



# ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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

SUNDAY 15 JANUARY 2022  
Sunday Readings: Year A

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Peace Sunday.** Today is designated as a Day of Prayer for Peace throughout the world. It is a call for not just prayer but also for practical assistance in fostering the efforts for peace in our world. The international Catholic Movement for this is entitled 'Pax Christi'. There will a **Second Collection** today to support this work.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** The Annual unity Octave starts on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, and continues till Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January. Churches Together in England and Wales feels guided by the Churches of Minneapolis to explore how the work of Christian unity can contribute to the promotion of racial justice across all levels of society. 2023 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the murder of Stephen Lawrence and the work of restoring hope through justice undertaken in Stephen's memory will continue to inspire and change lives for the better.

As we join with other Christians around the world for the Week of Prayer we pray that our hearts will be open to see and hear the many ways in which racism continues to destroy lives, and to discern the steps we can take as individuals and communities to heal the hurts and build a better future for everyone.

Prayer Cards for **Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI** have been sent to parishes by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Please do take a card from the back of church for yourself and/or your family.

**Message from God's Word for this Sunday's readings at Mass.** We are given a strong reminder that God's call and message is so very often directed to individuals. The Old Testament reading is a powerful statement and promise directed to Isaiah concerning the true servant of the Lord that God will provide for his people. He will be a 'light to the nations' so that God's message of salvation may reach the ends of the earth. In the Gospel John the Baptist, having experienced the descent of the Spirit upon Jesus, is the messenger to point out Jesus as the Chosen One. The second reading gives us the start of Paul's first letter to the young Christian community at Corinth. He wishes to convince them that he has been appointed by the Lord as a faithful witness to the crucified and risen Jesus.

The testimony of Isaiah, John the Baptist, and St. Paul when viewed through the eyes of faith can and should be a powerful stimulus to each of us as Christians. Baptism was our personal call to strive and bear witness to that same faith which leads to deeper hope and love. Let us humbly petition the Lord in words that the Gospel provides: 'Lord, increase my faith'.

### 'Change at the helm'.

Most parishioners may be aware that I have had a hip operation from which I have thankfully recovered. Now the news has come that I have a further operation for a new left knee and this is scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup>. This seems a very appropriate time to relinquish my formal duties as parish priest and to hand the baton on to Father Clive who is so very qualified to take on the task. I wish to express my deepest and most sincere thanks to all parishioners at Holy Trinity and St. Teresa's for the unstinting support you have given me during my time with you. It is my fervent prayer and hope that you will continue to give the same support to Father Clive. My future plan after the operation and recovery will be to take up residence at the Enstone Road presbytery in Charlbury and to give some support to Father Clive and the two parishes going forward. In the meantime please keep me in your good prayers.

Father Tony

All welcome at all Masses

## NEXT WEEK in St Teresa's

**Monday 16 January**  
Weekday of Ordinary  
Time

MASS 9.30am

**Tuesday 17 January**  
St Anthony, abbot

MASS 9.30am

**Wednesday 18 January**  
Weekday of Ordinary  
Time

MASS 9.30am

*With Benediction and  
Exposition*

**Thursday 19 January**  
Weekday of Ordinary  
Time

MASS 9.30am

**Friday 20 January**  
Weekday of Ordinary  
Time

MASS 9.30am

Saturday 21 January  
St Agnes

*No Mass today*

**Sunday 22 January**  
3rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

PARISH MASS 9.15am

**ALL WELCOME**

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

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ever have any concerns  
regarding safe-guarding  
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