

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: Percy Abrahams, Lilianne 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, Josie Murray, James O'Neill, Eileen Pool, Beattie Preston, Jo Preston, Marion Preston, Ann Renwick, Carrienne Rogers, Margaret Scott, Ewan Thompson, Teresa Thorneycroft, Peter Townsdrow, Francesca Vassallo, Sheila Watts and any unknown to us. We remember James Norris, Patrick O'Brien, Patricia Meader, Mary Fulcher, Patrick Brannigan, Brendan Humphreys, Phyllis Akam, Ken Clayton, Edith Coupe, Patricia Donoghue and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

Recent Death

Clifford Wheeler of Kingswood Rd died on Dec 3rd. He is survived by his wife Margarette. Funeral arrangements: Cremation at 2:45pm Wed 20th Dec. May he rest in peace and those that mourn be comforted.

Advent Entrance Hymn: 9.00am Sunday Mass

When is he coming, when, oh when is he coming, the Redeemer? When will we see him, when, oh when will we see him, the Redeemer.

CHORUS: Come, oh come, from your kingdom up there, from your kingdom up there above. Come, oh come to your people on earth, to your people on earth bring love! Emmanuel! Emmanuel! Emmanuel!

Long years a-waiting, many years here a-waiting the Redeemer! Ready to greet him, always ready to greet him, the Redeemer! **CHORUS**

Spare us from evil, from the clutches of evil, O Redeemer! though we are sinners we have known your Forgiveness, O Redeemer! **CHORUS**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

Sat 9th Dec	Saturday of the First Week of Advent (St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin)
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6:30pm	(at St John's) Tom King (RIP)(A)
Sunday 10th Dec	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) (Bible Sunday)
9.00am	Patricia Meader (RIP)(A)
11.00am	John Clarke & Heinrich Schwetje (RIP)(A)
Monday 11th Dec	Monday of the Second Week of Advent (St Damasus 1, P)
7:30am	Canon Louis Thomas (RIP)
Tuesday 12th Dec	Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent (Our Lady of Guadalupe)
10:00am	(at St John's) Barbara Cracknell (RIP)
Wed 13th Dec	St Lucy, V, M
10:00am	Denis Scott (RIP)
Thurs 14th Dec	St John of the Cross, Pr, D
10:00am	Barbara Onuongo (ill)
Friday 15th Dec	Friday of the Second Week of Advent
9:00am	Irena Clark (RIP)
Sat 16th Dec	Saturday of the Second Week of Advent
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6:30pm	(at St John's) Deceased of the Kerr Family
Sunday 17th Dec	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) (Gaudete Sunday)
9.00am	George Galletly (RIP)(A)
11.00am	All Parishioners
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.

Advent at St Teresa's



Fri 16th Dec 7:30pm
Advent Penitential Service

with visiting priests and the
 opportunity for individual
 confession



"I absolve you"

Sun 17th Dec 3:00pm Parish Carol Service

Children are asked to bring a toy or gift which will be given to the children of local families in need.



Sat 23rd Dec 2:00 – 5:00pm
Open Church Event

Holy Father's Intentions for December

"That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming new generations"

Sun 10th Dec 3:00pm Holy Hour for the Second Sunday in Advent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Rosary; Sunday Reflection; Evening Prayer and Benediction

Mon 11th Dec 7:00pm Meeting for Confirmation candidates in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mon 11th Dec 8:00pm Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 12th Dec 2:30 – 3:30pm Meditation Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 12th Dec 7:00-8:00pm 9:00am Choir rehearsal.

Tues 12th Dec 8:00pm Instruction in the Faith for non-Catholics.

Wed 13th Dec 7:30pm Meeting for Catechists

Thurs 14th Dec 8:00pm Lectio Divina in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. All are welcome.

Fri 15th Dec 2:00pm (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotions

Fri 15th Dec 7:30pm Parish Advent Service of Reconciliation with visiting priests and the opportunity for individual confession

First Holy Communion Preparation Session

Sat 16th Dec 9:30am Meeting for children in the church hall and parents in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The children will be involved in the 9:00am Mass on Sun 17th Dec.

Sat 16th Dec 2:00pm Wedding Service for Lee Howard and Rebecca Greasley

Sun 17th Dec 3:00pm Parish and School Christmas Carol Service. Children are asked to bring a toy or gift which will be given to the children of local families in need.

Sat 23rd Dec 2:00 – 5:00pm Open Church. Once again this year our Church will be open. Give yourselves a break from shopping, wrapping, fretting, cooking etc. Come and spend a few moments to sit quietly before the crib. Unwind, relax and think about the real meaning of Christmas. Tea, coffee and refreshments in the porch. All welcome.

The First Formal Proposal for the Renewal and Restructuring of Our Diocese

The Diocese has published its next document and it is available on the internet (Please access www.dioceseofbrentwood.org and click anywhere on the home page). There are a few copies of the document at the back of the church. We are asked to read the document and pray and reflect on the content during Advent. There will be a parish meeting regarding the contents in January.

Prayer for Vocations

As we pray every day for vocations the Diocese has also provided a link on their website which they encourage everyone to visit, to hear and share the inspirational stories of our priests and seminarians. Please visit

<http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/vocation-voices/>

CAFOD The world gift catalogue is available with many gifts for Christmas. Please take a copy.

Repository - Christmas cards are available in the Repository both boxed and loose. There are many gift ideas available. Some items in St Teresa's have been reduced to half price! Please do come in and browse.

Thanks: Margaret, Cathy, Angela and Jeff and Colin Scott would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for their kind condolences and those who came along to give Denis such a lovely send off on 22 November. Thanks also to all who played a special role in the Mass and its preparation, and for making the church look so lovely. We have felt very supported at this sad time.

Weekend Dec 3rd Offertory Collection: Baskets £489.71 Gift Aid Envelopes £195.50