



# ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

COMBE, DUNS TEW, ENSTONE, GAGINGWELL, GLYMPTON, MIDDLE BARTON,  
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SUNDAY 26 JANUARY  
Sunday Readings: Year C

THIRD 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 27 Jan  
Weekday in ordinary time  
*Open for private prayer*
- Tuesday 28 Jan  
St Thomas Aquinas  
*Open for private prayer*
- Wednesday 29 Jan  
Weekday in ordinary time  
**Mass at 9.15**  
**Followed by benediction and exposition**
- Thursday 30 Jan  
Weekday in ordinary time  
*Open for private prayer*
- Friday 31 Jan  
St John Bosco  
**Mass at 9.15**
- Saturday 1 Feb  
Weekday in ordinary time  
*Open for private prayer*
- Sunday 2 Feb  
Candlemas  
**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 we have watched the inauguration of the 47th President of the USA, Donald J Trump. To British eyes, the whole occasion was strange, a combination of high pomp with showbiz, the President relishing it all and displaying remarkable levels of energy for a man now in his eighth decade.

Whatever you think of the White House incumbent, he is certainly setting about his goals with energy and resolve. Time will tell if, as he has promised, this turns out to be " a golden age for America."

Every new leader begins with the similar vow to make things new, to return to the right path etc etc. The British and Europeans are possibly more cynical and less trusting than our American cousins! The Coronation of King Charles was magnificent but we know that the monarch does not wield executive power, only influence. Political leaders in this country are not held in the same respect as they were and trust in them has fallen to a new low according to the latest findings from the National Centre for Social Research.

In our Gospel today, Jesus is announcing a new era, a fresh start...called " the year of the Lord's favour." In His words and actions, teaching, preaching and healing, He will flesh out what that means, bringing the Kingdom of God into daily life. Through His Passion and Cross, again we are shown the Royal Path of love and service.

People of this world have to speak and deal in the things of this world, but Jesus challenges us to lift up our hearts to Him, the Servant-King, and to bring into a world that can be dark and painful, the joy and the hope of the Risen Lord. Goodness knows we need Him to help us when there is so much tragedy and downright evil around us.

As the letter to the Hebrews encourages us, let us keep our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our Faith. Let us walk with Him through the trials and the temptations of this world. Let us remember that He will never abandon us, however our political masters turn out.

Masses/Rosary as usual next week apart from Thursday when I am away with our school.

Please take a Jubilee booklet home with you. There are plenty in both churches! Looking ahead...in February we will be receiving and confirming in both parishes. This is the end of a long process of discernment and instruction and I hope that everyone will support our new members and congratulate them.

God bless everyone  
Fr Clive

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## St Teresa's News

**Date for the diary:** Parish revels is planned to be on th 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

**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

Caritas Social Action Network is launching **Catholic Social Teaching: An Introduction**, an online course for staff and volunteers in parishes. The programme will be spread over **five one-hour Zoom sessions on each Tuesday in March and on 01 April 2025**.

The course is aimed at parishioners who are not so familiar with Catholic Social Teaching, or who would welcome a refresh. We will also be hearing from CSAN members who work on the front line of poverty and exclusion, bringing our theoretical discussions to life.

The course fee is £95 for all five sessions, which includes a copy of Raymond Friel's book, *Catholic Social Teaching: An Introduction for Schools, Parishes, and Charities*.

Details from the course administrator, Bernadette, at [bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk](mailto:bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk).

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