

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 internet> and any who are not known to us

We remember Patrick Cooney, Norah Kelly, John Thorneycroft, Gina Manning, Agnes Tullett, Amy Waterman, Iwan Thomas, Mary Razor, Elsie Newport 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: 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 arrangements to follow.

Harry Kerr of Bakers Lane died at Colchester Hospital on 28th Feb. He is survived by his wife Pat and their family. Funeral arrangements to follow.

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

SEASON OF LENT



Mar 6th Ash Wednesday
(Day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat)
Masses 10:00am (St Teresa's)
8:00pm (St John's)
With the Distribution of Sacred Ashes



Stations of the Cross – Every Friday in Lent
2:30pm – Divine Mercy Stations
7:30pm – Evening Stations
All at St Teresa's

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

Sat 2nd Mar	St Nicholas Owen, M
12:30pm	Sr Helen Walsh (RIP)
6.30pm	(at St John's) Kerr Family (Ints)
Sunday 3rd Mar	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
	(Day of the Unemployed)
9.00am	All Parishioners
11.00am	John Thorneycroft (RIP)(A)
Mon 4th Mar	St Casimir
10:00am	Mary Lavin (RIP)(A)
Tues 5th Mar	Mass of the Day
10:00am	(at St John's) Faithful Departed
Wed 6th Mar	ASH WEDNESDAY
	(Day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat)
10:00am	St Teresa's School (Ints)
8:00pm	(at St John's) All Parishioners
Thurs 7th Mar	Thursday after Ash Wednesday
	(Ss Perpetua and Felicity, Mm)
8:30am	Mary Fox (RIP)(A)
Fri 8th Mar	Friday after Ash Wednesday
	(St John of God, Rel)
10:00am	Agatha Adams (RIP)
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)

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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (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"

Bishop Alan has appointed Fr Tom as an Honorary Canon of the Diocese. He and another Canon will be inducted at the Chapter Mass at Brentwood Cathedral on Monday 20th May at 12noon.

Sun 3rd Mar 12:30pm Baptism of Thomas Congdon

Sun 3rd Mar 3:00pm Holy Hour for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mon 4th Mar 6:45pm – 8:15pm Confirmation Preparation at St Teresa's

Mon 4th Mar 7:00pm Partnership Clergy and SoGs Meeting at Wivenhoe

Mon 4th Mar 8:00pm Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 5th Mar 2:30pm Meditation Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 5th Mar 7:30pm Instruction in the Faith for non-Catholics

Wed 6th Mar Ash Wednesday. *Beginning the Season of Lent* Masses: St Teresa's (10:00am) St John's (8:00pm)

Fri 8th 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

Fri 8th Mar – Sun 10th Mar Retreat at Walsingham House for Confirmation candidates

First Reconciliation Preparation 2018/19

Sat 9th Mar 9:30am Session for parents in the church and children in the School Hall

Sat 9th Mar 2:00pm and 3:00pm Children's First Confessions

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.

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 as follows: **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.

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.

Vocations to the Priesthood

There is a monthly vocations group at St Edmund of Canterbury Church, Loughton (IG10 1SZ) to help those who would like to find out more about a possible vocation to the priesthood. There will be a talk, a time of prayer and food. Dates: Tuesdays 5th March, 2nd April, 7th May, 4th June, 2nd July. All at 7:00pm. For more information please contact vocations promoter Fr Mark Swires (vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

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

Fri 8th March 2019 7:30pm Dr. Helen Costigane SHCJ "Giving Up or Taking Up?" Dr. Helen Costigane lectures in the Institute of Theology at St Mary's University, Twickenham. There will be time for Questions and Discussion. 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