



# ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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RADFORD, RAMSDEN, STEEPLE ASTON and STONESFIELD

SUNDAY 2 MAY 2021  
Sunday Readings: Year B

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday we recalled the powerful image that Jesus gave of himself as the Good Shepherd. He is indeed the true Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. Today's Gospel presents us with another symbol that Jesus proclaims of himself in the setting of the Last Supper. Following his institution of the Eucharist over the bread and wine, he tells his disciples, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-dresser.... I am the vine, you are the branches'. What a great challenge but also profound honour is behind these words since it speaks of a deep and intimate union that exists between Jesus and those who would be his followers. The Old Testament had often used the imagery of the vineyard and the vine to bring out the special relationship that existed between God and his people. Now Jesus makes use of the same imagery as he brings into being a new reality, the Church which is his Body and his chosen vehicle for the salvation of the world. We became part of that new vineyard through our Baptism, the fundamental Sacrament of faith.

In today's second reading St. John reminds us that 'our love is not be just words or mere talk, but something real and active'. To be an authentic Christian in any age of history involves a constant return to the original Gospel call to believe that Jesus is truly the Son of God and to love one another as he told us to.

Let us be constant and firm in our prayer and love for all who at home or abroad are severely suffering the ravages of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Father Tony.

**The Pope's Prayer Intention for May.** The World of Finance. Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers. This is the normal petition for May but please see below.

**'Marathon' of Prayer.** With the dire pandemic situation in so many areas of the world, the Holy Father has requested a 'marathon' of prayer linked to the different international Marian Shrines. A biblical quotation from the Acts of the Apostles underlies the initiative: **"Prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God"** (Acts 12:5).

Some information has already been sent online to parishioners on this but more up to date material is also being sent. In addition there will be a list of these international shrines and the specific prayer intention for each shrine for the different days of the month of May. Unfortunately, news of this came very late for England where the Walsingham Shrine was given May 1st as their day with

The intention of 'Prayer for all who have died'. Hopefully, on a personal level, we will be able to choose another day for this intention.

**Wednesday Mass at St. Teresa's – change of time:** Please note that the Wednesday Mass at St. Teresa's will now be at 9.30am with a Holy Hour in the evening from 6-7pm.

Sunday Mass at St Teresa's has restarted.

To book a place, please email:  
[CharlburyMass@gmail.com](mailto:CharlburyMass@gmail.com)

### NEXT WEEK

**Monday 3 May**  
Ss. Phillip and James  
Mass 9.30am  
**Tuesday 4 May**  
The English Martyrs  
Mass 9.30am  
**Wednesday 5 May**  
Weekday of Easter  
Mass 9.30am  
Holy Hour 6-7pm  
**Thursday 6 May**  
Weekday of Easter  
Mass 9.30am  
**Friday 7 May**  
Weekday of Easter  
Mass 9.30am  
**Saturday 8 May**  
Weekday of Easter  
No Mass today  
**Sunday 9 May**  
6th Sunday of Easter  
Mass 9.15am  
Please Book

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

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