

ST TERESA OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC CHURCH, LEXDEN

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PRAYER NEEDS

We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound and especially Melvin Doonan, Terry Doonan, Viv Doonan, Michael Moran, Eileen Pool, Elizabeth Ward, Sheila Watt and any who are not known to us

We remember Josie Murray, James Norris, Elizabeth Malone, Euna Amechi, Ernest Drodge, Robert Matterson, Annie Millo, and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

Recent Death

Vicky Culham of King George Rd died at Colchester Hospital on 8th Dec. She is survived by her husband Graham, mother Elizabeth and her brothers and sisters. Funeral Service: Tues 18th Dec 10:00am at St Teresa's followed by burial.

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 15th Dec	Saturday of the Second Week of Advent
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6.30pm	(at St John's) Joe Hughes (RIP)
Sunday 16th Dec	THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (C)
	(Gaudete Sunday)
9.00am	Patricia Meader (RIP)(A)
11.00am	Bryn & Jane Smart (Golden Jubilee)
Mon 17th Dec	Monday of the Third Week of Advent
10:00am	Bernie La Chapelle (RIP) (Bday Memorial Ints)
Tues 18th Dec	Tuesday of the Third Week of Advent
8:30am	Margaret Carey (RIP)(A)
Wed 19th Dec	Wednesday of the Third Week of Advent
10:00am	Private Intention
Thurs 20th Dec	Thursday of the Third Week of Advent
10:00am	Jill Jarvis (Ints)
Fri 21st Dec	Friday of the Third Week of Advent
	(St Peter Canisius, Pr, D)
10:00am	Betty Riley (RIP)
Sat 22nd Dec	Saturday of the Third Week of Advent
12:30pm	Tony Lance (RIP)
6.30pm	(at St John's) Bill Weston (RIP)(A) & Peggy Clarke (RIP)
Sunday 23rd Dec	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT (C)
	(Expectant Mothers)
9.00am	Ethan & Kayne Maloney (Bday Ints)
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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Holy Father's Intentions for December

"That in their dialogue with culture, people involved in the service and transmission of faith may find a language that is appropriate to the present time"

Advent at St Teresa's

Parish Carol Service	Sun 16th Dec 3:00pm Children are asked to bring a toy or gift which will be given to the children of local families in need.
St Benedict's Catholic College Carol Service	Mon 17th Dec 7:00pm All are invited to attend. Children from St Teresa's will also be taking part
St Teresa's School Carol Service	Tues 18th Dec 2:00pm
Open Church Event	Sat 22nd Dec 2pm – 5pm The Church will be open. Drop in and spend a few quiet minutes before the crib, light a candle, or have a cup of tea. Just make a little space for God. You could also bring a friend.

Sun 16th Dec 3:00pm Parish Carol Service

Mon 17th Dec 7:00pm St Benedict's Catholic College Carol Service

Mon 17th Dec There will be no Prayer Group because of the St Benedict's Carol Service. The next meeting of the Prayer Group will be on Jan 7th 2019.

Tues 18th Dec 10:00am Funeral Service for Vicky Culham

Tues 18th Dec 1:00pm Friendship Club Christmas meal

Tues 18th Dec 2:00pm St Teresa's School Carol Service

Fri 21st Dec 2:00pm (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 3:00pm
Divine Mercy Devotions and Benediction

First Holy Communion Preparation 2018/19

Sat 22nd Dec 9:30am Session for parents in the church and children in the School Hall

Sun 23rd Dec 9:00am Mass The children will be involved in the Mass

Sat 22nd Dec 10:00am Altar Server meeting at St Teresa's. Please bring your handbooks.

Sat 22nd Dec 2:00 – 5:00pm Open Church Event

Rota of Ministries: the new rota is available and can be found at the back of the Church. **Christmas Masses:** There is a list available at the back of the church for the duties to be covered for the Masses over Christmas. Please can ushers and welcomers volunteer so that all ministries are covered.

Repository: Christmas cards are available at both Churches. There are many different packs to choose from. Many of the Christmas items for sale have been reduced in price. Some are half price! Please come in and have a browse. There are lots of bargains to be found that may be suitable for Christmas presents. The price of single Christmas cards have also been reduced.

Parish Pilgrimage – Saints of the North

51 parishioners are booked to travel with the parish on this pilgrimage.

- If you are booked to travel and did not attend last Thursday's meeting please contact Steph Kiline as deposits to reserve places are due this Wednesday.
- If you attended the meeting and intend booking insurance with Kings Travel please pick up a copy of the insurance details from the back of the church.

St Teresa's School: Formal Consultation on Admissions Arrangements for Sep 2020

The school is proposing to modify their admission arrangements and wishes to consult with stakeholders and the wider community. The consultation period ends on the 24th January 2019 and comments are invited in writing to the school. A copy of the consultation can be found on the school website www.st-teresas-essex.sch.uk under the 'Admissions' section.

Calendars in aid of Mutemwa Leprosy Care Centre will be sold outside the church after Masses this weekend. The cost of the calendars is £10. More information can be found at www.johnbradburne.com. The cause for John Bradburne's beatification, who died carrying out his missionary work with the lepers, is being promoted.

Missio(Red Box) Collections for 2018 – Total £2221.16 Thank you for your generosity

Offertory Collection 9th Dec 2018 Baskets: £455.04 Gift Aid: £205.42