

# 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, Elizabeth Malone, Euna Amechi, Ernest Drodge, Robert Matterson, Annie Millo, Mary Rowley, Frank Boyle, Bill Weston and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

### **Recent Death**

**Canon Anthony McKentey** died in hospital on Dec 9<sup>th</sup>. He is survived by his sister Maureen and his brother Philip. Funeral arrangements: Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 4:30pm his body will be received into St James the Less Church, Priory St; Funeral Mass Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 11:30am followed by 3:00pm Cremation at Braintree.

**Clifford Wheeler** of Kingswood Rd died on Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. He is survived by his wife Margarette. Funeral arrangements: Cremation at 2:45pm Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**May those who have died 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

<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Saturday of the Second Week of Advent</b>
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6:30pm	(at St John's) Deceased of the Kerr Family
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)</b>
	<b>(Gaudete Sunday)</b>
9.00am	George Galletly (RIP)(A)
11.00am	All Parishioners
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Advent Mass for the 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>
10:00am	Bernie La Chapelle (RIP)
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Advent Mass for the 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>
10:00am	(at St John's) Private Intention
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Advent Mass for the 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>
10:00am	Deceased Members of the McGuire Family
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Advent Mass for the 21<sup>st</sup> December (St Peter Canisius, Pr D)</b>
10:00am	Margaret Byars (Ints)
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	
11:30am	Funeral of Canon Anthony McKentey (RIP) at St James the Less, Priory St
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>	<b>Advent Mass for the 23<sup>rd</sup> December (St John of Kanty, Pr)</b>
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6:30pm	(at St John's) Bill Weston (RIP)(A)
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)</b>
9.00am	All Parishioners
11.00am	Denis Scott (RIP)
<b>Christmas Masses</b>	
6:00pm	Bill & Elli Duffy (RIP)
10:30pm	All Parishioners
<b>Saturdays: 11.00am</b>	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) and</b>
	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon</b>

# 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

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2:00 – 5:00pm**

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.

## Masses for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec  
Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**6:30pm (St John's)  
9:00am (St Teresa's)  
11:00am (St Teresa's)**



## Christmas Masses 2017



**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**6:00pm**

**Family Mass with  
Procession to the  
crib by the children**

**10:30pm**

**Preceded by carols  
at 10:00pm**

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**10:00am**

**Dawn Mass of  
Christmas**



## The Third Sunday of Advent (A) - 'Gaudete Sunday'

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 12:30pm** Baptism of Annabel Fern

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 8:00pm** Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** St Teresa's Youth Group Christmas Party in the Church Hall

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 11:30pm** Burial of Ashes of Iolanda Pitt at Colchester Cemetery

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2:00pm** (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotions

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**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 gifts for Christmas. Please take a copy.

**Repository** – There are many discounted cards and gifts available

**Christmas Carols CD in Aid of St Helena Hospice and Christians Against Poverty**

Lexden Choral Society have produced a CD of Christmas Carols, available after the 9 .00 Mass on Sunday for a donation of £10 (see see Adrian Manley at the back of church, after the 9.00)

**Clare Linscott RIP** - Clare's family are most grateful to everyone who attended and helped with the Requiem Mass; they were overwhelmed by the number present. They are also most grateful for all the messages of sympathy and the Mass cards. Words cannot express adequately our thanks to you all and to Fr. Tom. Also thanks to Toni and Gabbi Fusi, who made the farewell for Clare so very special.

**Weekend Dec 10<sup>th</sup> Offertory Collection:** Baskets £352.26 Gift Aid Envelopes £157.00