

# ST TERESA OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC CHURCH, LEXDEN

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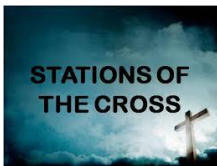
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## **PRAYER NEEDS**

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 Gina Manning, Agnes Tullett, Amy Waterman, Iwan Thomas, Mary Razor, Elsie Newport, Dorothy Kelly and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

## **SEASON OF LENT**



**Stations of the Cross – Every Friday in Lent**

**2:30pm – Divine Mercy Stations**

**Mar 9<sup>th</sup> – St Teresa's**

**7:30pm – Stations of the Cross**

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

**Continuing Wed 7th 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

# MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

## Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

<b>Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Mass of the Day</b>
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6:30pm	(at St John's) Pam Andrews (RIP)(Bday Ints)
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (B)</b>
9.00am	David Whytock (RIP)(A)
11.00am	Mary Lavin (RIP)(A)
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Mass of the Day for Lent</b>
10:00am	Tony Allen (ill)
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Mass of the Day for Lent</b>
10:00am	(at St John's) Kate Brignall (RIP)
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Mass of the Day for Lent</b>
	<b>(Ss Perpetua &amp; Felicity, Mm)</b>
10:00am	Dermot Moriarty (RIP)(A)
<b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Mass of the Day for Lent</b>
	<b>(St John of God, Rel)</b>
10:00am	Thanksgiving (Drake & McFadden)
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Mass of the Day for Lent</b>
	<b>(St Frances of Rome, Rel)</b>
10:00am	Brendan Hearn (RIP)
<b>Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Mass of the Day</b>
	<b>(Bl John Larke, Pr, M)</b>
11:45am	<i>Parish Retreat Mass at Clare Priory</i>
6:30pm	(at St John's) Thanksgiving (Kerr Family)
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (B)</b>
	<b>(Laetare Sunday)</b>
9.00am	All Parishioners
11.00am	Joseph Sykes (Bday Ints)

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March: No Confessions or Adoration (Parish Retreat Day at Clare Priory)**

# 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.

## Third 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"

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Mar 3:00pm Holy Hour for the Third Sunday in Lent** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Rosary; Sunday Reflection; Evening Prayer.

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Mar 7:00pm** Confirmation Preparation at St Teresa's

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Mar 8:00pm** Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> March 2:30pm** Meditation Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 8:00pm** Instruction in the Faith for non-Catholics in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Mar 2:00pm** St Vincent de Paul Society meet at St Teresa's

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Mar 2:00pm** (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 2:30pm Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross **7:30pm** (at St Teresa's) Stations of the Cross

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> March** Parish Retreat Day at Clare Priory. All parishioners are welcome. Booking forms are available at the back of the church, please return them as soon as possible. Cost for the day £16. Please bring a packed lunch

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> March – Laetare Sunday (Mothering Sunday)** Blessings for all Mothers after all Masses.

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Mar 7:30pm** Parish Penitential Service. Opportunities for individual confessions with visiting priests.

**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)

#### **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.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> of March (and subsequent Tuesdays)** Tongue-tied when you talk about Jesus? There's no need to be! The Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham is hosting 5 talks given by Catholic Voices. Catholic Voices is communications organisation which equips men and women to speak about their faith in the public sphere, and they want to help us to "Reframe" the conversation, so that we're never lost for words when talking about the things that matter most. Each talk starts at 7:30pm and we'll be dealing with topics such as 'Mercy and the Migrant Crisis', 'Defending the Unborn', and 'The Reforms of Pope Francis'. We look forward to seeing you at the talks, hosted at our Parish Pastoral Centre, St Anne's Church, 1 Berwick Road, Custom House, London, E16 3DR. For more information, check out our website, [www.royaldocks.faith](http://www.royaldocks.faith).

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

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

Contact Details: Tel 01277 265285 email: [jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

#### **26<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham**

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we honour Our Lady of Walsingham. Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come please sign up on the list at the back of the church.

**28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland** £699 per person sharing. Contact 01268 762278 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

**Car Parking:** We respectfully ask that users of the school car park please park with consideration for others when you attend Mass on Sunday. DO NOT park blocking the exit or stopping other parishioners from leaving the car park in case of an emergency. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Surplus Chairs** – There is a surplus of chairs in the quiet room at the back of the church. If you could use any of these chairs please let Fr Tom know.

**Weekend Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Offertory Collection:** Baskets £636.61 Gift Aid Envelopes £160.00  
Second Collection for CAFOD Fast Day: Baskets £636.97 Gift Aid Envelopes £496.90