

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 Hugh Armour, Violet O'Connell, Paul Townsend, Joseph O'Connell, Jurgis Sarickas, Donna Lemone, Clifford Wheeler, John Winter, Pamela Hagger, John Balls, Gladys Cave, Davyd Randall, Timothy Milmo, Neville Parkin, Norah Hamblin, George Hull, Thomas Connell, John Clarke, Spencer Illingworth, Tony Mills 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**

Stewards of the Gospel: Update

The latest document released by the Diocese is available at the back of the church. There will be a meeting on Dec 6th at 7:30pm to discuss the details

Bishop Alan has recorded a video message to us all and it is now available on the diocesan website (<http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/>). Just click anywhere on the home page.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

Sat 1st Dec

Our Lady on Saturday

(Bl John Beche, Ab, M)

12:30pm

John Bayford (RIP)(Bday Memorial Ints)

2:00pm

NUPTIAL MASS: David Mitchell & Elizabeth French

6.30pm

(at St John's) John Hamblin (RIP)

Sunday 2nd Dec

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (C)

9.00am

Margaret Harrison (RIP)

11.00am

Davyd Randall (RIP)(A)

Mon 3rd Dec

St Francis Xavier, Pr

(Migrants' Day)

10:00am

James Kilcoyne (RIP)

Tues 4th Dec

Tuesday of the First Week of Advent

(St John Damascene)

10:00am

(at St John's) Siobhan Farquharson (RIP)

Wed 5th Dec

Wednesday of the First Week of Advent

10:00am

Rudy La Chapelle (RIP)

Thurs 6th Dec

Thursday of the First Week of Advent

(St Nicholas, Bp)

10:00am

Michael & Ciss Curley (RIP)

Fri 7th Dec

St Ambrose, Bp, D

George Hull (RIP)(A)

10:00am

Sat 8th Dec

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:30pm

Ewan Isbester (RIP)(A)

6.30pm

(at St John's) All Parishioners

Sunday 9th Dec

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (C)

(Bible Sunday)

9.00am

Boreham, Crane, Mckenzie Families (Ints)

11.00am

Canon Anthony McKentey (RIP)(A)

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.

FIRST 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

Advent Penitential Service	Fri 14th Dec 7:30pm with visiting priests and the opportunity for individual confession
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
Open Church Event	Sat 22nd Dec 2pm – 5pm

Sun 2nd Dec 12:30pm Baptism of Enya Oppe

Sun 2nd Dec 3:00pm Holy Hour for the First Sunday in Advent

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

Mon 3rd Dec 9:30am – 10:00pm Advent Day of Mercy at St James the Less, Priory St.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and priests available all day to hear Confessions.

Mon 3rd Dec 6:45 – 8:15pm Confirmation Preparation at St Teresa's

Mon 3rd Dec 8:00pm Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 4th Dec 2:00pm – 3:30pm Friendship Club in the Church Hall. An entertaining afternoon of inter-generational poetry. Year 6 children will be also attending the club.

Tues 4th Dec 7:00pm St Teresa's Youth Choir Rehearsal

Tues 4th Dec 7:30pm Instruction in the Faith for non-Catholics at St Teresa's

Fr Tom celebrates the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Teresa's School

Wed 5th Dec 11:00am Year 5 Wed 5th Dec 2:00pm Year 4 Fri 7th Dec 11:00am Year 6

Wed 5th Dec 5:00pm To mark the anniversary of the ordination of Fr David Pearce the DVD of his Ordination will be shown in the Church Hall. All welcome to come and watch

Thurs 6th Dec 7:30pm Parish Planning Meeting in response to the latest document published by the Diocese. We will discuss how the process is changing and developing.

Fri 7th Dec 2:00pm (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotions and Benediction

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sat 8th December MASS: 12:30pm

Wed 12th Dec 1:30pm Meeting for all those listed to travel with the parish on Pilgrimage to the North of England May 2019. A detailed itinerary will be distributed and information regarding the deadline for deposits will be given. Everyone travelling or their representative should attend.

Thurs 13th Dec 7:30pm SHARING GOD'S WORD Please come and join us at St Teresa's to read, reflect, discuss, and share passages from Scripture. All welcome

Rota of Ministries - the next rota covering 23rd December to 10th February will soon be compiled and if anyone is unavailable during those dates please let office know by email. **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 volunteer so that all ministries are covered.

Children's Liturgy for Advent The Liturgy of the Word for children is held at the Sunday 9:00am Mass in the Church Hall for the younger children (age 4 – 7 years) who have not started First Holy Communion Preparation. This Advent we will be decorating a Jesse tree week by week and we will also be practising Away in a Manger. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the Carol Service on Dec 16th to hear the results! We are also looking for more catechists and helpers – if you would like to volunteer please call Adrian Manley on 07751 515112

Parish Bazaar - Thank you to everyone who supported this in any way. The sum of £3075.68 was raised for the Parish and it was a lovely social event that brought Parishioners together for a very pleasant afternoon. Well done to all the various prize winners. And a big Thank You to the Parishioner who donates the First Prize each year of a Luxury Hamper.

Offertory Collection 25th Nov 2018 Baskets: £726.83 Gift Aid: £238.30

2nd collection for BCYS - Baskets: £354.95 Gift Aid: £132.50