



## Holy Trinity Catholic Church

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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 – the Second Sunday of Lent**

**Readings: Year A**

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**Dear Friends,**

With Fr. Clive being in Rome during the week, I've been asked to write a bit for this part of the newsletter. Since this Sunday's Gospel is on the Transfiguration, I thought, in this new Leonine pontificate, I would appropriate a section of a sermon by Pope St. Leo the Great in which he expounds the Father's command:

"Hear Him", therefore, unhesitatingly, in Whom I am throughout well pleased, and by Whose preaching I am manifested, by Whose humiliation I am glorified; because He is "the Truth and the Life", He is My "Power and Wisdom". "Hear Him", Whom the mysteries of the Law have foretold, Whom the mouths of Prophets have sung. "Hear Him", Who redeems the world by His blood, Who binds the devil, and carries off his chattels, Who destroys the bond of sin, and the compact of the transgression. "Hear Him", Who opens the way to Heaven, and by the punishment of the Cross prepares for you the steps of ascent to the Kingdom? Why do you tremble at being redeemed? Why do you fear to be healed of your wounds? Let that happen which Christ wills and I will. Cast away all fleshly fear, and arm yourselves with faithful constancy; for it is unworthy that you should fear in the Saviour's Passion what by His good gift you shall not have to fear even at your own end.

**God bless everyone,  
Declan (Newsletter Editor)**

### Parish Notices

**The last Second Collection for Pro-life raised £183.71.**

**Masses/Rosary this week:** Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday (*Stations of the Cross*) 9:15am Mass. Friday, Holy Rosary for Peace 9:15am. **On Wednesday**, Holy Trinity will be open from 7:30-9pm for silent prayer before the tabernacle.

**Look ahead:** 40hrs Devotion for Vocations at St. John's Banbury 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> March. Poster at the back of church.

### Funerals in March:

- ✠ Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, Requiem Mass 11am @ Holy Trinity for *Ann Gross*;
- ✠ Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, Funeral Service 1pm @ St. Mary's, Chipping Norton for *Aidan Hughes*;
- ✠ Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, Requiem Mass 1pm @ Holy Trinity for *Andrew Bradley*;  
*Eternal rest Grant unto them, O Lord.*

### First Communion and Reception classes as usual.

**A notice from Oxford Pro-Life:** We need you. Oxford Pro-Life Community are working to build a living and lively community of people in Oxford that has a real impact in promoting the respect for the inviolable right to life of all human beings. If that sounds exciting to you and you can spare an hour or so a week visit [oxfordprolife.org.uk/volunteer](http://oxfordprolife.org.uk/volunteer).

**Lourdes Petitions** – One of our parishioners, *Julie Hart*, volunteers at the baths in Lourdes, twice a year; a powerful experience for which she is very grateful. She would like to share this privilege by offering 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](mailto:juliehart1@hotmail.co.uk).

### SAVE THE DATE – PARISH PILGRIMAGE – 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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-on-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: [susemathews899@btinternet.com](mailto:susemathews899@btinternet.com).

**In March, let us pray with the Holy Father that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.**

**Join our new WhatsApp Community:** scan the QR below (or use this [link](#) if viewing on your mobile) to receive the latest from the parish as well as chat with fellow worshippers. It's currently a work-in-progress, but we hope to flesh it out in time.

**Please continue to pray for our sick, housebound and frail parishioners of both our Parishes. In addition to your own daily prayers please remember:** All those who mourn the loss of loved ones. The repose of the souls of those who have died. People whose anniversaries occur at this time. The people of the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

**The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies and procedures at all times.** Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are **Tammy Lawson** and **Sharnalee Foster** ([sg.stteresaoflisieux.charlbury@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stteresaoflisieux.charlbury@rcaob.org.uk)). 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.

