

# ST TERESA OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC CHURCH, LEXDEN

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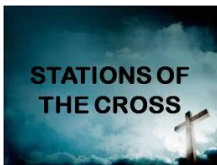
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## PRAYER NEEDS

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 Scott McShane, John Latham, Jean Goody, Thomas Murphy, Eileen Horwood, Robert Conway, Ruth McCarthy, Patrick Craig-Waller and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

## SEASON OF LENT



### Stations of the Cross

Fri Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> – St Teresa's

2:30pm – Divine Mercy Stations

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross with St Teresa's School



### Palm Sunday Open Church

Sun Mar 25<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 4:00pm

You are invited to drop in for a time of quiet reflection and prayer as we begin Holy Week

# MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

## Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

<b>Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Feast of St Patrick, Bp, Apostle of Ireland</b>
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6:30pm	(at St John's) All Parishioners
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (B)</b>
9.00am	Deceased of the Ransom and Rowley Families
11.00am	Muriel (Lily) Messer (RIP)
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>
10:00am	Rose Philip (Ints)
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Mass of the Day for Lent</b>
10:00am	(at St John's) Janina Tombarkiewkz (RIP)
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Mass of the Day for Lent</b>
10:00am	John Hambleton (RIP)(A)
<b>Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Mass of the Day for Lent</b>
10:00am	John Lancaster (RIP)(A)
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Mass of the Day for Lent</b>
10:00am	<b>(St Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bp)</b> Michael Nicholson (RIP)
<b>Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Mass of the Day for Lent</b>
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6:30pm	(at St John's) All Parishioners
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)</b>
9.00am	Roger Sykes (RIP)(A)
11.00am	Arthur Jones (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.

## Fifth Sunday in Lent (B)

### 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 21st 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 18<sup>th</sup> Mar 12:30pm Baptisms of Freyja Drake and Harry Gaisford**

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Mar 3:00pm Holy Hour for the Fifth Sunday in Lent** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Rosary; Sunday Reflection; Evening Prayer and Benediction

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Mar 8:00pm** Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Mar 11:00am and 2:00pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Teresa's school

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Mar 2:30 – 3:30pm** Meditation Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Tues 20<sup>th</sup> Mar 7:30pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation for RCIA candidates

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Mar** Priests' Deanery meeting in Brightlingsea

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Mar 7:30pm** – Let it Be Lenten Course in the Church Hall

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 11:00am and 2:00pm** Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Teresa's school

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2:00pm** (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 2:30pm  
Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> 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)

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar 7:30pm** (at St Teresa's) Stations of the Cross led by families from St Teresa's  
school

### **First Holy Communion Preparation Session**

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> Mar.

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Mar 2:30pm** Convalidation of Marriage.

### **Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> Mar 9:30am – Whole School Mass for Holy Week**

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> Mar 7:00pm** Confirmation Preparation at St Teresa's

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 7:00pm** Mass of Chrism at Brentwood Cathedral

**100 Club** - The fees are now due for this year's 100 club ready for the first draw in April. If  
you were a member last year and wish to continue please send either cash or cheque for  
£12 per number in an envelope and either pop it through Fr Tom's door or pass to an  
usher. If you would like to join please contact Elaine on [100club@stteresa.co.uk](mailto:100club@stteresa.co.uk) as soon  
as possible. If you have decided not to continue please let Elaine know so that your  
number can be given to someone else. Thank you.

**Bishop Alan goes #SiLent!** For 12 hours, from 8am to 8pm, on Tuesday 27th March, the  
Tuesday of Holy Week, Bishop Alan will be completely silent. This is part of a national  
initiative, "Million Minutes," adopted this year by the BCYS, to encourage all of us to  
(re)discover the peace, tranquility and value of silence: within the stillness, God speaks.  
Every minute of silence can also be sponsored, raising money for projects led by young  
people in our Diocese. For more details see [www.millionminutes.org/Brentwood](http://www.millionminutes.org/Brentwood). To  
sponsor Bishop Alan go to <https://be.wonderful.org/bishop.alan/2018/staysilent>.

**Adoremus**, the National Eucharistic Congress is being held in Liverpool 7th-9th  
September 2018. If you are interested in representing the parish please contact Fr Tom.

**Weekend Mar 11<sup>th</sup> Offertory Collection:** Baskets £538.71 Gift Aid Envelopes £236.60