

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 Rosalie Bull, Melvin Doonan, Terry Doonan, Viv Doonan, Michael Moran, Eileen Pool, Elizabeth Ward, Sheila Watt and any who are not known to us

We remember Mary Rowley, Frank Boyle, Bill Weston, Fr Jack Newman, Greta Knight, Sandra Molyneux-North, Yvonne Allan, Pat Palin, Bernard Vermitio, Patricia Stone, Eugene Mlynarski, Philomena Deadman, Patrick Soares, John Jansma, Bill Jeffries and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

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**

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

The Christmas crib collection is a major source of funding for the society. There is a basket for donations beside the crib in each church. Please give generously.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

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

Mon 24th Dec	Advent Mass for the 24th December
10:00am	Expectant Mothers

Christmas Masses

6:00pm	Bill & Elli Duffy (RIP)
10:30pm	All Parishioners

Tues 25th Dec	Dawn Mass for Christmas
10:00am	Elizabeth Kennedy (RIP)(A)

Wed 26th Dec	Feast of St Stephen, The First Martyr
	(Patron Saint of Altar Servers)
10:00am	Colin & Pam Andrews (62 nd Wedding Memorial Ints)

Thurs 27th Dec	Feast of St John, Ap, Evangelist
10:00am	Victoria Randall (RIP) (Bday Memorial Ints)

Fri 28th Dec	Feast of the Holy Innocents, Mm
10:00am	Hermione Jay (Bday Ints)

Sat 29th Dec	National Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury, Bp, M
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6.30pm	(at St John's) Kerr Grandchildren (Ints)

Sunday 30th Dec	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF
	JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (B)
9.00am	James & Edna McGuire & Family (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.

FOURTH 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 and Christmas at St Teresa's

Mon 24th Dec	10:00am Mass for the 24th December 11:00am – 12noon Confessions	
	Christmas Masses 2018	
Mon 24th Dec	6:00pm	Procession to the crib by the children
	10:30pm	Preceded by carols at 10:00pm
Tues 25th Dec	10:00am	Dawn Mass of Christmas

Fr Tom
Wishes you
Christmas Joy and
Peace



Sun 23rd Dec 3:00pm Holy Hour for the Fourth Sunday in Advent

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Sunday Reflection; Evening Prayer and Benediction

Fri 29th Dec 2:00pm (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotions and Benediction

Sunday 30th Dec The Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. There will be blessings for all families or representatives of families after all Masses

Vigil for the New Year Mon 31st Dec 10:00pm – 12:00midnight

You are invited to come to St Teresa's Church from 10:00pm during this time of prayer to welcome in the New Year. Vigil prayers will be taken from the Magnificat booklet which is used at the Daily Masses.

Clergy Jubilees 2019 - We pray for our priests: Diamond Jubilee - Bishop Thomas McMahon; Gold Jubilee – Fr Gerard Gostling; Ruby Jubilee – Mgr John Armitage; Silver Jubilees – Fr Britto Belevendran, Fr Philip Denton, Fr Jean-Laurent Marie

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.

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.

Summer Pilgrimage to Lourdes If you are in school year 10 or above, come and join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service on our Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage. We travel alongside the diocese to assist the elderly and infirm on their pilgrimage. There is also a retreat, daily Masses and excursions, as well as the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Applications from the evening of Sunday 21st October until 31st January 2019. These can be made at www.bcys.net/events where you will also find more information. Likely travel dates will be 20th - 27th July 2019.

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/>

Offertory Collection 16th Dec 2018 Baskets: £548.00 Gift Aid: £172.55