

ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

COMBE, DUNS TEW, ENSTONE, GAGINGWELL, GLYMPTON, MIDDLE BARTON,
RADFORD, RAMSDEN, STEEPLE ASTON and STONESFIELD

SUNDAY 9 MARCH

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday Readings: Year C

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

NEXT WEEK in

St Teresa's:

Monday 10 March

Weekday in Lent time

Open for private prayer

Tuesday 11 March

Weekday in Lent

Open for private prayer

Wednesday 12 March

Weekday in ordinary time

Mass at 9.15

**Followed by Stations of
the cross**

Thursday 13 March

Weekday in Lent

Open for private prayer

Friday 14 March

Weekday in Lent

Mass at 9.15am

Saturday 15 March

Weekday in Lent

Open for private prayer

Sunday 16 March

2nd Sunday in 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.

Ash Wednesday was very well attended with the delightful participation of the children from our Primary school at Holy Trinity, and a full evening church in St Teresa's. Over the years I have noticed that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the two days of Fasting and Abstinence, are usually the best supported after Christmas and Easter. They are not "easy" services but people respond to the clear message of repentance and a fresh start. Our Faith is not for the self-satisfied or self-made, but for men and women who look to the Lord God as the Source of Healing and Renewal.

The focus of today's Gospel is the assertion that the Lord is God, not any tinpot ruler or worldly power. The Son of God is confronted in the arena of the wilderness by the Devil, the Temptor. Three times the Father of lies tries to twist and corrupt the Sinless One but each time he is faced down with Scripture.

"Man shall not live on bread alone".

"Worship the Lord God alone, and Him only serve."

"Do not put the Lord your God to the test."

The Devil departs...for the time being but we shall see him again in Holy Week.

The period of Confirmations is over...for the time being! Our First Communions are working well and on 22nd June (Corpus Christi) we shall see a bumper crop at Holy Trinity, with the St Teresas group slightly earlier on 4 May.

Film club: 7 pm Wednesday 19th March. This time it is "Karol" the inspiring film about St John Paul II, the Polish Pope.

Thinking about the Pope...please pray for poor Pope Francis who seems to be very seriously ill. It is not wrong to pray for his painless death if that is God's will. He has served his Master faithfully for all these years. He is struggling to overcome the pneumonia which is such a common issue for the elderly.

Every night since the beginning of the war between Hamas and Israel, Pope Francis has telephoned the Catholic parish of The Holy Family in Gaza and he has even managed to make contact in this period when he is so ill. This underlines his great compassion for the suffering. May he receive his eternal reward!

Next week Masses/Rosary as usual.

God bless everyone. Remember: a good Lent makes for a better Easter!

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Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is conducting a survey to understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the current economic climate on Catholic families in England and Wales. Please share your experience by completing the survey, which can be accessed at csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey, where you'll also find further information about the survey. The survey will close on 25th March"

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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