



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY
Sunday Readings: Year C

EPIPHANY

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 6 Jan

Monday after Epiphany

Open for private prayer

Tuesday 7 Jan

Tuesday after Epiphany

Open for private prayer

Wednesday 8 Jan

Wednesday after

Epiphany

Mass at 9.15

Followed by benediction

and exposition

Thursday 9 Jan

Thursday after Epiphany

Open for private prayer

Friday 10 Jan

Friday after Epiphany

Mass at 9.15

Saturday 11 Jan

Sat after Epiphany

Open for private prayer

Sunday 12 Jan

Baptism of Our Lord

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

(school Mass for Epiphany

this week), with Rosary

group at 9.15am on Friday,

vigil mass at 6pm Sat and

Sunday mass at 11am.

Dear Parishioners

At this time of the year, many have been travelling, to shop for food and presents, to spend the festive season with family or friends, to collect relatives. As I write this newsletter, the news is popping up on my screen that snow is on its way. Will we manage to return home from London on the weekend from our annual post-Christmas city break?! Sometimes I feel that the weather forecasts have become more entertainment than fact but perhaps this time...

"A cold coming we had of it,

Just the worst time of the year

For a journey, and such a long journey"

T.S.Eliot's wonderful poem "Journey of the Magi" describes what that journey must have been like, travelling far into foreign, unknown and hostile territory. For what? The Magi (Wise men, not named as Kings or even three of them), had been studying the stars and the prophecies of an obscure prophet from an insignificant people, former slaves in Egypt, desert nomads and for a short time a coherent kingdom before being swallowed up by far more powerful forces around them.

"Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you."

Something had drawn them to a farming hamlet called Bethlehem, to a stable, to...a baby.

"And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshipped Him."

The Magi are the first Gentiles to receive the Revelation and they begin the transition from a particular race, the Jews, to the whole world, all mankind. The Old Covenant is finished and the New Covenant, sealed in the Blood of the Lamb, is now our norm. The new Israel is no longer an ethnic community but the Catholic, Universal Church of Christ, and this Body continues to spread the Light of the eternal Gospel throughout the darkness of the world and among false religious and secular gods.

This week Masses/ Rosary as usual. All classes are starting up again after our decent break.

I am delighted to announce that the joint parishes Crib collection for Friends of the Holy Land was £1,000. Many thanks to everyone for such generosity at an expensive time of the year.

A very big thank you also from me for the Christmas offering. I continue to be humbled by people's warmth expressed in such a positive way. It is very much appreciated.

Looking ahead...2025 is a Jubilee year. For more information visit

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year

(continued overleaf)

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In May there is the pilgrimage to Fatima/ Lisbon and in the Summer (mid July) we will be hosting a joint parishes Mission with two Redemptorist Fathers spending a preliminary weekend then a whole week with us. If anyone has any suggestions for a Jubilee year then please do contact me.

Declan and Benjamin will be setting up our new Film Club soon...

God bless everyone
Fr Clive

St Teresa's News

Date for the diary: Parish revels is planned to be on th 1st March 2024 when we hope to organise an afternoon of family entertainment from our gifted Parishioners . Please let Patrick Fitz-Gibbon (e-mail patrickamafg@gmail.com) know if you would like to take part to entertain your fellow Parishioners or help stage the event.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

The next parish pastoral council meeting is on the 16th January at 7.30pm. All Welcome. The agenda will be coming soon.

Lifts to Mass: If you have difficulty getting to Mass and would like a lift, or if you know of anyone else who does, please contact Sharnalee at 01608 679731.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS PARTY - a note of thanks

Thank you all for a joyous Gaudete Sunday with such wonderful carols in the church, followed by our Christmas party at Drapers House. Thanks to John and all the choir members who worked so tirelessly to prepare the carol service. Thanks to Fr Clive and Sarah for so generously opening up their house to the parish. More thanks to Mike as a most convincing Father Christmas, and to Ben who handled the festive decorations at Drapers House, plus a note of thanks to Anne for all her sterling work in gathering names, plus much wrapping of gifts for the children. Many, many thanks to the parish for all their generous donations of food for the party and gifts for the children. We have more gifts than children, so any extra presents will be distributed to families with children elsewhere in the diocese. One final thanks again to the parish in your generosity to ACN: we have raised just over £384 via Xmas card sales (this will be for ACN's current Syria appeal) and after the carol service you gave £215 (this will be given to the seminary we support in Haiti). A small parish, but with a very big and generous hart. Thank you again. Suze

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