

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 Graham Lowes, Fr John Lane, Hannah Austin, Canon Anthony McKentey, James Norris, Patrick O'Brien, Patricia Meader, Mary Fulcher, Patrick Brannigan, Brendan Humphreys, Phyllis Akam, Ken Clayton, Edith Coupe, Patricia Donoghue 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**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

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)
Mon 10th Dec	Monday of the Second Week of Advent
10:00am	Carmel Quinn (RIP)
Tues 11th Dec	Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent (St Damasus I, P)
10:00am	(at St John's) Eamonn & Mary Long (Ints)
Wed 12th Dec	Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent (Our Lady of Guadalupe)
10:00am	Sybil Swann (Ints)
Thurs 13th Dec	St Lucy, V, M
10:00am	Jacinta Haughey (RIP)
Fri 14th Dec	St John of the Cross, Pr, D
10:00am	George Galletly (RIP)(A)
Sat 15th Dec	Saturday of the Second Week of Advent
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6.30pm	(at St John's) Joe Hughes (RIP)
Sunday 16th Dec	THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (C) (Gaudete Sunday)
9.00am	Patricia Meader (RIP)(A)
11.00am	Bryn & Jane Smart (Golden Jubilee)
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.

SECOND 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 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.

Sun 9th Dec 3:00pm Holy Hour for the Second Sunday in Advent

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

Mon 10th Dec 6:45 – 8:15pm Confirmation Preparation at St Teresa's

Mon 10th Dec 8:00pm Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 11th Dec 2:30pm Meditation Prayer Group at St Teresa's

Tues 11th Dec 7:00pm St Teresa's Youth Choir Rehearsal

Tues 11th Dec 7:30pm Instruction in the Faith for non-Catholics at St Teresa's

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 payment schedules will be given. Everyone travelling or their representative should attend.

Thurs 13th Dec 2:00pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting

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 and also the writings of Pope Francis. Through prayer and discussion we seek to understand how we can apply these insights to our lives. All welcome

Fri 14th Dec 11:35am Fr Tom celebrates a Year 7 form Mass at St Benedict's

Fri 14th Dec 2:00pm (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotions and Benediction

Fri 14th Dec St Teresa's Youth Group in the Church Hall **5:00 – 6:45pm** (Years 4, 5 and 6) and **7:00 – 9:00pm** (Year 7 upwards)

Fri 14th Dec 7:00pm Advent Service of Reconciliation at St Teresa's church with visiting priests and opportunities for individual confessions.

Sat 15th Dec 9:30am 11am Mass choir practice at St Teresa's

Sun 16th Dec 3:00pm Parish Carol Service. Please bring a toy or gift for families in need

Tues 18th Dec 1:00pm Friendship Club Christmas meal at the Toby Carvery.

Sat 22nd Dec 10:00am Altar Server meeting at St Teresa's. Please bring your handbooks.

First Holy Communion Preparation 2018/19

Sat 22nd Dec 9:30am Session for parents in the church and children in the School Hall

Sun 23rd Dec 9:00am Mass The children will be involved in the Mass

Rota of Ministries: the new rota is available this weekend and can be found at the back of the Church. **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.

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.

Offertory Collection 2nd Dec 2018 Baskets: £545.92 Gift Aid: £324.50