



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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SUNDAY 15 MARCH

2ND 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

NEXT WEEK in

St Teresa's:

Monday 17 March

Weekday in Lent

Open for private prayer

Tuesday 18 March

Weekday in Lent

Open for private prayer

Wednesday 19 March

St Joseph

Mass at 9.15

Followed by stations of

the cross

Thursday 20 March

Weekday in Lent

Open for private prayer

Friday 21 March

Weekday in Lent

Mass at 9.15am

Saturday 22 March

Weekday in Lent

Open for private prayer

Sunday 23 March

3rd 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.

Dear Parishioners

Last week we saw Jesus in the wilderness being tempted and tested by the Devil. This week we are on a mountain where the Son of God reveals His inner nature to the closest disciples Peter, James and John.

Mountains are places in Holy Scripture where the Lord God manifests Himself in some form. With Moses on Mount Sinai, Elijah on Mount Carmel and Horeb, David on Mount Zion...the Mount of Olives is the final refuge for Jesus before His capture and crucifixion, on Mount Calvary.

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus and the three disciples went up the mountain to pray, no doubt to find some peace and quiet away from the demanding crowds. Then the ordinary becomes the extraordinary as the human Christ is transfigured, transformed to reveal the divinity that is hidden beneath. The whole scene reads like a surreal experience, with dazzling white light disorientating the disciples, and the presence of the two great figures Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets. Peter tries to bring some order but is clearly totally overwhelmed by what they are all seeing..and then it is over and " Jesus was found alone."

What do we make of this strange event? One minute the Master and disciples are doing what they must have done so many times, spend time alone to pray and regather themselves after draining pastoral ministry. The next, the whole world is split open and a Reality not seen before is exposed...and then the portal closes and all is back to normal.

Why this now? Because they are on their way to Jerusalem and the reality of their lives will become ugly, dark and frightening as the persecutors close in on Jesus, and the Devil who left last week" until an opportune time" makes his presence felt through the hatred and cruelty of those intent on destroying the Son of God before He can complete the Mission. Perhaps this memory of the Glory that lay beneath the surface would sustain them as they watched their Master being scourged and crucified and would give them enough hope to keep waiting for Him to fulfill the promise of the empty tomb.

The Transfiguration is one of the five major milestones in the life of Jesus and at this point in Lent it reminds us that the darkness coming soon in Holy Week is not the final state, and that the awfulness of Good Friday will be followed by the joy of Easter.

Masses/ Rosary as usual next week.

Monday is St Patrick's day. If you are " of Irish heritage" why not come to Mass to celebrate this great Celtic saint!

Wednesday is St Joseph's feast, a Solemnity.

Remember: Stations of the Cross after Mass on a Wednesday at St Teresa's and Thursday at Holy Trinity. This wonderful Catholic devotion is a feature of Lent across the world and I heartily commend it to all. Try to make it a staple of your Lenten experience this year!

At the end of the month our lead Missioner Fr Royston will be preaching and preparing us for the parishes' Mission: 12-18 July. More details to follow.

God bless everyone

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Second collection: This Family Fast Weekend we've been asked to give CAFOD the amount we'd saved by one day of not eating lunch.

This Sunday (the 16th), a generous donor will double the amount for CAFOD you put on the plate at church or contribute online at <https://tinyurl.com/cbyfamilyfast>.

To read more about Family Fast Weekend, go to <https://tinyurl.com/cafodread>

FILM CLUB

The next FILM CLUB will be on Wednesday 19th March at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity, showing a beautiful and dramatic film about the life of St John Paul II: "Karol". All are welcome. There is no charge to attend.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: 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 There are a first tranche of photos at: stteresachurch-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.

Peace in Christ's Teaching: PETER CLIFTON invites you to join him for five 90 minute sessions on **Peace in Christ's Teaching** on Thursday evenings March 13, 20 and 27 and April 3 and 10. Topics - What is the Peace given? (New Testament); Practising active non-violence; and readings from Terence Prynne *Jesus Christ, Peace-maker*. Time - 7.30pm; Place - Heathfield Cottage, Browns Lane. Details from Peter. This is not about the 'just war' teaching or other aspects of warfare, but about peace.

Online Lectio Divina: A reminder that Fr Martin runs an online Lectio Divina – speak to him for details.

Churches together in Charlbury Lent Talks – Churches together in Charlbury are running their annual Lent talks again at St Mary's Church on Tuesdays from March 11-April 8 at 7.30pm. The overall theme is "images of Jesus". This week, the Rev Fr Nick Wood will be talking about Jesus from the perspective of non-Christian Faiths. No charge for admission but donations gratefully received.

There will be a CTC Lent lunch this coming Friday, March 21st at the Baptist Church (12-1.30).



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 for 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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