



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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

SUNDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2021
Sunday Readings: Year B

32ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
Divine Office Week IV

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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

The rapidly changing leaf colours and the chill winds are really letting us know that we are now heading into winter. Let us hope for a little bit of warmth before the cold becomes more permanent!

This Sunday's readings from Scripture provide us with plenty to think and pray about. As usual, the first reading is chosen as a preparation for the Gospel and a poor widow is a central figure in both accounts. Widows in the Old Testament times were often viewed as among the most unfortunate members of society. The prophet Elijah, much against his will, feels compelled to go to Zarephath, a pagan town. A severe famine has gripped the land and he encounters a poor widow who is preparing a final meal for herself and her son. Death seems inevitable for them but Elijah begs a little water and a morsel of bread for himself. She concedes to his request and is rewarded with an ongoing supply of what she needs to bring them through the famine.

The widow of our Gospel story is in similar straights. From the pittance she has, she is prepared to give all to make her offering at the temple treasury. What a contrast with the scribes and other well-off individuals of her day. But Jesus has noticed and makes her a vivid example for his disciples to reflect on: 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more money in than all who have contributed to the treasury...all she had to live on'.

The extract from the Letter to the Hebrews (2nd reading), is a challenging reminder that Jesus, through his loving sacrifice on the Cross, has redeemed humanity. It is a great summons to humility when we acknowledge through faith that we have a real share in that very same sacrifice whenever we celebrate the Eucharist.

Let us be ever grateful for the faith we have been blest with, the hope it nourishes within us, and the love we are called to exercise in His name.

With prayerful wishes,

Father Tony

There will be a **Second Collection** today for the **Johnson Association**. This is the name of the Fund in our archdiocese which was set up to care for the needs of the sick and elderly clergy.

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Intention for November: 'We pray for all who suffer through overwork and work-related stress which cause many people to experience extreme exhaustion – mental, emotional, affective, and physical exhaustion.'

Walsingham Shrine. The Director of the National Shrine of Our Lady, Monsignor Philip Moger, has sent an online bulletin for November with articles and news of the Shrine. This can be viewed online at shrine@walsingham.org.uk

ACN DINNER: Our ACN fundraising parish supper of Thanksgiving FRIDAY 19 NOV 2021, 6pm Charlbury Mem-orial Hall. I'd be grateful if you could leave your completed forms plus any cheques in the (shoe) box at the back of the Church by next weekend. There's also a large green bag for donations for the raffle. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the church if you can't join us but want to make a donation. Thank you for your continuing support for ACN. Suze

All welcome at all Masses

NEXT WEEK

Monday 8 November
Weekday of Ordinary Time
MASS 9.30am
Tuesday 9 November
The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica
MASS 7.00pm
Wednesday 10 November
St Leo the Great
MASS 9.30am
HOLY HOUR 6pm
Thursday 11 November
St Martin of Tours
MASS 9.30am
Friday 12 November
St Josaphat, Bp, Martyr
MASS 9.30am
Followed by Exposition
Saturday 13 November
Weekday of Ordinary Time
No Mass today
Sunday 14 November
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Parish Mass 9.15am
ALL WELCOME

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