



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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SUNDAY 12 JANUARY
Sunday Readings: Year C

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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 13 Jan

Weekday in ordinary time

Open for private prayer

Tuesday 14 Jan

Weekday in ordinary time

Open for private prayer

Wednesday 15 Jan

Weekday in ordinary time

Mass at 9.15

Followed by benediction

and exposition

Thursday 16 Jan

Weekday in ordinary time

Open for private prayer

Friday 17 Jan

St Anthony, Abbot

Mass at 9.15

Saturday 18 Jan

Weekday in ordinary time

Open for private prayer

Sunday 19 Jan

2nd Sunday of ordinary

time

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

This last week has been quite hard work for us all with the temperatures so low and getting about so challenging. I spent three days marooned at home with laryngitis unable to talk and feeling drained of energy and ambition for anything beyond snoozing! Mass was cancelled and a big thank you to Victoria at Holy Trinity for " holding the fort" and letting people know if they turned up at church for the usual weekday celebration. Friday normal service was resumed at St Teresa's in the last of our Christmas tide weekday Masses.

Before the lurgy struck, I was in The Living Room cinema at Chipping Norton on a wet, cold and miserable Monday afternoon watching a film that has attracted much attention and comment, both positive and negative. Its subject matter does not suggest it would be of much interest to a wider circle outside devotees but it has been voted in the top ten best films of 2024 and there is a possibility that Oscars will be won. At the recent " Golden Globes" it won the " Best screen play- Motion picture."

What is this film? It is " Conclave", the thriller centred around the election of a new Pope. As one commentator has written, it is hardly the stuff of general concern...but it has united critics in appreciation of the acting, the soundtrack and the cinematography. Not so for Catholic commentators who have been very critical of its portrayal of scheming and corrupt Cardinals. Bishop Robert Baron, a great Catholic teacher, has gone so far as to say Catholics should boycott it.

I thought it was absolutely brilliant acting and I hope Ranulph Fiennes is recognised at the Oscars...but like Hilary Mantel's Wolf Hall trilogy, it is total fiction with an absurd and quite ludicrous ending! I won't spoil it if you haven't seen the film. It is what you would expect from Hollywood about the One True Church.

This weekend marks the end of Christmastide with The Baptism of the Lord, another revelation of Divinity to follow the Epiphany and the Nativity. All these three feast have jumbled up together in this season over the centuries and today the various parts of the Church and world celebrate with different emphases..Nativity for Anglo Saxons , Epiphany(Three Kings) for the Hispanic and Baptism as Christmas in the East. They all are echoes of The Word made flesh, that triumphant proclamation we hear from St John's Prologue on Christmas morning.

It is in the Body of Christ, His Church still living and breathing with His Breath, that we see the real evidence of God, not Tinseltown's warped and corrupt interpretations. St Francis, Mother Teresa , St Maximilian Kobe, St Benedict's of the Cross and countless more saints and faithful...they are the true Church of the Suffering servant. Yes, there are bad apples but they are a very small portion of the whole.

I recommend you see "Conclave" for the beauty and the acting, but please remember...a Conclave is a secret meeting and no one apart from its participants knows what happens!

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Masses as usual and all classes/ Rosary back to normal. Soon we will be seeing some more Receptions and Confirmations. Well done to the candidates so far...keep going right to the end!

Soon I will distribute the Jubilee booklets sent to both parishes as we start to focus on 2025 a Holy Year, and prepare for the parishes' Mission in July.

God bless everyone
Fr Clive

This Sunday – a special welcome to the families with children within the parish as we have our Mass with lighter music.

St Teresa's News

Date for the diary: Parish revels is planned to be on the 1st March 2024 - an afternoon of family entertainment from our gifted Parishioners. Please let Patrick Fitz-Gibbon (e-mail patrickamfg@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 has been circulated on the parish email group along with a strategy document from the way forward group.

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.



Other News

Fr Guy Nichols of the Birmingham Oratory will be coming to St John's, Banbury, on Saturday 8th March to lead a day learning plainchant or plainsong.

This day is not one for experts – in fact total beginners are very welcome – and it should be a fun day as well as instructive, with chants both in English and Latin. The day will begin after the 10am Mass - about 10.40am - and, with a break for lunch, will conclude with the 4pm Vigil Mass - where no doubt some of what has been learned will be used in the celebration of Mass.

There will be a participant's fee of £10 to cover costs, payable on the day. If you wish to attend the day could you email: stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk

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