



The Parish of the Assumption Holy Trinity Chipping Norton St Teresa's Charlbury

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Sunday 19th July 2026 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Year A

Dear Friends,

"A sower went to sow"... That was last week's Gospel, and this week's is : *"A sower went to sow"*
Part 2.

Last week the Sower (Christ) sowed the Seed (The Word of God) on Soil (our hearts). Some soil was rocky with no possibility of the seed taking root. Some soil was thin with a bit of growth but immediately fell back under pressure. Some soil was thorny and the seed took root, grew but was then choked by the cares and anxieties of the world. And some seed fell on good soil and yielded a bumper harvest for the farmer.

Now we see the crop flourishing. But wait:

"while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away."

Now the farmer faces a dilemma. The weeds are *"Lolium Temulentum"* or "Wheat's evil twin", a toxic growth that embeds itself into the wheat's roots and cannot be dislodged without pulling out the good plants. So what to do? If this devil weed is mixed into bread it will make people sick and could be fatal. But if they try to remove it, the good wheat will be lost.

Solution? The farmer counsels patience:

"Let both grow together until the harvest..."

Then his men will separate the good and the bad, one to be stored and the other to be discarded and burnt.

Of course this is a parable. Our Lord is trying to say that hearts open to the Word will yield a harvest of good works and witness even if on the way there are some bumps in the road. We will not live perfect lives as Christians but the essential is that our hearts are ready for the Word, through the Sacraments, Prayer, the Scriptures and Good Works. The Evil One will try and try again to stop us flourishing but Jesus has already won the cosmic war even if the battles still rage.

At the end of daily Mass we say the great prayer to St Michael the Archangel:

*"St Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle.
Be our guard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts,
By the Power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits
Who roam the world seeking the ruin of souls."*

This is a great prayer and worth memorising to say daily by oneself if not at Mass.

P.S. I have a big charitable project for our parish in my mind which I am trying to set up and I will need helpers... more of this anon...

**God bless everyone,
Fr Clive**

Masses & Rosary:

	Holy Trinity	St Teresa's
Monday	9.15am Mass	
Tuesday	9.15am Mass (<i>St Carlo's Coffee Club</i>)	
Wednesday		9.15am Mass (<i>St Mary Magdalene; Adoration & Benediction</i>)
Thursday	9.15am Mass (<i>St Bridget; Adoration & Benediction</i>)	
Friday	9.15am Rosary for Peace	9.15am Mass
Saturday	6pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday	11am Mass	9.15am Mass

Aid to Venezuela: Please visit St Teresa's website (stteresachurch-charlbury.com) for information on the **ACN's** ongoing appeal for aid in Venezuela following the earthquakes.

The 16th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 1st August, please send any prayer requests to: CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk or text them to 07795205114. Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day, as well as printable GKC prayercards can be found on www.catholicgkchestertonsociety.co.uk.

In July, let us pray with the Holy Father for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Please continue to pray for our sick, housebound and frail parishioners of our Parish, in particular Hilda of St Teresa's. 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 Venezuela, 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 **Tina Short** (sg.holytrinity.chippingnorton@rcaob.org.uk) and **Sharnalee Foster** (sg.stteresaoflisieux.charlbury@rcaob.org.uk). Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Saturday 1st August 2026

The Sixteenth Annual

GK Chesterton Pilgrimage

90 Years since
Chesterton's Death

Join us in remembering the great Catholic writer, prophetic voice and powerful intercessor, G.K. Chesterton.

Each year we go on a one-day Pilgrimage to remember Chesterton, ask for his prayers for conversions and healings of our loved ones and to pray that his cause for Beatification might be opened.

Join the 27 mile walking pilgrimage from Kensington to Beaconsfield. Or join us for Holy Mass in the afternoon, and walk the last 7 miles with us.

For Details:

Phone or Text: 07795 205114 or see

**The Croatians
are coming!**

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