

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 John Gaffney, Mary Rooney, Ida Butlin, Sybil Day, Anthony Garigan, Joyce Mills, Brian Strong, Edward Boreham, Arthur Jones and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

SEASON OF LENT



Parish Reconciliation Service

Fri Mar 16th 7:30pm

Opportunities for individual confessions with visiting priests



Stations of the Cross

2:30pm – Divine Mercy Stations

Fri Mar 16th and Fri Mar 23rd – St Teresa's

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross

Fri Mar 23rd - St Teresa's

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

Sat 10th Mar	Mass of the Day (Bl John Larke, Pr, M) <i>11:45am Parish Retreat Mass at Clare Priory</i> 6:30pm (at St John's) Thanksgiving (Kerr Family)
Sunday 11th Mar	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (B) (Laetare Sunday) 9.00am All Parishioners 11.00am Joseph Sykes (Bday Ints)
Monday 12th Mar	Mass of the Day for Lent 10:00am Norah Hartigan (RIP)(A)
Tuesday 13th Mar	Mass of the Day for Lent 10:00am (at St John's) Margaret Carey (RIP)
Wed 14th Mar	Mass of the Day for Lent 10:00am Brian Strong (RIP)(A)
Thurs 15th Mar	Mass of the Day for Lent 10:00am Alejandro Abalos (RIP)(A)
Friday 16th Mar	Mass of the Day for Lent 10:00am Brian Cook (RIP)
Sat 17th Mar	Feast of St Patrick, Bp, Apostle of Ireland 12:30pm Vocations to the Priesthood 6:30pm (at St John's) All Parishioners
Sunday 18th Mar	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (B) 9.00am Deceased of the Ransom and Rowley Families 11.00am Muriel (Lily) Messer (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.

Fourth Sunday in Lent (B) Laetare (Rejoicing) Sunday

Holy Father's Intentions for March

"That the Church may appreciate the urgent need for formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and community levels"

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

Continuing Wed 14th Mar at 7:30pm in St Teresa's Church Hall.



Continuing the series of 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. Everyone is welcome

Easter Ministries

The lists are up at the back of the Church. Readers, ministers, ushers and welcomers please volunteer. Also volunteers are needed for feet washing on Maundy Thursday. Please make sure all duties are covered.

Sun 11th March – Laetare Sunday (Mothering Sunday) We rejoice at the midpoint of Lent as we anticipate the coming joy of Easter. Blessings for all mothers after all Masses on this Mothering Sunday.

Sun 11th Mar 3:00pm Holy Hour for the Fourth Sunday in Lent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Rosary; Sunday Reflection; Evening Prayer and Benediction

Mon 12th Mar 8:00pm Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 13th Mar 2:00 – 3:30pm Friendship Club in the Church Hall. There will be a presentation on a recent trip to Egyptian pyramids and tombs (rescheduled from the last meeting because of the bad weather). All very welcome.

Tues 13th Mar 8:00pm Instruction in the Faith for non-Catholics in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Wed 14th Mar 7:30pm – Let it Be Lenten Course in the Church Hall

Thurs 15th Mar 7:30pm Meeting to update those going on Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with the parish in May.

Fri 16th Mar 2:00pm (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 2:30pm Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross

Fri 16th Mar 7:30pm Parish Penitential Service. Opportunities for individual confessions with visiting priests.

"We should go to Confession often because in this Sacrament we don't just have our sins forgiven, we are also given God's grace to heal and strengthen us within, in order to live the life of holiness to which we are called" CTS

Tues 20th March 2:30pm Meditation Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Fri 23rd Mar St Teresa's Youth Group in the Church Hall **5:00 – 6:45pm** (Years 4,5 and 6) and **7:00 – 9:00pm** (Year 7 upwards)

First Holy Communion Preparation Session

Sat 24th Mar 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 Mar.

Sun 25th Mar Palm Sunday – the beginning of Holy Week

Distribution and Blessing of palms at all Masses.

9:00am Mass: Blessing of Palms in the hall and procession with the palms to the church.

Mon 26th Mar 1:00-3:00pm Elizabeth Moriarty demonstrates knitted squares; a quick starter for beginners and advanced knitters. Wool will be supplied, bring size 8 needles and oddments of double knitting wool of your choice. Join the friendly crafters to learn new skills and share a cuppa, all welcome.

Mon 26th Mar 7:00pm Confirmation Preparation at St Teresa's

FREE: Walking frame with seat and basket, used and in good condition. Please contact Wally on 01206 579809. Will deliver if required.

Easter Triduum Retreat for those aged 19-27. Experience the Holy Week liturgies in Walsingham House at Abbotswick, weaving reflection and prayer with a deeper understanding of each liturgy, in the company of other young adults. From the stillness of Adoration on Holy Thursday evening to an Easter Vigil finishing with champagne and chocolates, we hope this will be a Triduum celebration to live in the heart and mind for the year ahead. Cost £30 all included. Full details & online application at www.bcys.net

Weekend Mar 4th Offertory Collection: Baskets £467.95 Gift Aid Envelopes £155.00