



ST TERESA'S CHARLBURY

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

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY 2022
Sunday Readings: Year A

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today there is a **Pastoral Letter** from the Archbishop and we hope to send it online to parishioners at Holy Trinity and St. Teresa's.

Dear Parishioners, Today's Sunday readings provide us with a lovely reflection on the nature of the Church as being brought into existence by Jesus and showing four particular characteristics that point to her identity. These are sometimes called the 'marks' of the Church which point to her authenticity: the Church is one, holy, catholic and apostolic. A very brief word on each.

The Church is 'one' because it is founded by Jesus, the one Saviour and Lord. St. Paul makes this clear in his writing to the Corinthians.

The Church is 'holy' because all her members are 'baptised in Christ' and called to live a life of holiness and goodness.

The Church is 'catholic' because the Good News that Jesus brings is directed to the whole of humanity. St. Matthew brings this out by showing how Jesus starts his public ministry among the Gentiles of the northern territory of Galilee.

The Church is 'apostolic' because Jesus personally chooses the apostles as the original foundation of the Church which he commissioned to go out into time and space to proclaim the same message of God's love and salvation to all nations.

The dignity we have as Christians ultimately stems from our baptismal faith. Let us humbly pray for a strengthening of this faith so that we may truly grow in Christian hope and love.

Father Tony.

The Christian Unity Octave continues till Wednesday, 25th January, this week which is the Feast of The Conversion of St. Paul.

A Service of **Ecumenical Vespers** to honour the life of Pope Benedict XVI is being held in Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday next, 24th January, at 5.00pm. Lord Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, will give an address. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishop of London will attend as well as other dignitaries and interfaith representatives.

Next Sunday, 29th January, is **World Leprosy Day**. There will be a **Second Collection** for the work of Lepara, an international charity, founded in 1924, to beat leprosy. The condition is still very much present in different parts of the world and your support would be much appreciated.

All welcome at all Masses

NEXT WEEK in St Teresa's

Monday 23 January
Weekday of Ordinary
Time

MASS 9.30am

Tuesday 24 January
St Francis de Sales

MASS 9.30am

Wednesday 25 January
Conversion of St Paul

MASS 9.30am

**With Benediction and
Exposition**

Thursday 26 January
Ss Timothy and Titus

MASS 9.30am

Friday 27 January
Weekday of Ordinary
Time

MASS 9.30am

Saturday 28 January

St Thomas Aquinas

No Mass today

Sunday 29 January
4th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

PARISH MASS 9.15am

ALL WELCOME

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