

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, 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 Townsdraw, Francesca Vassallo, Sheila Watts, Ella Weston and any unknown to us. We remember Jo Gadsdon, Ronald Pitt, (Baby) Joseph Jarman, Christopher North, Terence Dukes, Linda O'Neill, Betty Byrne, Winifred McDowell, John Gill, Maurice O'Connell, Barry Rhodes 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. May she 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.

Racial Justice Sunday "Belonging: All are welcome"

Today is Racial Justice Sunday. On this day Catholics are called to pray for those who experience unjust discrimination or are marginalised because of their race and ethnicity. We think in particular of those who feel they do not belong within our society or our communities because of this discrimination. There will be a second collection today and all the money raised will go towards supporting the Church's work on racial justice issues.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

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)
	(Racial Justice Day)
9.00am	Linscott Family (Ints)
11.00am	Derek & Philip Alexander (RIP)(A)
Monday 29th Jan	Mass of the Day
10:00am	Margaret Mullen (RIP)
Tuesday 30th Jan	Mass of the Day
10:00am	(at St John's) Liz Delauney (Ints)
Wed 31st Jan	St John Bosco, Pr
9:00am	Margaret Wheeler (RIP)
Thurs 1st Feb	Mass of the Day
10:00am	Barry Rhodes (RIP)(A)
Friday 2nd Feb	FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
	(World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life)
10:00am	Personal Intention
Sat 3rd Feb	St Anne Line, M
	(St Ansgar, St Blaise)
12:30pm	Alfred Fox (RIP)(A)
6:30pm	(at St John's) All Parishioners
Sunday 4th Feb	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
9.00am	Jo Cronin (Ints)
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.



Fri 2nd Feb – The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord (Candlemas)

Blessing of Candles for use in the church. If you have candles you wish to be blessed, please bring them in before the 10:00am Mass

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (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"

Sun 28th Jan 3:00pm Holy Hour for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Rosary; Sunday Reflection; Evening Prayer and Benediction

Mon 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

Mon 29th Jan 8:00pm Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 30th Jan 2:00 – 3:30pm Friendship Club in the Church Hall. All are welcome. If you are able then please bring an object/picture and share its story with us.

Tues 30th Jan 8:00pm Instruction in the Faith for non-Catholics in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Wed 31st Jan 11:00am Clergy Deanery Meeting in Frinton.

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

Mon 5th Feb 7:00pm Confirmation Preparation at St Teresa's

Tues 6th Feb 7:00pm Liturgy Meeting at St Teresa's

Wed 7th Feb 7:00pm Parish Council Meeting at St Teresa's

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

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!

Sun 11th Feb World Day of Prayer for the Sick. The Sacrament of Healing will be celebrated within each Sunday Mass. *The Anointing for the Sick is for those who have a serious or ongoing serious illness, those preparing for major surgery and the elderly.*

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.

Spirituality Seminars: at Cathedral House Ingrave Road Brentwood CM1 5 8AT

Sat 10th Feb 10.30am-12.00pm - Title: The Mass Explained. Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon.

Sat 24th Mar 10.30am-12.00pm - Title: Lent and the call to holiness. Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Cathedral Dean.

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Weekend Jan 21st Offertory Collection: Baskets £558.33 Gift Aid Envelopes £232.10