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Sunday 30 March 2025 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings: Year C

Dear Parishioners

This weekend we have the great excitement of a guest preacher, the priest who is leading the parishes' Mission in July, Fr Royston Price. He is a Redemptorist, the Order founded by that great saint Alphonsus Ligouri, prolific spiritual writer, bishop, Prince of Moral Theologians, Doctor of the Church and Patron of Confessors. St Alphonsus is said never to have refused absolution to a penitent and he spent his life combatting the heresy of Jansenism which preached an over-rigorous and harsh view of the Catholic Faith. Fr Royston is coming to both parishes. He will preach at all three weekend Masses and celebrate at St Teresa's at 9.15 am Sunday.

In July (12th-18th) he will be joined by another Missioner from the Mill Hill Mission, well known to many. Please try to keep that week free of evening commitments if possible. See the poster up at the back of church or in the newsletters.

Our Gospel for this weekend, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is the beautiful story of The Prodigal Son. Why did the father give away so much to the younger son, why was the older son so resentful...so many nuggets of spiritual gold to mine in this parable. What does it tell us about our recent theme, the Nature of God? It will be wonderful for us all to listen to Fr Royston as he unpacks this text.

This last week we celebrated the Solemnity of The Annunciation and it was very encouraging to see so many of the faithful at Mass. Stations of the Cross too have been well supported.

It is now only a fortnight to Palm Sunday and the beginning of that great liturgical drama: Holy Week. It is not too late to practice those traditional Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The Lord does not expect perfection from us. He knows how weak and fickle we can be. Let us respond to His great love for us seen in the Passion of Jesus, with our love for Him who carried that Cross for our salvation. Make Holy Week this year special, walk the Royal Way with the Saviour.

God bless everyone Fr Clive

Parish Notices

**Masses next week Holy Trinity: 9:15am Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (End of term School Mass).
Rosary for Peace on Friday**

Masses at St Teresa's, 9:15am Wednesday, Friday and Sunday

Classes as usual this week.

Our second collection this weekend will be for SPUC for the protection of the unborn. Please give generously.

Thank you to everyone for our CAFOD second collection a couple of weeks ago – just short of £500.

Looking ahead: Services of Reconciliation at Banbury and Bicester on Monday 7 and Friday 11 April.
Times and places TBC

Holy Trinity: Service of Reconciliation 7 pm Tuesday 15 April.

Holy Week: Triduum (Maundy Thursday/ Good Friday/ Holy Saturday) at Holy Trinity, times TBC.

In March we pray with Pope Francis Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

In April we pray with Pope Francis: Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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, Morocco, Ukraine, Turkey and Syria.

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 **Tammy Lawson**. Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.



PARISH MISSION

CHIPPING NORTON
& CHARLBURY

**LED BY
FR ROYSTON PRICE CSSR
& FR JOHN HEMER MHM**

14TH-18TH JULY

MONDAY: FAITH

**TUESDAY: DEATH AND
ETERNAL LIFE**

WEDNESDAY: OUR LADY

**THURSDAY: THE HOLY
EUCHARIST**

**FRIDAY: THE LOVE OF
GOD**

7pm **Service** each night,
lasting around an hour.

Masses and time for
confession during the day

Save the date now and
come along, as your
attendance will make all the
difference!

