



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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

SUNDAY 24 JULY 2022
Sunday Readings: Year C

17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis expresses in a message for today that “this is an opportunity to proclaim once more, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with all those whom the Lord – in the words of the Bible – has ‘filled with days’. Let us celebrate together! I ask you to make this Day known in your parishes and communities; to seek out those elderly persons who feel most alone, at home or in residences where they live. Let us make sure that no one feels alone on this day. Visiting the elderly who live alone is a work of mercy in our time!”

Dear Parishioners, the above request of Pope Francis is an example of how the Church is continually called to exercise prayer since it is a fundamental reason why she exists. In this instance we are referring to the prayer of petition through which we make some request of God. The prayer of Abraham in the first reading for this Sunday is this type of prayer. An old definition of prayer gives a wider context: ‘Prayer is the raising of the heart and mind to God in recognition of his being the sovereign Lord of all things.’ The apostles and close followers of Jesus could not fail to notice how much time he gave to prayer and how it gave him the energy and strength to proclaim the Good News. No surprise then that they too wanted something of the power of prayer: ‘Lord, teach us how to pray’. He gives them the ‘Our Father’, often referred to as ‘the Lord’s prayer’. It is a very rich and instructive form of prayer that begins with honour to the Father and his name. It goes on to ask that God’s kingdom be established and his holy will be lived in our world. Then there is a move to asking for our needs, including the grace to forgive others, assistance and help at time of temptation, and to be kept safe when evils threaten us. Jesus follows with other important aspects of prayer. There is a great need of persistence and patience and a recognition that we have been graced with the Holy Spirit to assist us. All genuine prayer is answered but in ways often unknown to us and this is rooted in the truth that God is our heavenly Father.

Let us humbly ask the Lord to deepen our need and understanding of the call to prayer; it is the route to discover and grow in the appreciation of God’s great personal love for each one of us.

Father Tony

Seeking Our Hearts’ Desire. This is an initial reflection by the Bishops of England and Wales to the Synodal National Synthesis which was published a month ago. The Bishops’ Reflection and the original Synthesis can be downloaded from the website.

Ordinations. Please keep in your prayers the two young men who were ordained as priests for our diocese at St. Chad’s Cathedral, Birmingham, yesterday 23rd July. We also request ongoing prayer for the need of future vocations for our archdiocese.

Farewell Tea Party for Louise Littledale, Sunday 14 August, 3pm April Cottage, The Cross, Stonesfield OX298PT. To say farewell 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. Donations of sandwiches, cakes scones welcome. Please reply to Suze phone 01993 891720 or email suemathews1066@btinternet.com, and let Suze know what you are bringing. Children very welcome. There will also be a collection for ACN and our Haitian seminarians.

All welcome at all Masses

NEXT WEEK

Monday 25 July

St. James, apostle

Mass 9.30

Tuesday 26 July

Ss Joachim and Ann

Mass 9.30

Wednesday 27 July

Weekday of Ordinary

Time

Mass 9.30

Thursday 28 July

Weekday of Ordinary

Time

Mass 9.30

Friday 29 July

St Martha, Mary and

Lazarus

Mass 9.30

Followed by

Benediction and

Exposition

Saturday 30 July

Weekday of Ordinary

Time

No Mass today

Sunday 31 July

18th Sunday of Ordinary

Time

Mass 9.15am

ALL WELCOME

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

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regarding safe-guarding
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Safeguarding Rep**

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