

ST TERESA OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC CHURCH, LEXDEN

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PRAYER NEEDS

We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound and especially *<removed for the internet>* and any who are not known to us

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

Recent Deaths

Margaret Young of Beechwood Close died in Colchester Hospital on 17th Feb. She is survived by her family. Funeral Mass: Mon Mar 18th 10:00am followed by Cremation

Mary McGarvey of Norman Way died at home on 26th Feb. She is survived by her family. Funeral Mass Thurs 28th March 12:30pm followed by Cremation

Harry Kerr of Bakers Lane died at Colchester Hospital on 28th Feb. He is survived by his wife Pat and their family. Funeral arrangements: Body received into the church Tues 19th Mar at 4:00pm. Funeral Mass Wed 20th Mar 11:45am followed by Cremation.

May those who have died rest in peace and those that mourn be comforted.

March 15th 2019 Cafod Lent Fast Day: Envelopes available today

Envelopes are available this weekend and will be collected next weekend (Mar 16th/17th). CAFOD is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales and works wherever the need is greatest.

This year CAFOD are working in Bangladesh where floods, droughts, and cyclones have damaged crops, homes, health and income. With financial support from CAFOD local experts have been helping families – teaching them new farming techniques, and distributing seeds, ducks and chickens. Please support the Lent appeal and enable CAFOD to reach out to more families in desperate need of help.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

Sat 9th Mar	Saturday after Ash Wednesday (St Frances of Rome, Rel)
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6.30pm	(at St John's) All Parishioners
Sunday 10th Mar	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)
9.00am	Rose Donnelly (RIP)
11.00am	Acacio Sanchez (RIP)
Mon 11th Mar	Mass of the Day for Lent (Bl John Larke, Pr, M)
11:00am	Personal Intentions
Tues 12th Mar	Mass of the Day for Lent
10:00am	(at St John's) Margaret Carey (RIP)
Wed 13th Mar	Mass of the Day for Lent
10:00am	Kate Brignall (RIP)(A)
Thurs 14th Mar	Mass of the Day for Lent
10:00am	Rosalie Bull (RIP)
Fri 15th Mar	Mass of the Day for Lent (CAFOD Lent Fast Day)
10:00am	Jim Hall (RIP)
Sat 16th Mar	Mass of the Day for Lent
12:30pm	Joseph Sykes (Bday Thanksgiving)
6.30pm	(at St John's) All Parishioners
Sunday 17th Mar	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)
9.00am	Nataša Casale (RIP)
11.00am	Hayhoe Family (Thanksgiving)
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.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (C)

Holy Father's Intentions for March

"That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected"

Fr Tom's Induction as Canon: Mon May 20th at Brentwood Cathedral. Mass: 12noon

If you would like to travel with the parish to attend this Mass please put your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of the church.

Sun 10th Mar 3:00pm Holy Hour for the First Sunday in Lent

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Sunday Reflection; Rosary; Evening Prayer and Benediction

Mon 11th Mar 11:00am Bishop Alan will be celebrating Mass and confer minor orders on Adrian Gabb-Jones who will be ordained a priest in July.

Mon 11th Mar 8:00pm Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 12th Mar 7:30pm Instruction in the Faith for non-Catholics

Tues 12th Mar 2:00 – 3:30pm Friendship Club in the Church Hall.

GLOBAL HEALING – Wed 13th March and Wed 20th March 2019

"How our faith helps us to care for our common home" A new film produced by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) Film Company, sponsored by the Bishops. Join us in the church hall at **7:30pm** for a free and inspiring evening of film, food & friendship, in response to Pope Francis' call to care for creation and to pass on a healthy planet to our children and our children's children. There will be 3 further presentations: **27 Mar** - God's Creation. **3 Apr** - Damage and Waste. **10 Apr** - New lifestyle. *There will be a finger food buffet as part of this programme. It would be great if we could have some volunteers to sign up to bring a dish for this evening. Please contact George on 07834725890 or Manolie on 07528687138 if you have any queries.*

Fri 15th Mar 2:00pm (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with 2:30pm Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross and 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotions followed by Benediction **7:30pm** (at St Teresa's) Stations of the Cross, joined by parishioners of St Albright's C of E Church

Mon 18th Mar 6:45pm – 8:15pm Confirmation Preparation at St Teresa's

Tues 19th Mar 2:30pm Meditation Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Saturday 30 Mar 2019 - Parish Retreat Day at Clare Priory

Signing up forms for the Day of Retreat at Clare Priory are available at the back of the Church. The format of the day will be similar to that for previous years but this year we will have a particular focus for discussion and reflection. If you wish to attend please complete a form and return together with payment cheque to Fr Tom at the presbytery as soon as possible, and by Wednesday 13 March 2019 at the latest. The cost is £16 per person (Priory Fee) which includes tea/ coffee through the day. Please note that you will need to bring your own packed lunch.

Easter Eggstravaganza - This year we are running our Easter Eggstravaganza again. It has always proved to be very popular. Please pick up an extra Easter egg when you are shopping and donate to this very worthwhile cause. Also please consider purchasing some tickets in order to win an Easter egg on Easter Sunday. All funds raised will go to Brentwood Catholic Children Society.

St James the Less & St Helen – A Series of Lent Talks

Fri 15th March 2019 7:30pm in the Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory St. Father Chris, parish priest of St James the Less will speak on the theme of 'Creation and Recreation'. Tea and Coffee available. Finish time 9.00pm at latest. All welcome. Admission free

Tues 9th Apr (8:00pm) – Thurs 11th April (3:00pm) Lent retreat for young people If you are school year 10-13 and would like some peace and space to prepare for Holy Week, along with the joy of being on retreat with our magnificent Walsingham House at Abbotswick Team, then join us for the Lenten retreat. £35 includes accommodation and meals. Details & booking at www.bcys.net/events

Sponsored sleepout; can you give one night of your life to change nights for others next winter? Since November hundreds of people in Essex and East London have found warmth, food and shelter in church halls and other projects supported by our church. Could you get sponsors and sleep outside for one night to help support this work next winter? Sleepout Fri 12th- Sat 13th April, in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Full details at www.bcys.net/events.

Message from David Bull: I would like to express my grateful thanks to our lovely Parish Family for all their support after Rosalie's death and during the subsequent difficult time. It is not easy to put feelings into words. However I have found that your many kind words and thoughtful gestures have been very uplifting. They have definitely helped me to progress towards some sort of equilibrium after an initial bleak period. May the Lord be with you all.

Offertory Collection 3rd Mar 2018 Baskets: £482.71 Gift Aid: £237.65

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