



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

COMBE, DUNS TEW, ENSTONE, GAGINGWELL, GLYMPTON, MIDDLE BARTON,
RADFORD, RAMSDEN, STEEPLE ASTON and STONESFIELD

SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER
Sunday Readings: Year B

31ST 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

NEXT WEEK in

St Teresa's:

Monday 4 Nov

Weekday of Ordinary Time

St Charles Borromeo, Bp

Tuesday 5 Nov

Weekday of Ordinary Time

Open for private prayer

Wednesday 6 Nov

Weekday of Ordinary

Time

Mass at 9.15

**Followed by benediction
and exposition**

Thursday 7 Nov

Weekday of Ordinary Time

Open for private prayer

Friday 8 November

Weekday of Ordinary

Time

Mass at 9.15

Saturday 9 November

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Open for private prayer

Sunday 10 November

Remembrance Sunday

32nd 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*

Dear Parishioners

" Love is the fulfillment of the Law"

In today's First reading and Gospel, the Prime Command is heard:

" Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, with all your strength."

Known as the " Shema" from the first Hebrew word of the sentence, this prayer is repeated by Jews twice a day, is the first to be taught to children and is the last to be made before death. It states the fundamental relationship between the chosen people of Israel, and the Lord God Yahweh.

The question is: how can you command love? Surely, love must be given freely, voluntarily, without coercion and enforcement? Where does Law play a part in Love?

Jesus, asked about which is the most important Commandment in an effort to trip Him up, quotes this " Shema" but then adds a second:

" You must love your neighbour as yourself."

You cannot command the emotion, but you can command the action.

The connection is made again and again through the New Testament...you cannot love God if you do not love, care for your neighbour.

As St John writes:

" If you say you love God but hate your brother...you are a liar!"

Christians are called upon to put love into action through their interaction with others, be that giving money, time, attention, practical help...St Paul reinforces this by saying that at the end of all things even Faith and Hope will fade away as we face the Eternal God, but not Love.

Prayer is a form of love too and as the month of the Holy Souls in November approaches we can remember our own departed at Mass and in the quiet of our hearts. There are envelopes and a Book of the Dead at the back of both churches.

Masses as usual this week. The Thursday Mass at Holy Trinity is a school Mass for All Saints.

First Communion class 4.15, Confirmation class after Sunday Mass both at Holy Trinity

Film Club will probably not begin until the New Year due to a hold- up with the license. Funeral of Josephine Thompson, former organist: Tuesday 19 November Holy Trinity. Thank you to Fr Paul/ Fr Martin for celebrating Holy Mass at Holy Trinity and St Theresa's respectively when I was in Glasgow trying to arrange a wedding...which looks like it is all on track!

God bless everyone

Fr Clive

(Continued overleaf)

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Second Collection this week: The Father Johnson Organisation

To read how the Johnson Association helps priests go on saying Mass if they're ill or should have retired, enter www.johnsonassociation.org

To donate online: tinyurl.com/mpku2drz Click on "Choose your own amount"

Entertaining the parish

We hope to organise an afternoon of family entertainment from our gifted Parishioners in Spring next year. With this in mind, would you be interested in actually taking part (fifteen minutes maximum), or becoming involved? It could be singing, playing a musical instrument, reciting, giving a short talk, telling stories or jokes, running a short entertainment for children, or indeed anything. In fact, helping to organize the event may appeal to you.

Please let me know if you would like to take part to entertain your fellow Parishioners or help stage the event.

Patrick Fitz-Gibbon e-mail patrickamafg@gmail.com

CTC United Service (hosted by St Teresa's)

Our joint worship with fellow Christians is at St Teresa's on Sunday 17 November 3pm (Vespers)

I'm asking you to join the service of Vespers at 3pm on that Sunday afternoon, celebrated at St Teresa's. Quite a call! When we made them welcome here two years ago as part of the World Day of Prayer, the Anglican, Baptist, Quaker and Methodist members of their churches who came - a heartening number - told me how touched they were by our welcome. Let's do it again!

There will be tea at the Methodists' afterwards, for which we are responsible. I could do with your help to organise tea and buns in their very well-appointed kitchen. Let me know if you are on for it.

PETER CLIFTON, Parish Representative for Churches Together in Charlbury.

Carol Service and Parish Party – 15th December:

The carol service for advent will be on the afternoon of the 15th December (Gaudete Sunday), and will be followed by the Parish Party.

John Garrick will be leading our **parish choir** again. If you would like to sing in the choir, please let Alison know. We will have our first meeting in the next couple of weeks.

At the party, we plan to give each child in the parish a **suitable gift**. We are looking for gifts, wrapped and labelled with a peel-off post-it note (contents, gender, suitable age (price around £5)). If you would like to donate a gift, please leave your contributions in the box at the back of the church from 17th to 30th November.

Anne and Suze will be collecting names of the children from the 10th November from parents who would like their child to receive a gift.

ACN Christmas Cards and small gifts – ACN Advent calendars, Christmas cards and other small gifts will be on sale after Mass for 4 weeks from 3 to the 24th November in the Bulbeck Room.

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