



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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

SUNDAY 18 JULY 2021
Sunday Readings: Year B

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Divine Office Week IV

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

All welcome at all Masses

Dear Parishioners,

How grateful we are for this current spell of bright, warm sunshine. It makes the word 'summer' take on its full meaning and invites us to go outside and enjoy what we can of it. 'Light' and 'life' seem to go naturally together and also seem to express something deeper in our life of faith.

NEXT WEEK

Monday 19 July
Weekday of Ordinary Time
Mass 9.30am

Tuesday 20 July
Weekday of Ordinary Time
Mass 9.30am

Wednesday 21 July
Weekday of Ordinary Time
Mass 9.30am
Holy Hour 6-7pm

Thursday 22 July
St Mary Magdalene
Mass 9.30am

Friday 23 July
St Bridget,
Mass 9.30am
Followed by Exposition

Saturday 24 July
Weekday of Ordinary Time
No Mass today

Sunday 25 July
17th Sunday or Ordinary
Time
Parish Mass 9.15am
ALL WELCOME

There is a long traditional Christian devotion which gives some faith symbolism to the some of the months of the year... May is the 'month of Mary', June that of the 'Sacred Heart of Jesus', and so on. July, where we are now, is often honoured as the month of the 'Precious Blood of Jesus'. An important element in Old Testament ritual was the blood sacrifice of specific animals precisely as a recognition that all life ultimately came from God and was symbolically being offered back to him. The shedding of the blood of Jesus is to be understood against this background. So it is that in today's second Reading, St. Paul can speak of the 'blood of Christ' as being the efficacious instrument for bringing the Jews and Gentiles together in unity. However, it is not only the death of Jesus which is the source of that unity but the activity of his whole life from birth right through to his saving death and glorious resurrection. Today's Gospel extract from Mark is a good example of the self-giving of Jesus in his public ministry. 'He took pity on them (the crowd) because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.' The apostles first, then all subsequent followers of Jesus, must ever strive to learn and live the same message of love and compassion each according to their ability. Let us try to find some reflective moments as this month unfolds to contemplate the rich resonances of the 'Precious Blood of Jesus'.

Father Tony

There will be a voluntary Second Collection today at Holy Trinity for the charity:
Medecins sans Frontieres

Next Sunday, 25th July, will be the inaugural **Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly**. A text of Pope Francis will be available next week which we hope you can take to the housebound elderly that you may be aware of.

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

School Holidays. With our schools now closing for the summer holiday break, we take the opportunity of thanking all who have been involved in any way with the running of our schools and the valiant efforts they have made over this pandemic time. May they and all the children and their families enjoy well-deserved time of rest and relaxation.

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

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