



# ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2020  
Sunday Readings: Year A

33<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
Divine Office week I

*Please pray for the sick and the housebound of the parish: Paula Biggs*

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners, My apologies for being out of sink a bit last week since the Gospel I referred to was the one for this Sunday! However, the little message still has relevance.

Our scripture reading for this Sunday is a short extract from The Book of Proverbs. The short passage extols the virtues of a perfect wife (and mother). She is very much at the heart of family life. Let us thank the Lord for the many blessings that come to us through such people.

Thinking about this reading brought to my mind a recorded radio interview that was transmitted about 40 years ago. A Christian minister was gently interviewing a Catholic mother with teenage children and at the time she was seriously ill with cancer. It was obvious how much her faith was deeply rooted within her. At one point the interviewer exclaimed to her: 'Isn't it somewhat unjust of God to be taking you away when you children need you most?' Her reply was given with a tinge of mirth: 'I don't know much at all of God's justice, what I treasure most is his love and mercy'. A very moving and powerful reply. She died before the interview was broadcast but her family gave their full consent for it to be transmitted.

In our onward journey through November at this pandemic time let us appeal to that same love and mercy as we remember our family members who have gone before us and for all who have sadly succumbed to the Covid virus. Let us also seek the grace to appreciate the precious gift of life and to live it with great dignity before God and our neighbour.

God bless,

Father Tony.

Next Sunday, the last Sunday in Ordinary Time, we shall be keeping the **Solemnity of Christ the King**. Those who can are invited to donate towards the work of our diocesan **Catholic Youth Services**.

**IICSA Investigation Report.** The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales are devoting this Wednesday to a reflection of the Report and to proposals for our national approach to safeguarding in the years ahead. They would very much appreciate the prayerful support of the Catholic community in this process. Our own archdiocese offers the following **'Prayer for the Abused'** taken from our diocesan *Caritas Prayer Book* for personal use:

*Almighty and Everlasting Father, console the hearts of all victims of abuse within society. May your compassionate love and the support of those around them heal the wounds in their souls. In the midst of their distress, may their hearts be strengthened by certainty of your love for them. We also pray that their faith in humanity may be restored through the many acts of charity you work through your faithful servants.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

**ACN Christmas Cards:** Suze is organising the ACN Christmas cards this year in a slightly different way. The designs and prices are available on the parish website. Suze will deliver them to your house. Contact Suze on [suzemathews899@btinternet.com](mailto:suzemathews899@btinternet.com) or 01993 891720 with details of your order and your address. She will let you know how to pay.

**Advent Series:** St Mary's are hosting an advent series of talks (live and online) "Poets of the Four Last Things" on Friday afternoons starting 2-3.30pm starting **20<sup>th</sup> Nov**. "John Donne and Death. To book for a livestream link please email [parishoffice@stmaryscharlbury.co.uk](mailto:parishoffice@stmaryscharlbury.co.uk)

**Parish Magazine:** If you have anything to contribute --- poems you might have written, favourite prayers, reflections, anecdotes, news, memories, interesting facts you'd like to share, puzzles, pictures, please send to [alison@wychwoodtigger.com](mailto:alison@wychwoodtigger.com) by **22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**SAFEGUARDING:** If you ever have any concerns regarding safeguarding please contact our Safeguarding Rep Sharnalee Foster on **01608 678731**.

No Public Mass at the moment due to the lockdown.

St Teresa's church is open for private prayer with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for an hour on each weekday.

See times below.

### NEXT WEEK

**Monday 16 November**

**St Edmund of Abingdon**

*Church Open 9.30-10.30am*

**Tuesday 17 November**

**St Hilda, abbess**

*Church Open 9.30-10.30am*

**Wednesday 18 November**

**Weekday of Ordinary time**

*Church Open 7-8pm*

**Thursday 19 November**

**Weekday of Ordinary time**

*Church Open 9.30-10.30am*

**Friday 20 November**

**Weekday of Ordinary time**

*Church Open 9.30-10.30am*

**Saturday 21 November**

The Presentation of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

*No Mass today*

**Sunday 22 November**

**Christ the King**

*No Mass today*

*For Confession at St.Teresa's, please contact Fr.Clive*