

ST TERESA OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC CHURCH, LEXDEN

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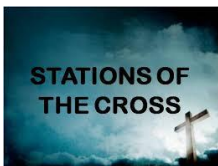
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PRAYER NEEDS

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, John Newton, 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, Ella Weston and any unknown to us. We remember Frederick McCarthy, Raymond McMullan, Clifford Gray, Regina Radziszewski, Patrick Campbell, Anne Stokes, Hilda Lack, Luis De Brito, Amy Waterman, Henry Copping, Ida Holcombe, Maria Szpytma, Glen Parker, David Whytock, Annie Taylor, Roman Lange and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

SEASON OF LENT



Stations of the Cross – Every Friday in Lent

2:30pm – Divine Mercy Stations

Feb 16th – St Teresa's

7:30pm – Stations written for Pope Francis

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Recent Deaths

Bob Spurgeon of Grymes Dyke Court died on 19th Jan in Colchester Hospital. Funeral arrangements: Funeral Mass Thurs 22nd Feb at 10:00am followed by burial at Colchester Cemetery.

Jaqueline Evans of Boadicea Way died on Wed 31st Jan at home. She is survived by her husband Steven and family. Funeral arrangements: Funeral Service at Wed 28th Feb at 11:00am followed by Cremation at 12:30pm.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

Sat 17th Feb	Mass of the Day for Lent
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6:30pm	(at St John's) Pacita Abalos (RIP)(A)
Sunday 18th Feb	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (B)
9.00am	Mary Shea and Albert & Sheila Sheppey (RIP)
11.00am	All Parishioners
Monday 19th Feb	Mass of the Day for Lent
10:00am	John Head (RIP)(A)
Tuesday 20th Feb	Mass of the Day for Lent
10:00am	(at St John's) Margaret Clifford (RIP)(A)
Wed 21st Feb	Mass of the Day for Lent
	(St Peter Damian, Bp, D)
10:00am	Geoffrey Foxall (RIP)
Thurs 22nd Feb	Feast of the Chair of St Peter the Apostle
10:00am	FUNERAL MASS: Bob Spurgeon (RIP)
Friday 23rd Feb	Mass of the Day for Lent
	(St Polycarp, Bp, M)
	CAFOD Lent Fast Day
10:00am	Veronica McKentey (RIP)(Bday Ints)
Sat 24th Feb	Mass of the Day for Lent
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6:30pm	(at St John's) Deceased of the McSorley Family
Sunday 25th Feb	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (B)
9.00am	Gabrielle Johnson & Patrick Burton (RIP)(A)
11.00am	Ina Rhatigan (RIP)
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 in Lent (B)

Holy Father's Intentions for February

"Say 'No' to Corruption – That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist the lure of corruption"

Fri 23rd Feb - CAFOD Lenten Fast Day – Envelopes available today

Envelopes are available this weekend and will be collected next weekend (Feb 24th/25th). CAFOD is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales and works wherever the need is greatest. This year they are working to combat malnutrition in Zimbabwe. Hunger can kill children, but CAFOD is providing seeds, fencing and farming training for families and communities so that everyone has enough to eat.

This Lent your donations to our Family Fast Day Appeal will be matched by the UK Government. This means that your donations will be doubled, up to a total of £5 million.

'LET IT BE' Done Unto me According to Your Word.

Wed 21st Feb and following 4 Wednesdays at 7:30pm in St Teresa's Church Hall.



5 engaging DVD sessions produced by the CaFE team, on how our mother Mary helps us to be filled with God. Filmed in location in Walsingham, The Holy Land, Ephesus, Rome, Montserrat, Lourdes and Knock. It will be café style with tea/coffee/wine and nibbles, with discussion groups after the DVDs. If you would like to attend please put your name down on the list at the back of the church.

Sun 18th Feb 3:00pm Rite of Election at Brentwood Cathedral for those being received into the church at the Easter Vigil. Andrew Thomas, Charlotte Larcom and Christopher Lawrence will be sent forth to the Rite from the 9:00AM Mass.

Sun 18th Feb 3:00pm Holy Hour for the First Sunday in Lent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Rosary; Sunday Reflection; Evening Prayer and Benediction

Mon 19th Feb 7:00pm Confirmation Preparation at St Teresa's

Mon 19th Feb 8:00pm Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 20th Feb 2:00pm Meditation Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 20th Feb 8:00pm Instruction in the Faith for non-Catholics in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Wed 21st Feb 7:30pm First Holy Communion Catechists at St Teresa's

Thurs 22nd Feb 2:00pm St Vincent de Paul Society meet at St Teresa's

Thurs 22nd Feb 8:00pm Lectio Divina in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Fri 23rd Feb CAFOD Lenten Fast Day. There will be a collection on Sun 25th Feb.

Fri 23rd Feb 2:00pm (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 2:30pm Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross **7:30pm** (at St Teresa's) Stations of the Cross

Fri 23rd Feb St Teresa's Youth Group in the Church Hall **5:00 – 6:30pm** (Years 4,5 and 6) and **6:30 – 9:00pm** (Year 7 upwards)

First Holy Communion Preparation Session

Sat 24th Feb 9:30am Meeting for children in the church hall and parents in the Church. The children will be involved in the 9:00am Mass on Sun 25th Feb.

Sat 24th Feb Stewards of the Gospel day at Brentwood Cathedral.

Mon 26th Feb 1:00-3:00pm at St Teresa's. Catholic Craft Circle invites show and tell of personal ongoing projects, sharing resources, patterns & tips among friendly crafters. Please see poster at the back of church for more information.

Tues 27th Feb 2:00 – 3:30pm Friendship Club in the Church Hall. There will be a presentation on a recent trip to Egyptian pyramids and tombs. All very welcome.

Sat 10th March Parish Retreat Day at Clare Priory. All parishioners are welcome. Booking forms are available at the back of the church.

Vacancy – person required for paid position of Parish and Chaplaincy Assistant to assist in Brightlingsea with Wivenhoe parish and University of Essex Chaplaincy. 10 hours per week. Timing of work can be negotiated. If you – or any family / friends – are interested, please first contact Fr Mark Swires – email: brightlingsea@dioceseofbrentwood.org for a job description and person specification. You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements of the role. Closing date for CVs is 1st March 2018.

Adoremus, the National Eucharistic Congress is being held in Liverpool 7th-9th September 2018. If you are interested in representing the parish please contact Fr Tom.

Weekend Feb 11th Offertory Collection: Baskets £538.43 Gift Aid Envelopes £158.40
Second collection: Lourdes Sick and Helpers' Fund Baskets £302.96 Gift Aid Envelopes £83.60