

ST TERESA OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC CHURCH, LEXDEN

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PRAYER NEEDS

We continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick and housebound and especially: Lillianne Banna, George Birch, Andrew Brydon, Yvonne Couperthwaite, Ben Culhane, Sylvia Davies, Cynthia D'Cruz, Melvin Doonan, Terry Doonan, Derek Drake, Mary Fircks, Win Healy, Paul Holmes, Jill Jarvis, Kunjumon Job, Jason McLean, Jean Mendes, Michael Moran, Beata Morovicova, John Newton, James O'Neill, Eileen Pool, Beattie Preston, Jo Preston, Marion Preston, Ann Renwick, Carrienne Rogers, Margaret Scott, Ewan Thompson, Teresa Thorneycroft, Peter Townsdraw, Francesca Vassallo, Sheila Watts, Ella Weston and any unknown to us. We remember Eileen Smith, Patricia O'Callaghan, Beatrice Hodson, Edith Ranger, Heather Mills, Margaret Flatman, Stephanie Gorska, Mary McGrath, Willie O'Donnell, Michael Cuncannon, Patrick King, Gwen Jennings, Mark Simmons, Michael McKenna and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

Recent Deaths

Percy Abrahams of The Commons died on 28th March. He is survived by his wife Eleanor and family. Funeral Mass Wed 18th April 11:30am followed by Cremation at 1:15pm

Mary Galletly of Stanway Green Lodge died on 20th March. She is survived by her family. Funeral Mass Fri 20th April 10:00am followed by burial.

May those who have died rest in peace and those who mourn be comforted

CTS Booklets

There are many new booklets available at the back of the church: A Test of Faith, when Life Doesn't go to Plan; Living Fruitfully: Patience; Prayer Made Simple; When Prayer Doesn't Work; Meeting Christ in the Eucharist; also CTS classics The Prayer of St Therese of Lisieux; Who is St Joseph; Islam, Britain and the Gospel; A City Set on the Hill. And many others

Also available Catholic Magazines and weekly Catholic papers: the Universe and The Catholic Times.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

Sat 14th Apr	Saturday of the Second Week of Easter
12.30am	Vocations to the Priesthood
6.30pm	(at St John's) Tony Bolton (RIP)(A)
Sunday 15th Apr	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
9.00am	All Parishioners
11.00am	Ina & Stephen Rhatigan (RIP)
Monday 16th Apr	Monday of the Third Week of Easter
10:00am	Helen Ferry and Family (Ints)
Tuesday 17th Apr	Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter
10:00am	(at St John's) Doris Falconer (RIP)
Wed 18th Apr	
11:30am	FUNERAL MASS: PERCY ABRAHAMS (RIP)
Thurs 19th Apr	Thursday of the Third Week of Easter
10:00am	Joan Prior (RIP)
Friday 20th Apr	
10:00am	FUNERAL MASS: MARY GALLETLY (RIP)
Sat 21st Apr	Saturday of the Third Week of Easter
	(St Anselm of Canterbury, Bp, D)
12.30am	Vocations to the Priesthood
6.30pm	(at St John's) All Parishioners
Sunday 22nd Apr	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)
9.00am	Freyja Drake & Family (Ints)
11.00am	Daniel & Evelyn Cavanagh (RIP)(A)

Saturdays: 11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon

ST TERESA OF LISIEUX AND ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, You call us by name with the words first spoken on the shore of Lake Galilee, "Follow me." Breathe deep within us the gifts of your Holy Spirit; help us to have the wisdom to hear your call, the courage to answer it and the faith to live it.

So that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, the lost are found and welcomed and all are strengthened by the grace and joy of the Sacraments.

In our parish community, our family, our home, our school, in our Diocese of Brentwood, especially inspire those whom you are calling today to the priesthood and religious life to say, "Yes, Lord. Here I am. Send me."

We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Third Sunday of Easter (B)

Holy Father's Intentions for April

"That leaders in financial affairs may have the courage to reject economic measures that exclude people and rather seek new inclusive approaches"

Sun 15th Apr 3:00pm Holy Hour for Third Sunday of Easter Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Rosary; Sunday Reflection; Evening Prayer and Benediction

MISSION - Red Box Collections Janet Bartleet will be at all Masses on 14th/15th April and will be happy to receive any envelopes or boxes at St John's or St Teresa's.

Mon 16th Apr 7:00pm Confirmation Preparation at St Teresa's

Mon 16th Apr 8:00pm Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 17th Apr 2:30 – 3:30pm Meditation Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Wed 18th Apr 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting

Thurs 19th April 2:00pm St Vincent de Paul Society meets at St Teresa's

Thurs 19th April 6:30pm Meeting for Catechists at St Teresa's

Fri 20th Apr St Teresa's Youth Group in the Church Hall **5:00 – 6:45pm** (Years 4,5 and 6) and **7:00 – 9:00pm** (Year 7 upwards)

First Holy Communion Preparation Session

Sat 21st Apr 9:30am Meeting for children in the church hall and parents in the Church.

Sat 21st Apr 2:00pm (Group 1) and **3:30pm** (Group 2) Celebration of First Reconciliation for First Holy Communion Children.

Sun 22nd April 2:00 – 4:30pm Rite of Acceptance for Confirmation Candidates at Brentwood Cathedral

Mon 23rd Apr Mon 1:00-3:00pm in St Teresa's upper room. Jean Mendes presents how to make knitted ornaments, knitvity dolls and quirky animals are demonstrated. Tackle some tricky patterns in good company. Bring Size 11 (3mm) needles and oddments of double knitting wool that isn't too chunky.

Wed 25th Apr Priests' Deanery Meeting at Greenstead.

Thurs 26th Apr 8:00pm Lectio Divina in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Walsingham House at Abbotswick (near Brentwood - CM14 5SH) – come and see! The refurbished House is now open, and we love receiving visitors to enjoy the grounds and chapel. You will find pictures and information at www.bcys.net/WHabbotswick. The date of the “official opening” is Saturday September 1st, when you are very welcome to Midday Mass with Bishop Alan, and then to stay for the afternoon, enjoying the beautiful grounds. Do save the date!

THY KINGDOM COME: The Vicariate of Evangelisation, supporting our effort to renew our diocese, has decided to join THY KINGDOM COME 2018 --- a global wave of prayer for the renewal of the Christian faith. All you have to do is to pledge to pray between May 10-20. More information and resources will be made available during the weeks coming up to the event. Meantime, you can log into <https://www.thykingdomcome.global> for more information.

Sat 5th May March for Life UK/LifeFest18 in Central London

9:30am – 1:00pm LifeFest in Connaught Rooms, Covent Garden

1:30pm Procession/March

2:30 – 4:00pm Rally in Parliament Square

Please make every effort to attend this event. A full itinerary is available at marchforlife.co.uk

Adoremus, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress is being held in Liverpool 7th-9th September 2018. The Congress will encourage a deeper understanding and love of the Eucharist and will offer people an experience of strength and solidarity in their willingness to “put God first” in their lives. If you are interested in representing the parish please contact Fr Tom.

26th May 2018 - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we honour Our Lady of Walsingham. Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House.

28th May 2018 - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland £699 per person sharing. Contact 01268 762278 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

23rd – 28th July 2018 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes. Travel by air with Tangney Tours. Prices from £764 all meals provided. For more information please contact Cathy O'Connor on (01206) 735623