



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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SUNDAY 1 JUNE

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 Friends

This last week I was privileged to spend time in one of the great London churches, St Patrick's, Soho, the first dedicated to Ireland's patron saint since the troubles of the Sixteenth and following centuries. It is a stunningly beautiful place of prayer, worship and outreach to the homeless and it was a privilege to "man the shop" while the parish priest took a short break. St Patrick's is a reminder of less happy times when Christians in this country were set against each other and Catholics in particular were persecuted, hunted down and sometimes executed in the most horrible manner. In fact it was an Irishman, St Oliver Plunkett who was the last to be martyred in this country, in 1681, after a show trial. 2025 is the 400th anniversary of his birth and the 50th anniversary of his canonisation.

Mercifully, we live in happier times, at least in these islands. 60 years ago the great Second Vatican Council was nearing its conclusion. One of its lofty objectives was to break down the barriers between Christians and begin to heal old wounds. The Decree on Ecumenism. ..Unitatis Redintegratio begins:

"The restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council. Christ the Lord founded One Church and One Church only."

This wonderful document sets out the positive approach to dialogue, then almost completely non-existent, between the Catholic Church and the other Christian bodies which had separated in those troubled years that saw the disintegration of the Body of Christ among bitterness and recrimination. Since then much progress has been made and Christians can discuss their differences with respect and sympathy. Local initiatives like Churches Together in Charlbury/Chipping Norton see believers meeting regularly.

Why all this effort? In today's Gospel Jesus tells His disciples that the Unity of Love between the Father and the Son is to be shared with them...

"that they may all be one...that the world may believe You have sent me."

So Christian unity is not an option, it is an imperative, as this state demonstrates the Divine Love that is the only real hope for the world, so often enmeshed in strife and discord.

Next Sunday we arrive at Pentecost, the end of Eastertide. May we all pray this next week for the Holy Spirit to fill us and become a living part of our daily lives.

Masses/ Rosary as usual. Thursday 5th is a school Mass and we will be anticipating Pentecost with the children.

The coach list for Bishop Mark's funeral is at the back of Holy Trinity church. Tuesday 5th June leaving early!

Sunday 22 June is First Communion for our Holy Trinity children. It has been an excellent year at both churches and a great amount of effort put into preparing them by Mary and Nareen. In June we also have baptisms and weddings so it promises to be busy and happy!

Many thanks again to Benjamin and Declan for the Film Club's showing of "Karol: the man who became Pope" Part 2 on this last Wednesday. The next date and film to be announced.

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Next weekend our daughter's wedding(" La Fiesta")is taking place in Oxford/ Charlbury, having begun in Scotland and ending eventually in Spain, so I am grateful again to Frs Martin and Paul for stepping into the breach. Between pilgrimage, hospital and Fiesta this has been an unusually un-routine phase and I am looking forward to settling back into the normal patterns of life. It always gives me pleasure to say at the end of Mass: Masses as usual.

God bless everyone and. A big thank you for all your prayers and messages of support. Things seem good.
Fr Clive

Masses this week at Charlbury: Wednesday 4 June 9.15 am
Friday 6 June 9.15 am
Sunday 8 June 9.15am

Collection this week for World Communications Day – when the church calls on the media to use language presenting the truth in a reasoned way. To read what Pope Francis said about the day, go to <https://tinyurl.com/3z97pefm>
To read how the English conference of bishops described it, go to <https://tinyurl.com/3h553k3y>
To donate, go to <https://tinyurl.com/4kvrds37>

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

14 June visit to the Follies at Hugh & Nicky Sherbrooke's in Taston starting at 12.30. A time for a picnic weather permitting. Make your own picnic.

Prayer for the Pope

The Lord preserve him and give him life and make him blessed upon the earth and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies. Lord Jesus, shelter our Holy Father, the Pope under the protection of your Sacred Heart.

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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