

ST TERESA'S, CHARLBURY

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COMBE, DUNS TEW, ENSTONE, GAGINGWELL, GLYMPTON,

MIDDLE BARTON, RADFORD, RAMSDEN, STEEPLE ASTON and STONESFIELD

Sunday 5th April 2026 - EASTER SUNDAY.

Year A

Parish Masses:

St Teresa's, Charlbury Holy Trinity, Chipping Norton

Sunday 9.15am 11am

Monday, Tuesday 9.15 am

Wednesday 9.15am

No rosary this week or masses Thursday or Friday

Confessions: after weekday Mass or please contact Fr Clive

Please pray for the sick and housebound of the parish, particularly Hilda. If anyone is sick and needs support please let Fr Clive know. Remember in your prayers those who have passed away recently as well as those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace.

Dear Friends,

This time last week we began Holy Week, the Great Week as it is called in the East, the pinnacle of the Christian year. Palm (or Passion) Sunday starts the journey of Christ to Jerusalem, then to the Upper Room for the Last Supper on Thursday, to Calvary and the agony of the Cross on Friday, and then on Holy Saturday....Silence. Christ descends to the shades of gloom, not as a bound and beaten soul, but as the Victor over Sin and Death.

In an ancient homily for Holy Saturday we read:

" What is happening? Today there is a great silence over the earth, a great silence, and stillness, a great silence because the King sleeps"

But this silence does not last:

" Truly He goes to seek out our first parent like a lost sheep...He goes to free the prisoner Adam and his fellow prisoner Eve from their pains, He who is God and Adam's Son. " As St Paul writes of this encounter:

"Awake O sleeper and rise from the dead, and Christ your light will shine upon you."

Now we see the dynamic and life giving Christ, no longer the sacrificial Lamb but the Lion of Judah, trampling the Devil and his empty show.

The end of Holy Week is not Good Friday, it is Easter, the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. On Easter Sunday and through the Octave(eight days) of the Easter season we hear the beautiful 11 th century hymn which we call "The Sequence" (Victimae paschali laudes)This is one verse:

"Say, o wondering Mary, say

What thou sawest on thy way.

"I beheld where Christ had lain,

empty tomb and angels Twain

I beheld the glory bright

of the rising Lord of Light;

Christ my hope is risen again;

now he lives and lives to reign."

"Now He lives and lives to reign".

May that be our wish and prayer this Easter for ourselves and all our loved ones. Happy Easter. He is Risen!

Masses this week: Monday/ Tuesday/ Wednesday as usual.

No Mass/ Rosary Thursday/Friday.

My thanks to all our musicians and singers for their efforts in Holy Week and throughout the year, in particular to Richard our organist and Seb our Kappelmeister.

God bless everyone

Fr Clive

PARISH NOTICES:

Aid To The Church In Need (ACN) – please look at the St Teresa’s website for the latest information from ACN. Please keep Haiti in your prayers. Also see the St Teresa’s website for the article 18 information about religious freedom, where ACN are leading.

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH PILGRIMAGE: 7 - 12 SEPTEMBER 2026

OUR NEW PARISH OF THE ASSUMPTION INVITES YOU TO JOIN US ON A PILGRIMAGE TO THE SOUTHERN HEARTLAND OF ENGLAND AND MEET ‘THE SAINTS AND KINGS

WHO MADE US CHRISTIAN'. We will be based in Winchester from where we will explore the rich legacy of churches in Wessex: Malmesbury and Bradford Upon Avon. This is an opportunity for the previous parishes of St Teresa and Holy Trinity to meet and join together in understanding our early faith history. The full programme, costs and full booking information will be available shortly. For further information please email: suzemathews899@btinternet.com. Suze will speak after mass on Sunday.

Lourdes Petitions One of our parishioners, Julie Hart, volunteers at the baths in Lourdes, twice a year. She would like to offer to place a petition at the grotto or to light a candle, on behalf of anyone in the parish, the next time she next goes on pilgrimage, in May. Please contact Julie by emailing her at juliehart1@hotmail.co.uk.

Oxford Pro-Life Visit <https://oxfordprolife.org.uk/> for more info.

Radio Maria is a Catholic voice from speakers who will help you to grow in your faith. Listen at www.RadioMariaEngland.uk on DAB radio, download the free mobile app or ask your smart speaker to " PlayRadio Maria".

Hosting Fr Tony. There is 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 Tel 07787 296983.

Safeguarding 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 at 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 if you have any concerns.

