



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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

SUNDAY 27 APRIL

Sunday Readings: Year C

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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:

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St Teresa's:

Monday 28 April

St Georges Day

Open for private prayer

Tuesday 29 April

St Catherine of Siena

Open for private prayer

Wednesday 30 April

St Pius V, pope

Mass at 9.15

**Followed by Benediction
and Exposition**

Thursday 1 May

St Joseph the Worker

Open for private prayer

Friday 2 May

St Athanasius

Mass at 9.15am

Saturday 3 May

Ss Philip and James

Open for private prayer

Sunday 4 May

3rd Sunday of Easter

(First Communions)

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

The death of Pope Francis was not totally unexpected after his determined fight against serious illness, but it still came as a shock. One of the faithful told me at 9.05 am on Monday as I was preparing for Mass and we were able to change the Mass intention for the regular 9.15 am service and offer the Holy sacrifice for the repose of the Holy father's soul. So within two hours of death, our parishes had remembered this "Servant of the servants of God" at the altar.

Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in Peace."

There has been much written about Jorge Bergoglio, the first South American and first Jesuit successor to St Peter, and most has been overwhelmingly positive. What his long-term legacy will be, only time will tell. He will be remembered for perhaps three things:

He travelled to the margins to encourage the Catholic people living in far-flung countries like Mongolia with small numbers of the faithful.

He instituted a world-wide and lengthy discussion of the Faith...the synodical pathway...to examine, challenge and re-evaluate the assumptions and mind-sets of contemporary believers.

Above all he stressed the Mercy of God our Father, perpetually forgiving and healing those who turn to him.

Some of his words and decisions were controversial, such as his writing on blessings for same-sex relationships, and he disappointed many on the "progressive" wing of the Church with his refusal to sanction the ordination of women to the diaconate or the priesthood. He was not a philosopher like St John Paul II or a theologian like Pope Benedict, but his gift was his preaching and his often striking turns of phrase. Perhaps the one that struck a deep chord was his insistence that in Confession we come to God like a child to its father not a criminal to the judge!

As we wait, let us pray for the Conclave of Cardinals that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit in their deliberations on the next Supreme Pontiff.

Next week: Masses/ Rosary/ classes as usual apart from Monday/ Tuesday. I hope to be back in action from our Easter break by Wednesday

On Friday afternoon there will be First Confessions for our St Teresas group at Holy Trinity, usual class time..next Sunday (4th May) will see First Communions at St Teresa's for our four catechumens, Holy Trinity children following in June, with the primary school.

I am very grateful for the generous Easter offering. Thank you to everyone. Holy Week was a wonderful time with full churches and packed Easter congregations. Again a big thank you for such support.

Soon in May the pilgrimage to Fatima and in July our parishes' Mission, two ways to celebrate this Jubilee year.

God bless everyone

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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.

Online Lectio Divina: A reminder that Fr. Martin runs an online Lectio Divina – for further details on how you can take part, email Fr. Martin at frmartinflatman@gmail.com



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