



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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RADFORD, RAMSDEN, STEEPLE ASTON and STONESFIELD

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER 2021
Sunday Readings: Year B

28TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Divine Office Week IV

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

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

As the program of vaccination continues I am sure that we are gaining in confidence and with the hope that our lives will start returning to some form of normality. Care and caution are still key words.

Two Church events are being observed this weekend (Saturday). October 9th is the Feast Day of Saint John Henry Newman, Founder of the Birmingham Oratory. A convert to Catholicism, he was one of the pivotal Church figures in the 19th century which much incisive writing in his theological publications. The title of one of his articles, published in 1859, is 'On Consulting the Faithful in Matters of Doctrine'. Basically, he brings out the fact each baptised person has some part to play in the on-going life of the Church. Many of his religious insights came to form part of the immense input that the Church profited from at the Second Vatican Council.

The second event took place this Saturday morning at the Vatican when Pope Francis led a meditation to open the process of a new **Church Synod** (a formal gathering of Bishops and others). The Theme is a very important one: **'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission'**. A fundamental requirement in this process is the action of the Holy Spirit without whose grace and guidance the process would become meaningless. 'Communion' and 'Mission' make a direct reference to the very essence and nature of the Church: She is called to bring into being a new humanity, redeemed in Christ, and sent out through all times and places to bring this about. 'Participation' in this context is the sharing of each baptised person, in ways little or great, so that they can feel and acknowledge themselves as being personally involved. In all of this personal and communal prayer is vital.

Next Sunday, each diocese throughout the world will begin with its own local and regional plans for the unfolding of the Synod. Archbishop Bernard will be sending out a Pastoral Letter to all parishes on the subject.

A Synod prayer will be available for us soon. God bless.

Father Tony

Prisons Week is being observed this week from Sunday till next Saturday. The aim is to encourage prayer and awareness of the needs of prisoners and their families, victims of offenders, prisons staff, and all those who are. There will be a Voluntary Second Collection today for PACT which helps the Church's work in this area.

National Novena to St John Paul II. Ahead of the Assisted Dying Bill which is due to receive its Second Reading, with full debate, on Friday 22nd October, there will be a National Novena seeking the intercession of S. John Paul II, on whose Feast that Second Reading takes place. It will run from 13 – 22 October. The following Prayer has been offered:

'Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.' *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...*

All welcome at all Masses

Tea and coffee is served after Sunday Mass in the church garden (weather permitting) – all welcome.

NEXT WEEK

Monday 11 October
St John XXIII, Pope
Mass 9.30am
Tuesday 12 October
St Wilfred, Bishop
Mass 9.30am
Wednesday 13 October
St Edward the Confessor
Mass 9.30am
Holy hour 6-7pm
Thursday 14 October
St Callistus I, Pope, Martyr
Mass 9.30am
Friday 15 October
St Teresa of Jesus Virgin
Mass 9.30am
Followed by Exposition
Saturday 16 October
Weekday of Ordinary Time
No Mass today
Sunday 17 October
29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Parish Mass 9.15am
ALL WELCOME

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

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