



# ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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

SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER 2021  
Sunday Readings: Year C

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
Divine Office Week IV

All welcome at all Masses  
Please wear a face mask  
(unless exempt).

## NEXT WEEK

Monday 20 December

Weekday of Advent

MASS 9.30am

Tuesday 21 December

Weekday of Advent

Mass 9.30am

Wednesday 22 December

Weekday of Advent

MASS 9.30am

Thursday 23 December

Weekday of Advent

MASS 9.30am

Friday 24 December

Christmas Eve

Mass 9.15 (no benediction)

MASS of Christmas Night

8pm

Saturday 25 December

Christmas Day

MASS of Christmas Day

9.15am

Sunday 26 December

Holy Family

Parish Mass 9.15am

ALL WELCOME

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

SAFEGUARDING: If you ever  
have any concerns regarding  
safeguarding please contact  
our Safeguarding Rep  
Sharnalee Foster on 01608  
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Please pray for the sick and the housebound of the parish: Paula Biggs, George Huxley,  
Johanna, Hugh P

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners,

Over and above the great commotion that the Omicron variant is bringing us, let us turn our hearts and minds to the higher realm of grace and strength which these closing days of Advent put before us. The great and long-distant call of the prophet Micah is put before us: 'You, Bethlehem, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born the one who is to reign over Israel.' With deep gratitude we acknowledge that the promise comes to fulfilment in the humble maiden of Nazareth. Mary, at the angelic salutation, opens her life to God's holy will that she should become Mother of our Saviour. In the Gospel today she exercises great love and charity for her cousin, Elizabeth, who is also with child. The scene of the Visitation is rich in hope and meaning for us as Elizabeth acknowledges the faith at work in Mary: 'Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

In these last days of Advent let us petition Mary to assist us with her powerful prayer as we make our own personal spiritual preparation of heart and mind to celebrate the full inner meaning of the Christmas Feast. In charity also let us bring all the world to the Lord at this Pandemic time that there may be found a healing solution for suffering humanity.

Father Tony

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, as leader of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has echoed the call of many in encouraging people to take up the invitation for Covid vaccinations and boosters when offered by the NHS. The call 'Get vaccinated, Get boosted' is more and more pressing with the rapid spread of the Omicron variant.

Diocesan events for Advent, Christmas, and the New Year ahead, can be found on the diocesan website.

Father Clive and Father Tony extend to all parishioners our fervent good wishes for a Blessed and Holy Christmas

The traditional Christmas Offerings for the Clergy will be taken at Christmas Masses or in other ways convenient for parishioners.

No Holy Hour on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> in St. Teresa's

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: We are looking for volunteers to help decorate the church after the 9.15am Mass on Friday morning. Contact Fr Clive.

### St Teresa's Christmas Services:

Mass of Christmas Night: 8pm, 24<sup>th</sup> December. We will start with carols outside before going into the church for Mass.

Mass of Christmas Day: 9.15am 25<sup>th</sup> December

All Welcome at both Masses. Please wear masks (unless exempt).

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