



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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

SUNDAY 17 JULY 2022
Sunday Readings: Year C

16TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Having welcomed the sunny weather last weekend I now find myself joining the very important national warnings with regard to the red alert for these next few days. Let all of us pay full attention and observe the precautions that are being announced as well as bringing the situation before the Lord in prayer.

This week St. Luke gives us the interesting story of the visit by Jesus to the home of the sisters Martha and Mary. We know from the Gospel of St. John that they were friends of Jesus along with their brother, Lazarus. Luke brings a very familiar scene to mind as he portrays a very busy Martha who is doing the housework and no doubt preparing something for Jesus to eat. Mary, however, is quite content to just sit and listen to what Jesus has to say. We can well understand Martha's frustration as she asks Jesus to get Mary to give her a hand. 'Martha, Martha, you worry and fret about so many things...Mary has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her'. Luke tells the story not to emphasise the differences between action and stillness but to focus and highlight the importance of what Jesus has to say: He has to announce and proclaim the coming of the kingdom of God. Our first reading is also a scene of hospitality and welcome as Abraham invites his mysterious visitors to freshly prepared food and drink. We already know him as a man of prayer who 'conversed with God'. God assures him through his messengers that Sarah, his wife, will bear him a son. It is the long-awaited fulfilment of a promise. A genuine Christian life must have some balance in it between openness to God in personal prayer and a generous service to others in word and deed.

Father Tony

The Sower. We advertise again the availability of the latest edition of the free diocesan magazine. Perhaps you know of housebound fellow parishioners who would enjoy a read.

Carmelite Encounter. The friars are putting on a week-end Experience for people aged 25 -35 at their Priory in Boars Hill, Oxford OX1 5HB. Start date 29th July at 5.00pm and end 31st July at 2.00pm. For more information contact kate.preston@caremelites.org.uk or call 07933765367

School Summer holidays. A few days now before the school closes for a well-earned summer break. Mass on Wednesday at Holy Trinity Church is at 9.15am and the leavers from year 6 will take a leading part. Parents and others welcome.

Farewell Tea Party for Louise Littledale, Sunday 14 August, 3pm April Cottage, The Cross, Stonesfield OX298PT.

There's a farewell tea party at April Cottage, Stonesfield on Sunday 14 August at 3pm so we may say farewell, thank you and Godspeed to Louise who has been such an important part of our parish for so many years. Suze will supply all the beverages, hot and cold, but would appreciate donations of sandwiches, cakes scones etc. Please let Suze know if you are coming: phone 01993 891720 or email suemathews1066@btinternet.com, and let Suze know what you are bringing. Children very welcome. Parking is awful in Stonesfield, so I suggest you share transport. There will also be a collection for ACN and our Haitian seminarians.

Tuesday 19th July is the **Silver Jubilee of Fr Martin Flatman's Ordination** which he will celebrate in St Teresa's.

All welcome at all Masses

NEXT WEEK

Monday 18 July
Weekday of Ordinary Time
Mass 9.30

Tuesday 19 July
Weekday of Ordinary Time
Mass 9.30

Wednesday 20 July
Weekday of Ordinary Time
Mass 9.30

Thursday 21 July
Weekday of Ordinary Time
Mass 9.30

Friday 22 July
St Mary Magdalene
Mass 9.30

Followed by Benediction
and Exposition

Saturday 23 July
St Brigid

Sunday 24 July
17th Sunday of Ordinary
Time

Mass 9.15am
ALL WELCOME

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

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