



# ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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RADFORD, RAMSDEN, STEEPLE ASTON and STONESFIELD

SUNDAY 19 JANUARY  
Sunday Readings: Year C

SECOND 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 20 Jan

Weekday in ordinary time

Open for private prayer

Tuesday 21 Jan

St Agnes, martyr

Open for private prayer

Wednesday 22 Jan

Weekday in ordinary time

Mass at 9.15

Followed by benediction

and exposition

Thursday 23 Jan

Weekday in ordinary time

Open for private prayer

Friday 24 Jan

St Francis de Sales

Mass at 9.15

Saturday 25 Jan

The conversion of St Paul

Open for private prayer

Sunday 26 Jan

3<sup>rd</sup> 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

We are well established in what the Church calls " Ordinary Time", the 34 weeks of the year outside the " seasons" of Advent, Lent or Easter. But the events of this Sunday's Gospel are Extraordinary!

There is a wedding in Cana. These celebrations would last for days as the guests would have travelled on foot and donkey from all around and expected to be fed and watered for two or three days at least. Like our weddings, they were a chance to catch up with relatives and friends, and this in an age without telephone, e mail or even WhatsApp.

Jesus , His followers and Mother were in the wedding celebrations when a social disaster started to unfold. No more wine! This would have brought shame and acrimony on the happy couple and their family. What...travel all this way and drink water! People would have talked and gossiped about this for years.

Wine plays such a fundamental role in the Old Testament. It represents joy, happiness, vitality...the blessings of Almighty God. To run dry at what was supposed to be one of life's highlights...

Mary, the watchful mother, spots the problem and gently brings it to her son' s attention. At first, Jesus seems a little irked, but wise Mother Mary simply says:

" Do what He says."

She knows. She heard the angel, she watched in amazement as first dirty old shepherds then rich men with sumptuous gifts threw themselves down before the baby in the manger . She looked up and saw the star that shone in glory as they fled the country ahead of Herod' s murderous men.

" Do what He says."

The water becomes wine, gallons of it, the bridegroom is heartily congratulated and the party continues.

Soon there will be another meal, this time in an Upper room of Jerusalem. There Jesus will take the wine and change it into His Blood.

" Take this all of you...this is my blood, the blood of the New Covenant..."

Jesus becomes the Bridegroom at the Eternal Feast, the Church His Bride. Every Eucharist celebrates His Sacrifice, His Death and Resurrection and His Victory over Sin and Death.

" Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb"

We say this as we gaze upon the Host raised up as He was raised up on the Cross at Calvary. Let us rejoice like those wedding guests and thank Him.

Let us never grow cold and indifferent to that Love offered up on the altar of the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins and the healing of our souls.

This week: all classes are up and running. Mary Prior and Nareen Bowers are doing a wonderful job with a parish room full of First Communion children and Mums. Soon we will be celebrating with them and their families in both churches as they receive the Lord

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sacramentally in Holy Eucharist for the very first time. What a joy for all!

The licence for the Film Club has been applied for and as soon as it is granted we can publish the programme. My thanks to Ben Dytor at St Teresas and Declan Soper at Holy Trinity for taking this on. Masses/ Rosary as usual.

The Jubilee booklets will be distributed soon for everyone to reflect on the themes of this Holy Year.

God bless  
Fr Clive

**Second Collection:** This week we celebrate Peace Sunday. As Pope Francis has put it so often, “in a world riven by war and violence, it’s as if there’s a third world war being fought piecemeal”. To read more about Peace Sunday go to [paxchristi.org.uk](http://paxchristi.org.uk) . To donate online, go to [tinyurl.com/tzyee6mk](http://tinyurl.com/tzyee6mk) .

## St Teresa’s News

**Date for the diary:** Parish revels is planned to be on th 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 – Tickets will go on sale in from next week

**Pastoral Parish Council:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to the meeting last week. The proposed date of the next meeting is Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Provisional minutes of last week’s meeting will be circulated 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.



## 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](mailto:stjohn.banbury@rcaob.org.uk)

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