



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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

SUNDAY 25 APRIL 2021
Sunday Readings: Year B

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please pray for the sick and the housebound of the parish: Paula Biggs, Hilda Joy Jones, George Huxley, Johanna

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Dear Parishioners,

Each year the Fourth Sunday after Easter keeps the same Gospel as the one we are reading today. Jesus calls himself the 'Good Shepherd ...the one who lays down his life for his sheep'. It is a very powerful symbol about who Jesus really is and his mission. In Old Testament times the leaders of God's people were often called shepherds to signify they had been called to lead Israel along the paths that God was calling. Faithfulness to God's call will find a blessing. At the time of Jesus the religious leaders of the day, the Scribes and Pharisees, were failing to fulfil this mission and Jesus proclaims himself as the one true good shepherd who will lay down his life for his sheep. Through his sacrifice of perfect love and obedience to the Father he brings a new humanity into being which is now called and invited to recognise in its new dignity. The other readings today bring out something more of the uniqueness of Jesus and his importance for believers. Peter proclaims that the healing of the cripple had come about through the name of Jesus Christ and that 'by this name alone is this man able to stand up perfectly healthy in your presence'. John, in today's second reading, points out that through faith in what Jesus has achieved 'we are already the children of God'.

It is not surprising that in the light of these messages of God's word, this Sunday is called Vocations Sunday. In whatever call of life we find ourselves we are invited to live with full Christian dignity and purpose. In these pandemic times our love and concern for each other should be motivated with Gospel values.

My the Lord keep us calm and faithful as we journey out of the pandemic period.

Father Tony

A Prayer for Vocations Sunday. 'Loving Father, you call us by name. As we journey through life help us to be confident in our own unique identity and to find opportunities to develop our own gifts and passions. We pray that the Holy Spirit will pour on us wisdom and guidance to help us realise and follow our dreams, discerning your plan for our lives. Bless your Church by raising up dedicated and generous people from our families and friends who will serve as Priests, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers. May we support one another in response to God's call. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.'

Today we have the annual Second Collection for the **Clergy Training Fund**. Prayer cards and Gift Aid envelopes are available from the back of the church.

Sunday Mass at St Teresa's has restarted.

To book a place, please email:
CharlburyMass@gmail.com

NEXT WEEK

Monday 26 April
Weekday of Easter
Mass 9.30am
Tuesday 27 April
Weekday of Easter
Mass 9.30am
Wednesday 28 April
Weekday of Easter
Mass 7pm
Thursday 29 April
St Catherine of Siena
Mass 9.30am
Friday 30 April
St Pius V, Pope
Mass 9.30am
Saturday 1 May
St Joseph the Worker
St Adalbert
No Mass today
Sunday 2 May
5th Sunday of Easter
Mass 9.15am
Please Book

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

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