



# ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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RADFORD, RAMSDEN, STEEPLE ASTON and STONESFIELD

**SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY**  
Sunday Readings: Year C

**5<sup>TH</sup> 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 10 Feb

St Scholastica, virgin

*Open for private prayer*

Here the birds begin to sing

Tuesday 11 Feb

Our Lady of Lourdes

*Open for private prayer*

**Wednesday 12 Feb**

**Weekday in ordinary time**

**Mass at 9.15**

**Followed by benediction**

**and exposition**

Thursday 13 Feb

Weekday in ordinary time

*Open for private prayer*

Friday 14 Feb

Ss Cyril and Methodius

*Open for private prayer*

Saturday 15 Feb

Weekday in ordinary time

*Open for private prayer*

**Sunday 16 Feb**

**6<sup>th</sup> 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

Have you ever felt yourself called to do something? Or be someone different? Today's Old Testament, New Testament and Gospel readings centre on a calling, a vocation( which means literally " calling"). In the first it is the great prophet Isaiah who sees Almighty God in a vision, terrifyingly holy and powerful. This reduces Isaiah to fear and despair. In the presence of such otherness he exclaims:

"Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips."

In his letter to the young Christian community in Corinth, St Paul declares of himself:

" For I am the least of the Apostles, unworthy to be called an Apostle..."

In our Gospel, St Peter, realising that he has just experienced an inexplicable, miraculous event, throws himself down before Jesus and begs to be left alone:

" Depart from me for I am a sinful man, O Lord."

All three men come to self-realisation of who they are as sinners , and who the Lord is...and that is the starting point for their being called to do His work. And what work that is! Isaiah lays the prophetic foundations for the Messiah, St Peter and Paul take up the baton in their lives and cement the apostolic building blocks of the Church. Their work did not come without hardship and suffering but we and millions of others across the world are the beneficiaries of their self giving generosity.

Is the Lord calling you to do something, or be somebody different? It is so tempting to read our Scriptures as history books...but they are" alive and active, keener than a double-edged sword"! What is He saying? Can I hear Him amidst the noise of my life?

Next week: Masses/ Rosary as usual apart from Friday when there is no Mass at St Teresas.

Tuesday: Finance meeting( Holy Trinity) 7 pm

Wednesday: Film Club ( Holy Trinity) 7.30 pm

God bless everyone

Fr Clive

## St Teresa's News

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED:** We are seeking more volunteers to help with cleaning the church and doing the flowers that make St Teresa's look so beautiful and welcoming. If you can help, please speak to Fr Clive.

Also we are looking for a volunteer to take over putting the weekly newsletter together. This is a great job for someone who would like to be more involved in parish life.

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## ST TERESA'S PARISH REVELS AND TEA PARTY 1 March 2025

A celebration of the talent of the parishioners – a feast of music, stories, and other entertainment from your fellow parishioners at the Memorial Hall from 2-4.30 on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Tickets are now available from Peter Clifton.

As a part of the Parish Revels on 1 March we also also having a tea party. If you could donate a cake, some fancy biscuits, cookies or sandwiches (none of which need be home-made) that would be very generous. I'm also looking for teapots and coffee pots, plus volunteers to set up, serve and clear away are also needed. If you can help with any of this, please either see me after Mass on Sunday or email me on [suemathews1066@btinternet.com](mailto:suemathews1066@btinternet.com).

**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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