

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 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, Margaret Williams and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

Recent Death

Josie Murray of Layer Rd died on Dec 18th at St Helena Hospice. She is survived by her daughters. Funeral Service on Thurs 4th Jan 2:45pm at Colchester Crematorium.

May she 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

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| Sat 23rd Dec | Advent Mass for the 23rd December (St John of Kanty, Pr) |
| 12:30pm | Vocations to the Priesthood |
| 6:30pm | (at St John's) Bill Weston (RIP)(A) |
| Sunday 24th Dec | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) |
| 9.00am | All Parishioners |
| 11.00am | Denis Scott (RIP) |

Christmas Masses

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| Sunday 24th Dec | |
| 6:00pm | Bill & Elli Duffy (RIP) |
| 10:30pm | All Parishioners |
| Monday 25th Dec | Dawn Mass for Christmas |
| 10:00am | Elizabeth Kennedy (RIP)(A) |
| Tuesday 26th Dec | Feast of St Stephen, The First Martyr (Patron Saint of Altar Servers) |
| 10:00am | (at St John's) Pam Andrews (RIP)(Wedding Anniv) |
| Wed 27th Dec | Feast of St John, Ap, Evangelist |
| 10:00am | Mary Galletly (Ints) |
| Thurs 28th Dec | Feast of the Holy Innocents, Mm |
| 10:00am | Madeleine & Bob Bigg (Ints) |
| Friday 29th Dec | National Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury, Bp, M |
| 10:00am | Sheila Murphy (RIP) |
| Sat 30th Dec | Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas |
| 12:30pm | Vocations to the Priesthood |
| 6:30pm | (at St John's) Janet Simmons (RIP) |
| Sunday 31st Dec | FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (B) |
| 9.00am | Families of the Parish |
| 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

Masses for 4th Sunday of Advent

Sat 23rd Dec

6:30pm

(St John's)

Sun 24th Dec

9:00am

(St Teresa's)

11:00am

(St Teresa's)



Christmas Masses 2017



Sun 24th Dec

6:00pm

Family Mass with
Procession to the
crib by the children

10:30pm

Preceded by carols
at 10:00pm

Mon 25th Dec

10:00am

Dawn Mass of
Christmas

Fr Tom

**Wishes you Christmas
Joy and Peace**



The Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

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"

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.

Thurs 28th Dec 12:00 noon Wedding Service of Nicholas Skinner and Gabriella Fusi

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

Sunday 31st Dec The Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. There will be blessings for all families after all Masses

Monday 29th Jan 1:00-3:00pm Catholic Craft Circle at St Teresa's. Interested in crafting but don't know where to begin? The Catholic craft circle welcomes you to an informal sharing of skills that takes place once a month. Bring craft of your choice and be among good company. The first meeting in January features cardmaking. Please see the poster at the back for more details

Thurs Jan 17th 7:00pm Parish Meeting to discuss the next stage of Diocesan Renewal and Restructuring.

Sat 10th March Parish Retreat Day at Clare Priory. All parishioners are welcome. Further details will follow.

Diocese of Brentwood Pilgrimage to Knock 2018

The Diocese will be travelling to Knock 28th May 2018

Diocese of Brentwood Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018

The Diocese will be travelling to Lourdes 23rd – 28th July 2018. Theme: "Do whatever he tells you"

Fr David Pearce would like to thank the parish for all the work done here before and during his Ordination Mass and for the support and prayers he has received. Fr David has taken up his position in St Francis of Assisi Church, Halstead.

Clergy Jubilees 2018 – We pray for our priests: Diamond Jubilee – Fr Brian McWilliams; Gold Jubilees – Fr John Taylor and Mgr William Nix; Silver Jubilees – Fr Stephen Myers and Fr Bernard Soley

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/>

Weekend Dec 17th Offertory Collection: Baskets £431.33 Gift Aid Envelopes £152.00