

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 <removed for internet> and any who are not known to us

We remember William Humphrey, Frederick McCarthy, Raymond McMullen, Clifford Gray, Regina Radziszewski, Patrick Campbell, Anne Stokes, Hilda Lack, Luis De Brito, Amy Waterman, Henry Copping, Ida Holcombe, Maria Szpytzma and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

Sun Feb 17th is Racial Justice Sunday – We are asked to pray for the Catholic Church in promoting racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society. There will be a second collection after all Masses to support this work.

Prayer For those facing exploitation

O God, Gracious God,
From your abundance all gifts and skills are bestowed,
Making us participants in your work of creation.
By the word of your Son,
Confront our greed,
Challenge us when we treat people as means of profit,
Or discriminate unjustly against our fellow human beings.
Raise us up to new life in your service
That in all our works
Begun, continued and ended in you
We may glorify your holy name.
Through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,
Amen.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

Sat 16th Feb

12:30pm

6.30pm

Our Lady on Saturday

Joan Hedges (RIP)

(at St John's) All Parishioners

Sunday 17th Feb

9.00am

11.00am

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
(Racial Justice Day)**

Rosalie Bull (RIP)

Theresa Brown (RIP)

Mon 18th Feb

10:00am

Mass of the Day

Joy Folan (RIP)

Tues 19th Feb

10:00am

Mass of the Day

(at St John's) Michael Conway (RIP)

Wed 20th Feb

10:00am

Mass of the Day

Therese Jayamanna (RIP)

Thurs 21st Feb

10:00am

St Peter Damian, Bp, D

Jacques & Ian Sykes (Bday Ints)

Fri 22nd Feb

10:00am

Feast of the Chair of St Peter

Jim Hall (RIP)

Sat 23rd Feb

12:30pm

6.30pm

St Polycarp, Bp, M

Veronica McKentey (RIP)(Bday Memorial Ints)

(at St John's) All Parishioners

Sunday 24th Feb

9.00am

11.00am

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

David Whytock (RIP)(A)

Derek & Philip Alexander (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.

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Holy Father's Intentions for February

"For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution and of violence"

Sun 17th Feb 12:30pm Baptism of Arthur Grant

Sun 17th Feb 3:00pm Holy Hour for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mon 18th Feb 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting

Mon 18th Feb 8:00pm Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 19th Feb 2:30pm Meditation Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Thurs 21st Feb 2:00pm St Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the Church

Fri 22nd Feb 2:00pm (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotions and Benediction

Mon 25th Feb 1:00-3:00pm Catholic Craft Circle meet in the Upper room to pray and prepare crafts for the end of year bazaar. All are welcome, knitters especially! Come along to learn new crafts or knit and chat please see poster at back of church for more information.

Mon 25th Feb 6:45pm – 8:15pm Confirmation Preparation at St Teresa's

Tues 26th Feb 2:00 – 3:30pm Friendship Club in the Church Hall. The theme will be Art.

Thurs 28th Feb 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

Thurs 28th Feb 7:30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting

Wed 6th Mar Ash Wednesday. Beginning the Season of Lent

First Reconciliation Preparation 2018/19

Sat 9th Mar 9:30am Session for parents in the church and children in the School Hall

Sat 9th Mar 2:00pm and 3:00pm Children's First Confessions

GLOBAL HEALING – Wed 13th March and Wed 20th March 2019

"How our faith helps us to care for our common home"

A new film produced by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) Film Company, sponsored by the Bishops. Join us in the church hall at 7:30pm for a free and inspiring evening of film, food & Friendship, in response to Pope Francis' call to care for creation and to pass on a healthy planet to our children and our children's children.

Saturday 30 Mar 2019 - Parish Retreat Day at Clare Priory

As in the past it will be open to all parishioners. Further details and programme will be announced in due course, but you may wish to mark the date in your diary in the meantime.

Clothes for the Homeless: Adrian Rowley is coordinating the collection of warm clothes and blankets for men and women who are homeless in Colchester. He is willing to collect. Please contact Adrian at (07517) 421956

100 Club - If you wish to renew your membership, payments are due so please put cash or cheque in envelope through Fr Tom's door marked "100 Club" If you wish to join the club as a new member please email stteresaslexden@hotmail.co.uk

Message from Elizabeth Ward

My thanks to Fr Tom & all parishioners who have been praying for me since July. Your prayers & mine have been answered which, combined with the skill & expertise of the medical team, has ensured that the cancer has been removed. Luckily, I have not had too many adverse reactions to the treatment & I'm looking forward to 2019. Thank you again for your concern & support through your prayers

St James the Less & St Helen – A Series of Lent Talks

Fri 8th March 2019 Dr. Helen Costigane SHCJ "Giving Up or Taking Up?"

Dr. Helen Costigane lectures in the Institute of Theology at St Mary's University, Twickenham. There will be time for Questions and Discussion. Tea and Coffee available. Finish time 9.00pm at latest. All welcome. Admission free

Vacancies at New Hall School

Early Years Practitioner. Closing date Fri 22nd Feb

HR Administrator. Closing date Fri 1st Mar

For further information please call 01245 467 588

Offertory Collection 10th Feb 2018 Baskets: £542.41 Gift Aid: £348.50

Second Collection: Lourdes Sick and Helpers' Fund Baskets: £344.14 Gift Aid: £172.50

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