

# ST TERESA OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC CHURCH, LEXDEN

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(with St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Icen Way, Shrub End CO2 9EF)

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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, Olive Doyle, Derek Drake, Mary Fircks, Win Healy, Paul Holmes, Jill Jarvis, Jason McLean, Jean Mendes, Bernadette Mills, Michael Moran, Beata Morovicova, James O'Neill, Iolande Pitt, Eileen Pool, Jo Preston, Marion Preston, Ann Renwick, Carriane Rogers, Margaret Scott, Ewan Thompson, Teresa Thorneycroft, Peter Townsdrow, Francesca Vassallo, Sheila Watts and any unknown to us. We remember Margaret Newbury, James East, David Burdett, Clare Williams-Vaughan, Mary Sequerah, Tony Golding, Alex Saltwell, John McFadden, Alice Harding and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May Soup Kitchen** Over 30 people in the parish have volunteered to help with the Soup Kitchen in town providing sandwiches and drinks for the homeless on the third Saturday every month. There will be second collection this week to provide funds for the expenses involved.

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> May – World Communications Day.** The Communications Office of the Catholic Church in England and Wales provides support for the bishops and Church by promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. It is also the central point for media enquiries. There will be a second collection next week for its work.

### **Mass Attendance Forms for Admission into St Teresa's School**

If you have a child for entry into St Teresa's School in September 2018, Mass Attendance forms are available from Fr Tom and must be signed each week after Sunday Mass. Certificates of Catholic Practice for entry to the school cannot be issued unless parents and children attend Sunday Mass (this includes the Vigil Mass at St John's) and Holy Days of Obligation.

# MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

## Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter (St Bernardine of Siena, Bp)</b>
12:30pm	O'Sullivan Family (RIP)
6.30pm	(at St John's) David Burdett (RIP)(A)
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) (Day of Prayer for Human Work)</b>
9.00am	Going Forth Mass for First Holy Communion Children
11.00am	John Thorneycroft (RIP)
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter (St Rita of Cascia, Rel)</b>
10:00am	Eucharistic Service
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter</b>
10:00am	(at St John's) Joseph & Fiona Sykes (Bday Ints)
<b>Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter</b>
10:00am	Veronica Rowley (RIP)
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>St Bede the Venerable, Pr, D</b>
10:00am	Private Intention
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>St Philip Neri, Pr</b>
10:00am	Personal Intention
<b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury, Bp</b>
12:30pm	Michael Finan (ill)
6.30pm	(at St John's) John McFadden (RIP)(A)
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (A) (World Communications Day)</b>
9.00am	Hazel Rossiter (Ints)
11.00am	Lenore Sykes (Thanksgiving)
<b>Saturdays: 11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon</b>	

# ST TERESA OF LISIEUX AND ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

## BRENTWOOD DIOCESE 1917 – 2017

### DIOCESAN CENTENARY PRAYER

Almighty and merciful Father, bestow your grace upon the Diocese of Brentwood as we celebrate our Centenary Year. We give thanks for the witness of past generations and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we may be ever more faithful to proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. Bless Alan our Bishop, the Clergy, Religious and Faithful of our Diocese, and graciously grant plentiful vocations to the Priesthood, the Consecrated Life and the Sacrament of Marriage. Strengthen us in the communion of faith, hope and charity, united in prayer with our Holy Father the Pope and the Universal Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette pray for us. Saints Erconwald, Cedd and Edmund of Canterbury, pray for us.



## May is Month of Mary

### This week the Rosary will be said

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May 3:00pm** during the Holy Hour

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May** after the daily Mass

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm** The Knights of St Columba will lead the Rosary at St. James the Less, Priory St

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> May 12:00noon** after Confessions and Exposition

### Holy Father's Intentions for May

"That by imitating the merciful Jesus, Christians in Africa may be prophetic witnesses of reconciliation, justice and peace"

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May 9:00am** Going Forth Mass for First Holy Communion Children

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May 12:30pm** Baptism of Tobias Sugarman

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup> May 3:00pm Holy Hour for 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1:00 – 3:00pm** Catholic Craft Circle in the Meeting Room at St Teresa's. Basic Knitting with Liz Moriarty. All welcome, no experience necessary, some wool is available on the day but do bring your own knitting needles so you can carry on projects at home. See posters at back of church for more information

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May 7:00pm** Meeting for Confirmation Candidates in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May 8:00pm** Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2:00 – 3:00pm** Meditation Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm** Parish Meeting in St Teresa's Church to discuss Diocesan feedback on the parish questionnaire

**May is the Month of Mary**

The Knights of St Columba are organising a Rosary Crusade during the month of May. All parishioners are invited to join them on the following dates.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May** will be at St. James the Less Priory St. at 7.30 pm

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May** is at 7.30 pm, venue to be confirmed

**Thurs May 25<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm** St Vincent de Paul Society meeting at St Teresa's

**Thurs May 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00pm** Lectio Divina in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May 2:00pm** (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotions

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May – 8:00pm** Meeting in the Church Hall for all Children's Disco Volunteers

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June** – Children's Disco in the Church Hall This is a Free Event.

**5:00 – 6:30pm** Reception – Year 2 and **6:45 – 8:15pm** Year 3 – Year 6

Ticket order forms are available. If you have already ordered then tickets can be collected at the back of the church this week.

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> June 10:00am** – Colchester Deanery Annual Sponsored Walk in Aid of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

The walk is 5 ½ miles and starts and ends at St Teresa's Church. If you would like to take part please contact Gary Hull (01206) 530863 or Michael Irvine (01206) 854803

**22<sup>nd</sup> July - Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** – 26 people have their places booked on the coach having signed up on the list at the back of the church. The cost will be £20. If anyone else wants to join the pilgrimage please call Teresa Higgins on (01206) 523501.

**CAFOD - Volunteer Parish Representatives**

CAFOD volunteers raise awareness of poverty and social injustice and help to inspire action in our parishes. If you would like to take part then a more detailed description of the role is available, please contact Steph Kiline (07525) 015932

## **Parish Pilgrimage to Malta**

Please pray for our parishioners travelling to Malta on pilgrimage May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

“Creator God, you are the source of all life and motivation. May we journey in faith and love, rejoicing and eager to serve you. Grant us a glimpse of your glory as we seek to follow you – the Way, the Truth and the Life. Amen”

Fr Tom, Katherine Edwards, Panoecia Gaunt, Mary Jayaratnam, Bea Lines, Justin Nathan, Rita Pryor, Pat Taylor, Alexina Weston, Pat Balls, Katie Frewer, Ian Frewer, Teresa Haines, Heather Bishop, Gary Hull, Sheila Hull, Steph Kilcline, Rosie Kilcline, Jenny Kilcline, Emmy Kilcline, Angelia Lowes, Joan Rhodes, Moira Malseed, Maureen McKentey, Alex McArthur, Margaret McArthur, Jo Roche, Mike Roche, Elizabeth Townsend.

## **Parish Finance Report for year to April 2017**

We thank you for your continued support by way of weekly offering's without which our church would not survive, however costs continue to rise and therefore we would ask that you take time and consider increasing the amount you give.

Our income from the offertory including standing orders for the year was £80,251 and a tax reclaim by those parishioners who Gift Aid of £13,959 and other income of £26,911 which gave us an income of £121,121. Our expenses for the year were £118,846.

As you can see if it was not for those parishioners who gift aid their offering we would be running at a deficit, therefor can I ask that those who do pay tax and have not gift aided their offering please do so, forms are available at the back of the church or contact Elaine Moclair.

You will have noticed that over the last few years we have been carrying out essential repairs and improvements to all the church properties and this work needs must continue to ensure the our buildings comply with legislation and remain in good decorative order.

A statement of income and expenditure for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 is displayed at the back of the church.

Please contact me if you require any further information by email [Richard.larkins@btinternet.com](mailto:Richard.larkins@btinternet.com), phone 01206 734796 or leave a note with Fr. Tom.

## **26th - 28th May 2017 Vocations Weekend for young women (20s and 30s)**

“Discerning God's Call in my life” at Broadstairs, Kent

The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ).

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [lynnefcj@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or visit

website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**10th – 11th June** The Cor Et Lumen Christi “The Word on Fire” At Highfield House, St Johns Way, Chertsey KT16 8BZ. For more information and Leaflet:

[www.coretlumenchristi.org/](http://www.coretlumenchristi.org/)

## **Sun 11<sup>th</sup> June Aylesford Pilgrimage**

The Knights of St. Columba, Colchester Council are organising their annual pilgrimage to Aylesford, Kent, site of the ancient 13th Century religious Order of Carmelites and invite all parishioners to join them. Cost is £15 per person by coach which will leave Priory St. East Hill at 8.30 am. Pick up also at Lucy Lane bus stop. Please bring a packed lunch. Please contact Michael Irvine on 01206 854803 or Stefan on 07948 148531 for further information and booking.

## **June Diocesan Centenary Lectures – Wednesdays at 7:30pm - Admission Free**

(Cathedral Hall, Ingrave Rd, Brentwood CM15 8AT)

7 June: The Foundation & Early Years of the Diocese (1917-1951) (Father Stewart Foster)

14 June: The Development of the Diocese (1951-1979) (Canon Brian O’Shea)

21 June: The Diocese Today – A Reflection (Fr Martin Boland)

28 June: The Patron Saints of the Diocese of Brentwood’ (Dr Paul Doherty)

## **Sat 3rd June 2017 9:00am to 1:00pm Study day on “The Deacon in the Church”**

at the Church of the English Martyrs, Alma Avenue, Hornchurch, RM12 6BJ. It will consider the history of the diaconate from the ordination of the first deacons (Acts 6) to the present day, with a special focus on the restoration of the permanent diaconate by the Second Vatican Council and the life and ministry of deacons in today’s Church.

Aimed at all those with an interest in the breadth of ministries in the Church in changing times, and those who have seen a deacon in action but would like to find out more, there will also be an opportunity to hear about the formation of candidates for the permanent diaconate, and to meet with some of our diocesan deacons and their wives. All are welcome.

**Sat 10th June 10:30am – 3:00pm BROTHER GUY CONSOLMAGNO SJ** at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH

Brother Guy is Director of the Vatican Observatory, and well known to readers of ‘The Tablet’. He will lead a study day entitled ‘God and the Cosmos’, in which he will explore how looking at the immensity of creation leads us to become more familiar with who God is and how God loves us. Admission is free, tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. Ample free parking is available at the church, which is three minutes’ walk from Gidea Park Station. It is essential to book your place (early booking is advised) and this should be done by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com)