

**NEXT WEEK in** St Teresa's:

Monday 5 May St Asaph Open for private prayer Tuesday 6 May Weekday of Easter Open for private prayer Wednesday 7 May Weekday of Easter Open for private prayer Thursday 8 May Weekday of Easter Open for private prayer Friday 9 May **Weekday of Easter** Mass at 9.15am Saturday 10 May St John De Avila

Open for private prayer Sunday 11 May 4th Sunday of Easter Parish Mass at 9.15am ALL WELCOME

For Confessions, please contact Fr.Clive.

Weekday Mass in our sister parish, Holy Trinity, Chipping Norton, on Tuesday and Thursday at 9.15am, with Rosary group at 9.15am on Friday, vigil mass at 6pm Sat and Sunday mass at 11am.

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**SUNDAY 4 MAY** Sunday Readings: Year C **3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER** 

Please pray for the sick and the housebound of our parishes: Paula B, Lynette M, Carol W, Bridget K, Audrey N, Richard O, Mary W, Betty, Ania, Catherine, Joanna



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

## Dear Parishioners

This Sunday we reach the end of the "Novendiales" the nine days of mourning that begin with the funeral of a Pope. Across the world, Requiem Masses have been offered for the eternal soul of the Holy Father, and we celebrated our parishes' on this last Wednesday, the feast of St Pius V, another reforming Pope of blessed memory. The death of Pope Francis was a shock as he seemed to have overcome the serious illness that had hospitalised him but clearly the toll it had taken on his body was too much and he suffered a heart attack with a stroke. The funeral in St Peter's demonstrated the enormous prestige and importance of the Papacy, in a world where religion is often downplayed as a determining factor. The leaders of the world were mainly present to pay their respects to the leader of over 1.4 billion believers. Interestingly, the number of receptions into the Church has risen markedly this year in our country with a particular surge in young men coming into the Faith. Hopefully all the prayer for vocations to the Priesthood is starting to reap a harvest!

In this period of "sede vacante" (empty chair) when there is no Pontiff, we must all pray that the right man is chosen as 267 th successor to St Peter, the designated leader of the Apostles by Christ. What is the prime qualification for the next occupant of the Fisherman's chair?

Let's look at today's Gospel; surely no more fitting or providential could there be. Jesus asks Simon Peter a simple question:

" Do you love me?"

That is the question.

Not: how many languages can you speak? Are you a conservative or a liberal, a progressive or an orthodox believer...

" Do you love me?"

And may the chosen candidate be able to say..

"Yes, Lord, you know everything; you know I love you."

At St Teresa's, four of our young people are making their First Communions: as they receive the Body and Blood, the Soul and Divinity of Our Lord, may they too say in their hearts:

"Lord, you know everything; you know I love you."

And may we all be able to say the same.

Next week: Masses as usual on Monday/ Thursday/Friday. No Mass on Tuesday at Holy Trinity or Wednesday at St Teresa's. Rosary Friday at usual time with Holy Trinity First Communion class at usual time on Friday afternoon.

Adoration/ Benediction is suspended until to the end of the Easter season, and we will resume the Wednesday/ Thursday routines after Pentecost.

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The pilgrimage party for Fatima will be leaving next Sunday 11th May, returning Friday 16th May. This pilgrimage, along with our July Mission, is part of our two parishes' response to this Jubilee Year, so actively promoted by Pope Francis, may God rest his soul.

God bless everyone Fr Clive

Lifts to Mass: If you have difficulty getting to Mass and would like a lift, or if you know of anyone else who does, please contact Sharnalee at 01608 679731.

Online Lectio Divina: A reminder that Fr. Martin runs an online Lectio Divina – for further datails on how you can take part, email Fr. Martin at <a href="martinflatman@gmail.com">frmartinflatman@gmail.com</a>



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