



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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SUNDAY 1 MAY 2022
Sunday Readings: Year C

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Third Sunday of Easter

Dear Parishioners, Our Sunday readings this week are once again rich with further testimonies of the Resurrection of Jesus. The Gospel in particular is an invitation to enter the scene at the lake of Tiberias where Peter and some of the other apostles have set out on an overnight fishing trip. Try as they might their efforts are fruitless until what seems a stranger shouts from the shore calls aloud from the shore to throw our their nets on the starboard side. They are amazed at the huge catch and in the light of it John, the beloved disciple, recognises that it is the Lord. Through their sharing in the breakfast of bread and fishes they are once again fully confirmed in the bodily resurrection of Jesus. Jesus uses the opportunity to single out Peter as the leader of the group who will lead the infant Church to go forth and proclaim the Good News to the world. The Church sees in this and other Gospel accounts the choice of Peter as the first official leader of the Church in what will later be known as the 'Petrine Office' which has been passed down the years through the ministry of the Popes. In a very touching manner Jesus asks Peter three times: 'Do you love me.' It may naturally bring to mind the threefold denial by Peter at the time of the arrest of Jesus but it also has a quasi legal structure about it in regard to Peter's leadership. We see Peter exercising this role in the first reading today when the apostles are arraigned before the Sanhedrin, the official Jewish religious court at Jerusalem: 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men.....We are witnesses of all this, we and the Holy Spirit.' With a full Easter faith we are invited to make our very own the hymn of praise to Jesus, the Lamb that slain, and is now in glory which the second reading proclaims.

In the light of our Easter faith let us continue to petition the risen Lord for his divine help in the great problems that are afflicting humanity at the present moment.

Father Tony

The Pope's Prayer Intention for May: *For faith-filled young people.*

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Faith inspiring Feast days this week:

Monday **St. Athanasius**, Bishop of Alexandria. Champion at the Council of Nicaea where he defended the true humanity and divinity of Jesus against the Arian heresy that denied the full divinity.

Tuesday **Feast of SS. Philip and James** personally appointed by Jesus to be among the Twelve Apostles.

Wednesday **Feast of the English Martyrs**. Commemorating the many men and women who suffered for the Faith in England between 1535 and 1680 and have subsequently been recognised by the Church. They bore heroic witness to the Faith and fervent love for the Church, the Mass and the Sacraments.

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is meeting in Cardiff this week from 2 – 6 May. It is their first full Plenary Meeting in Wales since November 2004. Please keep them in prayer as they deliberate various issues of importance for the Catholic community of both countries.

All welcome at all Masses

NEXT WEEK

Monday 2 May

St Athanasius

No Mass today

Tuesday 3 May

Ss Philip and James,
apostles

Mass 9.30

Wednesday 4 May

The English Martyrs

Mass 9.30

Holy Hour 6pm

Thursday 5 May

Weekday of Easter

Mass 9.30

Friday 6 May

Weekday of Easter

Mass 9.30

Followed by Benediction
and Exposition

Saturday 7 May

St Matthias, apostle

No Mass today

Sunday 8 May

4th Sunday of Easter

Mass 9.15am

ALL WELCOME

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