

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 online newsletter>* and any who are not known to us

We remember Bishop Bernard Ward, Ben Smart, Pamela Hoffman, Ida Ray, Rita Woolnough, Bridney Bruton, Freddie Brightwell, Bishop Arthur Doubleday, Barbara Cox, George Georgiou, Brian Durkin, Bishop Casey, Godfrey Pool and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

Recent Deaths:

Rosalie Bull of West Bergholt died on 5th Jan. She is survived by her husband David, daughter Jane and son Christopher. Funeral Mass: Thurs 24th Jan 12noon followed by burial at Wrabness.

Joan Harvey of Queen's Rd died in Colchester Hospital. She is survived by her sons Wayne and Miles. Funeral Mass: 31st Jan 10:00am followed by Cremation.

Rita St Louis of Mario Way died at St Helena Hospice on 1st Jan. She is survived by her family. Funeral Service: 6th Feb 12:30pm at St Teresa's followed by burial at Colchester Cemetery

May those who have died rest in peace and those that mourn be comforted.

Pax Christi

This week there will be a second collection for Pax Christi. Their work is based on the Gospel and inspired by Faith. Pax Christi works for Peace based on justice, reconciliation and nonviolence

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.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

Sat 19th Jan

**Our Lady on Saturday
(St Wulstan, Bp)**

12:30pm

Vocations to the Priesthood

6.30pm

(at St John's) All Parishioners

Sunday 20th Jan

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
(Peace Day)**

9.00am

Jim Hall (Ints)

11.00am

Ben Smart (RIP)(A)

Mon 21st Jan

St Agnes, V, M

10:00am

Kath Jukes (RIP)

7:00pm

St Vincent de Paul Society (Ints)

Tues 22nd Jan

St Vincent, Deacon, M

10:00am

(at St John's) Margaret Carey (RIP)

Wed 23rd Jan

Mass of the Day

10:00am

Mary Lavin (RIP)(Bday Memorial Ints)

Thurs 24th Jan

12:00noon

FUNERAL MASS: ROSALIE BULL (RIP)

Fri 25th Jan

Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Ap

10:00am

Brian McCarron (RIP)

Sat 26th Jan

Ss Timothy & Titus, Bpp

12:30pm

Helen Jay (Bday Ints)

6.30pm

(at St John's) All Parishioners

Sunday 27th Jan

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

9.00am

Christopher North (RIP)(A)

11.00am

Terry Dukes (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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Holy Father's Intentions for January

"That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world."

Church Unity Week Jan 18th – Jan 25th

There will be a Church Unity Service at St Albright's on Sun 20th Jan at 6:00pm.

All are invited, Fr Tom will be involved in the service.

Sun 20th Jan 3:00pm Holy Hour for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mon 21st Jan 6:45pm – 8:15pm Confirmation Preparation at St Teresa's

Mon 21st Jan 7:00pm St Vincent de Paul District Council Meeting preceded by Mass.

Mon 21st Jan 8:00pm Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 22nd Jan 2:30pm Meditation Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 22nd Jan 7.30pm There will be a meeting of Eucharistic Ministers at St Teresa's. This will be an opportunity to review, update and affirm how we carry out our Eucharistic Ministry. It will provide a forum for questions, suggestions and comments relating to ministry at the three main weekend Masses, at daily Mass, and when taking Communion to the housebound or sick. All ministers are encouraged to attend if possible.

Tues 22nd Jan 7:30pm Instruction in the Faith for non-Catholics

Thurs 24th Jan 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 25th Jan 2:00pm (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotions and Benediction

Mon 28th Jan 1:00-3:00pm Catholic craft circle meeting in the upper room at St Teresa's. Recycle old Christmas cards into new crafts; Knit wine bottle hats and scarves and lively general planning for the year ahead. For more info on what to bring please see posters at the back of church.

Tues 29th Jan 2:00 – 3:30pm Friendship Club in the Church Hall. Ian Frewer will be giving a talk on a non-parish trip to the Holy Land.

Mon 4th Feb 6:45pm – 8:15pm Confirmation Preparation at St Teresa's

Wed 6th Feb Confirmation Candidates attend the BCYS Youth Mass at Brentwood cathedral

Pilgrimage – Saints of the North

The next payment is due by the end of the month. £126 per person (cheques should be made payable to St Teresa's Catholic Church)

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 20th – 27th July 2019

Join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service in Lourdes this Summer as we travel alongside the diocese, assisting the elderly and infirm on their annual pilgrimage. Also a retreat, daily Masses and excursions for the young people, as well as the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Places will be allocated to ensure as many parishes and schools as possible from the diocese are represented and applications will remain open until 31st January 2019. *Please be aware, this event is always heavily oversubscribed.* The pilgrimage is open to anyone currently in school year 10 and above and the cost will be around £570 (TBC). For all information and the chance to apply visit www.bcys.net/events or email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Parish Italian Night

Fund-raising for Lourdes 2019 will be starting with an Italian Night on Saturday 16th February in St Teresa's School hall! This popular event has been well attended in the past, and again the young people from the parish going to assist in this year's Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage will welcome your continued support. Please make a note in your diaries - book early to avoid disappointment! - places can now be booked by contacting Toni on (07962) 014747 or email tonifusi@btinternet.com More information to follow!

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

Oberammergau Passion Play (May - Oct 2020)

22 parishioners have registered an interest in attending the Passion Play. There will be a meeting **Wed 30th Jan 7:30pm in the Church** for these people and any others who are interested in travelling to look at potential dates and travel options.

Offertry Collection 14th Jan 2018 Baskets: £555.16 Gift Aid: £193.40

Second collection: The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children Baskets: £566.00

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