

# ST TERESA'S



# CHARLBURY

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November 16, 2025 Year C

33rd Sunday of the year

Mass: St Teresa's Charlbury.

Wednesday, Friday

9.15am

Holy Trinity Chipping Norton Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9.15am

Confessions: after weekday mass or please contact Fr Clive

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the parish, particularly Hilda and Joanna, Monsignor Vaughan as well as those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace.

**November** is the Month dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory .

Dear Friends

The " Second Temple" was built to replace Solomon's Temple, destroyed by the Babylonians in the 6th century BC and partially rebuilt and it was enhanced hugely by Herod the Great. It was a massive structure, designed to impress, and a sort of " vanity project" for Herod. 36 acres in total, its highest point was approx 150 ft and gold plates adorned the frontage, to dazzle the hundreds of thousands of pilgrims who made their way three times a year for the great feasts. White marble gave the visitors the impression from afar that snow had landed on its magnificent tops.

Against this religious " Mar-A-Lago", the epicentre of Jewish life, Jesus predicted that:

" the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

This must have sounded like the delusional ravings of a madman, but within a generation that prophecy was fulfilled when the Roman forces laid siege to Jerusalem, massacred 600,000+ according to Tacitus, and set fire to the Temple. The gold and silver adorning the building melted into the massive stones so the Romans dismantled the whole edifice. To this day only the Western( " Wailing") wall is left standing.

Again and again, Jesus tries to make his disciples understand that nothing in this passing life is permanent, even the things and people we love, whom God has given us for comfort and consolation. Only One is eternal, only One is forever, our Heavenly Father. As St John writes:

" Jesus said to His disciples:

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'Do not let your Hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me....

I am going now to prepare a place for you...

Thomas said' Lord, we do not know where you are going so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said:' I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me."

May we cherish these words of comfort in the face of sadness and suffering, and may they be a consolation and a hope. In this grey month of November, may they bring light for our paths and joy for our hearts.

**TODAY IS SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY.** In St Teresa's we have Sharnalee Foster, and in Holy Trinity it is Tammy Lawson as safeguarding reps. A really big "thank you" to both for taking on this vital role.

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY** is an awareness-raising campaign organised by the Christian Safeguarding Charity, Thirtyone:eight, and fully endorsed by the Archdiocese. At the 9.15am Mass, we will be praying for all those who have been abused, and in doing so, will be joining thousands of other churches across the UK to demonstrate unity, and share the belief that safeguarding is an outworking of our faith in a loving and just God - the God who calls us to speak up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves and to defend the rights of the vulnerable (Proverbs 31:8). Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we all need to play our part in keeping people safe.

Together let us pray for Healing & Reconciliation:

Praise to you, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the source of all consolation and hope.

Be the refuge of all who suffer from abuse and violence.

Comfort them and send healing for their wounds of the body, soul and spirit.

Help us all and make us one with you in your love for justice,

as we deepen our respect for the dignity of every human life.

Giver of peace, make us one in celebrating your praise, both now and forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Masses/Rosary/ Classes as usual.

Reminder: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> this week is RED WEDNESDAY when we celebrate and support the great work of Aid to the Church in Need as they seek to protect the most persecuted of groups in the world...Christians.

Please come to St Teresa's for the 9.15 am Mass wearing RED! We won't have Adoration/ Benediction after Mass as usual on this Wednesday as people may want to chat about the wonderful work being done by ACN throughout the world.

Next Sunday is the final one of this liturgical year: Christus Rex. Christ the King.

God bless everyone.

Fr Clive

Mary Prior and I are thinking about starting a Rosary Confraternity. If you are interested could you let Mary or me know

## PARISH NOTICES:

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)** – please look at the **St Teresa's** website for further information about the latest appeal and update from the Vatican regarding Haiti. Please keep Haiti in your prayers where the situation continues to worsen, they too have been affected by Hurricane Melissa. ACN has released its annual report on persecuted Christians globally, it makes for sobering reading. <https://acnuk.org/RFR-2025>

## ACN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**ACN Xmas Cards:** From 2 November for 4 weeks Suze will be selling ACN Xmas cards, Advent Calendars and some gifts (made in Ukraine, Syria, the Holy Land. All income from our Xmas card sales will go towards supporting our 'twin' in Haiti: the Seminary of St Therese.



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## **ACN RED WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2025 - HOLY MASS at ST TERESA'S 0915am**

Every year ACN highlights the worldwide persecution of Christians by encouraging us to wear red - the colour of martyrs - on Red Wednesday. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, St Teresa's are making a special effort to show our support ACN and their work; so please, if you can, come to Holy Mass on Wednesday 19 November at 0915 and wear red.

**Hosting Fr Tony.** There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church to host Fr Tony for lunch – this does not need to be at your home, it could be somewhere local. Please consider whether you can host Fr Tony and sign up!

**Marriage Support;** Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues. [www.retrouville.org.uk](http://www.retrouville.org.uk)

Tel 07787 296983.

**Gaudete Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December Carol Service. 3.30pm followed by a party**

New members of the choir welcome. Contact Alison ([alison@wychwoodtigger.com](mailto:alison@wychwoodtigger.com)) for further details and the date of this weeks rehearsal.

**Parish Finance :** bank account details are as follows if you would like to set up a standing order: Please advise Nick Paines ([ga.stteresaoflisieux.charlbury@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ga.stteresaoflisieux.charlbury@rcaob.org.uk)) so he can claim the gift aid if applicable .

NatWest bank – sort code 55-81-35

a/c number 07048211

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## **SUNDAY COFFEE/TEA URGENT HELP NEEDED**

volunteers needed to help with Tea & Coffee after Mass. The more helpers we have, the easier it will be. We hope to get a rota together, with people working in pairs. Everything is provided, apart from the milk, so it is very straightforward. Your help would be hugely appreciated. For further information, please see Sharnalee after Mass, or email her at [sharnaleefoster@gmail.com](mailto:sharnaleefoster@gmail.com).

The Parish operates in accordance with **Statutory Safeguarding Guidance** and the National and Archdiocese policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Sharnalee Foster. She can be contacted

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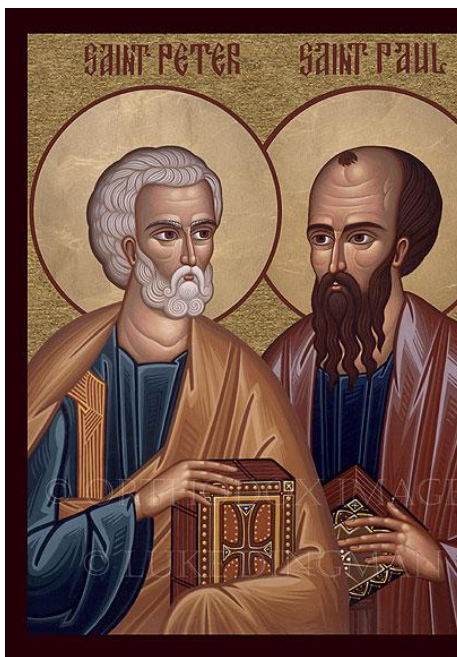
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at [sg.stteresaoflisieux.charlbury@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stteresaoflisieux.charlbury@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns."

# Monday 17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER MONTHLY NATIONAL DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR LIFE

*A great prayer for Life is urgently needed. St. John Paul II*



**17<sup>th</sup> November Vigil of the  
Dedication of the Basilica of  
SS. Peter & Paul**

## **Join us in Prayer and Fasting:**

### **Fasting**

**Fast from all food except bread and water  
for the day**

Or

Fast from a particular food or luxury, e.g. chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, TV.

Fast from whatever you can given your state of health etc, but make sure it is something that involves a sacrifice to yourself.

### **Prayer**

**We are asking people to say a Rosary (or  
an extra Rosary if you say it daily already).**

You could also offer an extra effort such as going to Mass (or an extra Mass) on the day, or going to Adoration. You can even pray before a closed tabernacle if Adoration is not available near you.

*And He said to them; This kind (of demon) can go out by nothing, but by  
prayer and fasting. (Gospel of Mark 9:29)*

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November please pray and fast for the end  
of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is  
urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and  
Fasting see,

**GoodCounselNetwork.com**

***And the people of Ninevah believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put  
on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least...God saw their efforts to  
renounce their evil ways. And God relented about the disaster which He  
had threatened to bring on them, and He did not bring it. (Jonah 3:5,10)***

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