass as I have to have a minor procedure at The Churchill. Please remember me in your prayers.

Classes will be starting up this month, slightly delayed due to hospital appointment.

God bless everyone. It is good to be back!

Fr Clive

Second collection – Evangelisation Sunday

The Second Collection for Catholic Evangelisation Sunday will raise money for English bishops' *Evangelii Gaudium* (Joy of the Gospel) programmes. Money raised will help our bishops fund practical projects: especially projects affecting England's deprived Catholics – or deprived Anglicans, Sikhs or Humanists.

Among the many projects it's funded in the past year alone, *Evangelii Gaudium* money has subsidised restoration of 41 historic Catholic churches. Mostly built in the early 19th century, mostly in today's deprived areas (like Liverpool, Preston, Rochdale, or Gt Yarmouth), mostly containing fabulous art – and all badly starved of cash during the Covid lockdown and seriously close to collapse. It's paid the travel costs for people organising celebrations of the 2025 Holy Year. And it's subsidised English-language videos of the Second Vatican Council's four key documents underpinning the 2025 Holy Year.

You can read even more at <https://catholicherald.co.uk/despite-traditional-difficulty-catholic-churches-are-finding-success-in-receiving-conservation-funding-this-year/>

If you think you might forget your wallet, go to <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/donate-evangelii-gaudium-sunday/> for still more about Evangelisation Sunday – and the Government's plan to add 25% to what you're giving.

St Teresa's Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next parish pastoral council meeting will be at 7.30om on the 24th September in the church. All welcome.

Pilgrimage

Dear prospective pilgrims: an update on where we are with plans for a combined Holy Trinity/St Teresa's (plus others) pilgrimage to foreign parts next year. First, the bad news - *Rome looks a non-starter* due to spiralling costs in preparation for Holy Year (much of the city is already being boarded up as work gets underway), hotels are asking for payment up front, and it will be even more crowded than usual. But there is better news: *we're now planning on Fatima and Lisbon* where costs are lower and we hope a less frenzied atmosphere in Portugal will be more conducive to spiritual contemplation and relaxation.

Flights from Heathrow to Lisbon with TAP look appropriate, we're looking at convent accommodation in Fatima conveniently located near the Basilica and the opportunity to join the nightly torchlight procession, plus in Lisbon itself we can visit the Cathedral as well as the birthplace church of St Anthony, again with appropriate lodgings. No doubt there will be much else available to see and do. The date has also changed - *the plan now is for 5-6 days total in May, from 11th or 12th to the 16th.*

Fr Tony is looking forward to supporting us with his linguistic talents (his fluency in Spanish will not be out of place), and Fr Clive has welcomed the new plan. So, if you're still keen despite all the changes, please let one of us know by email or phone as soon as you can (preferably before the weekend) so we can start firming up on numbers and the detailed arrangements. Again we're not seeking commitments, just expressions of interest so we can arrive at an accurate pricing plan, hopefully around £850 per person.

Thanks for your forbearance,

Johnny Hulme and Paul Branch

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