

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, Lillianne 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 Townsdraw, Francesca Vassallo, Sheila Watts, Ella Weston and any unknown 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 Patrick Casey, Godfrey Pool, Samantha Nesbitt, Alice Howlett, Elizabeth Lange and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

Recent Deaths

Johanna Jennings of Duncan Rd died on Jan 13th in Colchester Hospital. She is survived by her family. Funeral Mass Feb 6th at 10:00am at St John's followed by burial.

Jan Paduch, uncle of Stefan Szpytma, passed away at Colchester General Hospital on Sunday, 17th December. His funeral will take place on Friday 26th January at 11.00 a.m at St James the Less and St Helen Church, Priory Street, Colchester followed by Cremation at Colchester Crematorium at 12.30 p.m.

May they 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.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

Sat 20th Jan	St Sebastian, M (St Fabian, P, M) 12:30pm Vocations to the Priesthood 6:30pm (at St John's) David Burdett (RIP)(Wedding Anniv)
Sunday 21st Jan	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 9.00am Ben Smart (RIP)(A) 11.00am All Parishioners
Monday 22nd Jan	St Vincent, Deacon, M 10:00am Phyl Burns and the Deceased of the Burns Family (RIP)
Tuesday 23rd Jan	Mass of the Day 10:00am (at St John's) Kate Brignall (RIP)
Wed 24th Jan	St Francis de Sales, Bp, D 10:00am Mary Lavin (RIP)(Bday Ints)
Thurs 25th Jan	FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Ap 10:00am Canon Anthony McKentey (RIP)
Friday 26th Jan	Ss Timothy & Titus, Bpp 10:00am Matthew Poole (Ints)
Sat 27th Jan	St Angela Merici, V 12:30pm Vocations to the Priesthood 6:30pm (at St John's) All Parishioners
Sunday 28th Jan	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) 9.00am Linscott Family (Ints) 11.00am 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.



Thurs 25th Jan - Feast of The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle
Mass 10:00am at St Teresa's

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

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"

Sun 21st Jan 3:00pm Holy Hour for the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Rosary; Sunday Reflection; Evening Prayer and Benediction

Mon 22nd Jan 12:30pm Fr Tom will be celebrating a Class Mass at St Benedict's School for Year 7 students.

Mon 22nd Jan 7:00pm Confirmation Preparation in the Church

Mon 22nd Jan 8:00pm Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 23rd Jan 2:30 – 3:30pm Meditation Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 23rd Jan 8:00pm Instruction in the Faith for non-Catholics in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Thurs 25th Jan 8:00pm Lectio Divina in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Fri 26th Jan 2:00pm (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotions.

First Holy Communion Preparation Session

Sat 27th Jan 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 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

Saturday 10th Feb Fund-raising for Lourdes 2018 will be starting with an Italian Night 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 07962014747 or email tonifusi@btinternet.com. More information to follow!

Wed 21st Feb and following 4 Wednesdays at 7:30pm in St Teresa's Church Hall. 'LET IT BE' Done Unto me According to Your Word. 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.

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

100 Club The last draw of the year took place on Tuesday at the Friendship Club. Congratulations to the following winners: 1st Prize £100 John McCabe, 2nd Prize £50 Madeleine Bigg, 3rd Prize £33 Elizabeth Ward. If anyone would like to join the club for the next year's draws please contact Elaine on 100club@stteresa.co.uk. Letters and emails will be going out very soon to existing members inviting them to continue.

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.