

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 Townsdraw, Francesca Vassallo, Sheila Watts and any unknown to us. We remember Daniel Murphy, Patrick O'Connell, John Lawlor, Edward Sheehan, Peter Bush, Dennis Pearce, Veronica Rowley, Joan Gould, Ivy Ryan, Patrick Kennedy, Ethel Linscott, William Pope, Derek Alexander, Leslie Davies, Antony Dutton, Liam Stallard, Mary Gildea, Elizabeth Tuckwell, Joyce Hosford 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 Linda, Elizabeth and Julie. Funeral Service on Thurs 4th Jan 2:45pm at Colchester Crematorium. May she rest in peace and those that mourn be comforted.

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.

Sun 31st Dec 3:00pm Holy Hour for the Holy Family

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Rosary; Sunday Reflection; Evening Prayer; Benediction.

Vigil for the New Year Sun 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.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

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
Monday 1st Jan	SOLEMNITY of MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (Octave of Christmas)
10:00am	Veronica Rowley (RIP)(A)
Tuesday 2nd Jan	Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bpp, Dd
10:00am	(at St John's) Cyril Avery (RIP)(A)
Wed 3rd Jan	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
10:00am	Mary Avery (RIP)(A)
Thurs 4th Jan	Mass of Thursday Before the Epiphany
10:00am	Canon Anthony McKentey (RIP)
Friday 5th Jan	Mass of Friday Before the Epiphany
9:30am	Whole School Mass
Sat 6th Jan	Mass of Saturday Before the Epiphany
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6:30pm	(at St John's) Bill Couperthwaite (RIP)(Wedding Anniv)
Sunday 7th Jan	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
9.00am	Jack Ransom (RIP)(A)
11.00am	Mary Jay (Ints)

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.

Fr Tom Wishes you a Happy and Peaceful New Year



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (B)

(There will be blessings for all families after all Masses)

Holy Father's Intentions for January

"That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom"



Mon Jan 1st – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass at 10AM

Christmas Carols and Hymns in honour of Our Lady

Wed 3rd Jan 2:00pm Wedding Service for Martin Fogg & Hannah Preston

Fri 5th Jan 2:00pm (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotions.

Mon 8th Jan 7:00pm Confirmation Preparation in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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

First Holy Communion Preparation Session

Sat 27th Jan 9:30am Meeting for children in the church hall and parents in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The children will be involved in the 9:00am Mass on Sun 28th Jan.

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

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

First Diocese of Brentwood Pilgrimage to Knock (Ireland) 2018 led by Bishop Alan

The Diocese will be travelling to Knock 28th May– 2nd June 2018. Price £699 per person. Please contact Knock Pilgrimages on 01268 762278 for more information.

Diocese of Brentwood Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018 led by Bishop Alan

The Diocese will be travelling to Lourdes 23rd – 28th July 2018. Theme: "Do whatever he tells you". Please contact Pilgrimage Administrator Cathy O'Connor for more information on 01206 735623.

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/>

Diocesan Job Vacancies

Bookkeeper (Sage Accounts experience essential) required to support the Finance Office at Cathedral House, Brentwood. The role is part-time, working two days a week (14 hours). If you – or any of your family or friends – are interested in this role, please first contact finance-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org Closing date for CVs/applications is Friday 12th January 2018.

Diocesan Representatives to carry out the work of the Medaille Trust in Brentwood. Do you want to be part of the Church's fight against Modern Slavery? Could you help us raise awareness of Human Trafficking in our midst? For an application pack, please visit www.medaille-trust.org.uk, or contact recruitment@medaille-trust.org.uk.