



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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SUNDAY 2 MARCH

Sunday Readings: Year C

8TH 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

Dear Parishioners

This Eighth Sunday is the last of the " Ordinary" Sundays before we embark on the great season of Lent and the even greater one of Easter. Incredibly, the next time we see liturgical Green in church will be 6 th July, over four months away, hopefully in a warm, uncloudy English Summer! That Sunday will not be the Ninth as one would expect, but the 14th, and if you are confused by that please catch me after Mass and I will try to explain.

This period running up to Ash Wednesday is often, in Catholic countries, the time of Carnivale, the great exhibition of songs, dancing, bands, floats and much else which precedes that day of Fasting and Abstinence. It is an opportunity to gorge on what will be restricted or even forbidden through Lent

By the way...do you know how many days of this type there are in the year? Only two..Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Abstinence from meat for everyone over the age of 14 and fasting, strictly only for the 18-59, but encouraged for everyone unless medical needs prevent. Fasting means only one " square meal" and two smaller ones that together do not make another full one.

Back to Carnivale! The biggest in the world is Rio de Janeiro, when 2,000,000 per day crowd the streets of the Brazilian capital. The Church's attitude towards Carnival has been and remains mixed.

In Trinidad and Tobago for example, it is considered " part of the Roman Catholic Faith.."

Other jurisdictions do not look so benignly. In Poland the hierarchy try to ignore it as having nothing to do with the Church. General Franco banned it for 40 years but the Spanish being the people they are, it was sneaked back gradually, although it is Holy Week in Spain, Semana Santa , that is the true expression of the Spanish soul.

Too much or too little? Jesus tells us in today's Gospel that the important part of a person is the heart, not what is seen on the outside, but the heart, the core of personality, where the truth about an individual can be found. How do we see this?

" For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit."

Lent is our time to look into our hearts and if there is something there we don't like, let us ask the Lord Jesus, our Saviour and our God, to change us, perhaps to heal us, to help us find peace within ourselves and with the world.

Masses/ Rosary next week: all as usual apart from Ash Wednesday and then it is 9.15 am school Mass at Holy Trinity(all are welcome as ever to these school Masses)

7 pm Mass at St Teresas.

At both Masses there will be Blessing and Imposition of Ashes.

First Communion classes continue. We now have dates for First Communions celebrations:

4th May for the St Teresa's candidates.

22nd June for the Holy Trinity candidates both our school and other schools.

Film club next showing: TBC

God bless everyone

Fr Clive

NEXT WEEK in

St Teresa's:

Monday 3 March

Weekday in ordinary time

Open for private prayer

Tuesday 4 March

Weekday in ordinary time

Open for private prayer

Wednesday 5 March

Ash Wednesday

Mass at 7pm

Thursday 6 March

Weekday in Lent

Open for private prayer

Friday 7 March

Ss Perpetua and Felicity,

Martyrs

Mass at 9.15am

Saturday 8 March

Weekday in Lent

Open for private prayer

Sunday 9 March

1st Sunday of Lent

Parish Mass at 9.15am

ALL WELCOME

For Confessions, please

contact Fr.Clive.

Weekday Mass in our sister parish, Holy Trinity, Chipping Norton, on

Tuesday and Thursday at

9.15am, with Rosary group

at 9.15am on Friday, vigil

mass at 6pm Sat and

Sunday mass at 11am.

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Second collection: This Sunday is the feast of St Chad, the first Bishop of Lichfield. As Bishop of Mercia, he'd been a successor to St Diuma whose remains are listed as 'resting in Charlbury on the river Windrush' in a late Anglo-Saxon list of the resting places of saints

So we're celebrating the patron of St Chad's Cathedral at Birmingham, where most of the surviving relics of St Chad are enshrined – and we're raising money for the Cathedral's Maintenance Fund. A fragment of those relics was donated by St Chad's Cathedral in 2022 to the Anglican Cathedral at Lichfield

To learn more about the Cathedral and how it's maintained, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2wsw5f24>

To donate, go to <https://tinyurl.com/2w5etkd9>

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.

ST TERESA'S PARISH REVELS AND TEA PARTY

Thank you for everyone who made the revels such a success – thanks especially to Peter and Patrick for doing so much work to make it happen.

Some photos will appear shortly in the website gallery: stteresaschurch-charlbury.com/gallery/

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

ACN's JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE: York and the North: Heartland of faith and hope 21-26 July 2025
York and Yorkshire are at the heart of English Christianity and Catholicism, and suffered greatly during the Reformation. This pilgrimage will encourage us to reflect on why over 50 Yorkshire men and women were prepared to die for our faith, and how their great sacrifices paved the way for the survival of faith today. Based in York we will visit the great cathedral of Ripon and the Minster at Beverly, and the site of Cistercian monastery at Fountains. For further information or secure your place, please email bridget.teasdale@acnuk.org

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