



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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RADFORD, RAMSDEN, STEEPLE ASTON and STONESFIELD

SUNDAY 23 MARCH

Sunday Readings: Year C

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

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 24 March

Weekday in Lent

Open for private prayer

Tuesday 25 March

The Annunciation

Open for private prayer

Wednesday 26 March

Weekday in Lent

Mass at 9.15

Followed by stations of

the cross

Thursday 27 March

Weekday in Lent

Open for private prayer

Friday 28 March

Weekday in Lent

Mass at 9.15am

Saturday 29 March

Weekday in Lent

Open for private prayer

Sunday 30 March

4th Sunday of Lent

(Laetare 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 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

Years ago I found a book in a charity shop that caught my eye. It had a picture of St Thomas Aquinas, the greatest of Catholic thinkers, on the front, and when I opened it, the opening paragraph struck me and has stayed with me ever since:

"Once upon a time there was a little boy with a large solid head and a tiresome habit of asking questions nobody could answer. His name was Thomas and he belonged to the great family of the Counts of Aquin...he was always asking this question: What is God? But what IS God? But WHAT is God? When he grew older and found no one answered his questions properly he stopped asking them and began to think instead."

What a brilliant introduction to a simple story for children about the life and works of this most stellar but humble man of God, who asked that question and tried to answer it not only for himself but for everyone else. It is reckoned that Thomas Aquinas wrote or dictated over 8,000,000 words...and he died at 49!

Today's readings give us an insight into that question. At the burning bush the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob reveals Himself:

"I am who I am."

Thomas would define this as

"Esse ipse subsistens"

God exists in and for Himself not dependent on any other agencies:

"eternal, uncreated, necessary, absolute existence".

Yet He seeks to form a relationship with His Creation...a covenant...which He does time and again through the pages of the Old Testament...and each time it is man who breaks the terms of the agreement through sinfulness and wilfulness. In the Gospel, we are depicted as the fig tree, barren of fruitfulness, and God the vineyard owner is nearing the end of His tether. But the Vine dresser

PARISH MISSION

CHIPPING NORTON & CHARLBURY

LED BY
FR ROYSTON PRICE CSSR
& FR JOHN HEMER MHM

14TH-18TH JULY

MONDAY: FAITH

TUESDAY: DEATH AND ETERNAL LIFE

WEDNESDAY: OUR LADY

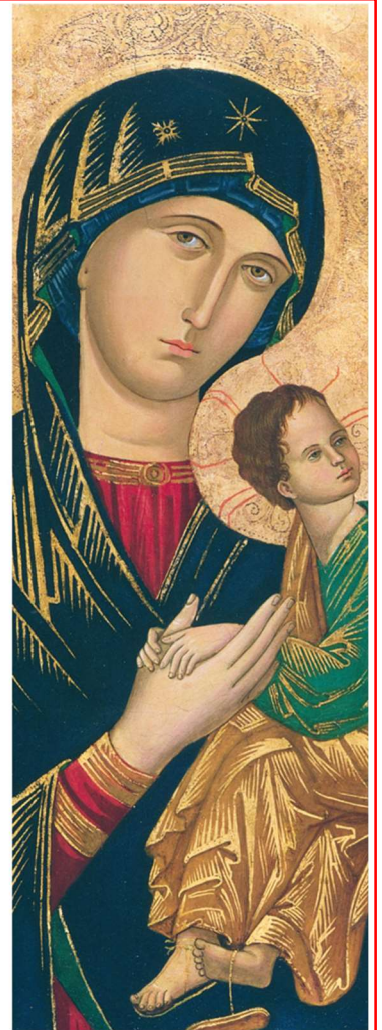
THURSDAY: THE HOLY EUCHARIST

FRIDAY: THE LOVE OF GOD

7pm Service each night, lasting around an hour.

Masses and time for confession during the day

Save the date now and come along, as your attendance will make all the difference!



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begs mercy for a little while longer...and that Vine dresser is our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who pleads with the Father through His blood shed on Calvary.

If we could stop and think about that wonderful act, the self giving in love on the Cross, the Lamb of God offered up for the sins of the world and on our altars every time the Divine Holocaust of the Mass is made. Soon Holy Week and we will walk with Him along the Royal Road of His Passion.

Masses/classes as usual this week.

Tuesday: Solemnity of The Annunciation of The Lord. Another feast day!

Next weekend our lead Missioner Fr Royston will be preaching and telling us a little about the parishes Mission he will be leading for us in July. Very exciting!

Second Collection: SPUC. For the protection of the unborn. Please give generously.

God bless everyone

Fr Clive

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** continuing on Thursday evenings March 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 speaker is Roger Wagner, an Oxfordshire artist and poet.

There will be a CTC Lent lunch this coming Friday, March 28th at the Methodist 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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