

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, James O'Neill, Eileen Pool, Beattie Preston, Jo Preston, Marion Preston, Ann Renwick, Carriane Rogers, Margaret Scott, Ewan Thompson, Teresa Thorneycroft, Peter Townsdrow, Francesca Vassallo, Sheila Watts and any unknown to us. We remember Mabel Cannon, Winifred Benjacar, Jack Ransom, Diana Cheeld, Angela Rowley, Mary Defen, Maria Anzalone, John O'Connor, Teresa Adamson, Marie Soares, Veronica Ashton, John Burke, Paul Kilgallen, Margaret Ratcliffe, Olly Byrne and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

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.

White Flower Appeal

This weekend there is a second collection to support the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. Since 1967 nearly 9,000,000 unborn babies have lost their lives under the Abortion Act. S.P.U.C works at the forefront of the pro-life campaign to save unborn babies, they also offer mothers and fathers help to restore their lives after an abortion with "ARCH" the Abortion, Recovery, Care and Helpline.

Pax Christi

Next week there will be a second collection for Pax Christi. Their work is based on the Gospel and inspired by Faith. Rooted in Catholic Christianity they work with all who share our values to abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Please return the envelopes next week.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

Sat 6th Jan	Mass of Saturday Before the Epiphany
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6:30pm	(at St John's) Bill Couperthwaite (RIP)(Wedding Anniv)
Sunday 7th Jan	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
9.00am	Jack Ransom (RIP)(A)
11.00am	Mary Jay (Ints)
Monday 8th Jan	FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (B)
10:00am	Michael McInerney (RIP)(A)
Tuesday 9th Jan	Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
10:00am	(at St John's) Kath Boreham (RIP)(Bday Ints)
Wed 10th Jan	Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
10:00am	Michael O'Connor (RIP)(A)
Thurs 11th Jan	Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time
10:00am	Margaret Wheeler (RIP)
Friday 12th Jan	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
	(St Aelred of Rievaulx, Ab)
10:00am	Clare Linscott (RIP)
Sat 13th Jan	St Hilary, Bp, D
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6:30pm	(at St John's) Grandchildren of the Kerr Family
Sunday 14th Jan	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
	(Peace Day)
9.00am	Stephen and Christina Mooney (RIP)(A)
11.00am	All Parishioners

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.



The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (B)

"The manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles"

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 7th Jan 3:00pm Holy Hour for Epiphany Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Rosary; Sunday Reflection; Evening Prayer and Benediction

Monday 8th Jan Feast of The Baptism of Our Lord. Mass at 10:00am at St Teresa's

Mon 8th Jan 3:00 – 3:30pm and 6:00 – 6:30pm Fr Tom will be signing Catholic Certificates of Practice for parents with completed attendance forms only. Please come to the meeting room upstairs in the church bringing the attendance forms.

Mon 8th Jan 7:00pm Confirmation Preparation in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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

Tues 9th Jan 8:00pm Instruction in the Faith for non-Catholics in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Thurs 11th Jan 2:00pm St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

Thurs 11th Jan 8:00pm Lectio Divina in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Fri 12th Jan 2:00pm (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotions.

Tues Jan 16th 2:00 – 3:30pm Friendship Club in the Church Hall. Everyone Welcome

Wed Jan 17th 7:00pm Parish Meeting to discuss the next stage of Diocesan Renewal and Restructuring. We will be discussing the Diocesan document "Working Together to Evangelise Our Diocese". Copies are available at the back of the church or it is available on the Diocesan website www.dioceseofbrentwood.net

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!

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

Wed 24th & Wed 31st Jan 7:00 - 8.30pm UNDERSTANDING THE CREED Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Nicene Creed recited at Sunday Mass. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.

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.

Canon Anthony McKentey R.I.P.

Maureen & Philip are most grateful to everyone who attended and participated in the Requiem Mass at Priory Street, we were overwhelmed by the number present. A sincere thank you for all the prayers and support during Father Tony's illness and for the messages of sympathy and Mass Cards. A loving brother & much loved Priest.