

ST TERESA OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC CHURCH, LEXDEN

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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, Kunjumon Job, Jason McLean, Jean Mendes, Bernadette Mills, Michael Moran, Beata Morovicova, James O'Neill, Eileen Pool, Jo Preston, Marion Preston, Ann Renwick, Carrienne Rogers, Margaret Scott, Ewan Thompson, Teresa Thorneycroft, Peter Townsdrow, Francesca Vassallo, Sheila Watts and any unknown to us. We remember Rita Donnelly, Christine Acheson, Patricia Malinowski, Dominic Regan, Margaret Marks, Geraldine Robinson, Andrew Hyland, Annie Gambling and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

We thank and congratulate Mike Vernon, organist at our 11:00am Mass who, on Sep 11th, celebrated 40 years of playing the organ at St Teresa's.

Recent Deaths

Francesca Price of Tall Trees Nursing Home died at Colchester Hospital on 28th Aug. Funeral Arrangements: Funeral Service at St Teresa's Fri 22nd Sep 12:30pm followed by burial at Colchester Cemetery.

Sun 17th Sep Home Mission Sunday

Home Mission Sunday is the day in the Church's calendar when the bishops invite every member of the Catholic community to pray for, celebrate and support the work of evangelisation in England and Wales. There will be a second collection to support this work.

Walsingham House at Abbotswick

The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (Walsingham House) is moving to Abbotswick, a beautiful house of prayer set in 14 acres of grounds it is wonderful place for retreats for both the youth service and the entire diocese. To do this the building requires extensive work and next week there will be an appeal across the Diocese to appeal for donations towards this work.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

Sat 16th Sep

6:30pm (at St John's) Tom Schofield (RIP)(A)

Sunday 17th Sep

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
(Home Mission Day)**

9.00am Rita Donnelly (RIP)(A)

11.00am Margaret Tilleard (RIP)

Monday 18th Sep

Mass of Day

10:00am Baby Annabelle Sired (RIP)

Tuesday 19th Sep

**St Januarius, Bp, M
(St Theodore of Canterbury, Bp)**

10:00am (at St John's) Kath Boreham (RIP)(A)

Wed 20th Sep

**St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Pr and Paul Chong Ha-sang
and Comps, Mm**

10:00am Tabelle Sykes (Bday Ints)

Thurs 21st Sep

Feast of St Matthew, Ap, Evangelist

11:00am Mary Robson (Bday Ints)

Friday 22nd Sep

Mass of the Day
Beginning of School Year Mass

9:30am

Sat 23rd Sep

St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

12:30pm Moya Campbell (RIP)(A)

6:30pm (at St John's) All Parishioners

Sunday 24th Sep

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

9.00am Bill & Elli Duffy (RIP)

11.00am Leonard, Evelyn, Michael & Joseph Cavanagh
and Isabel Duley (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

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.

Holy Father's Intentions for September

“That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen”

Sun 17th Sep 12:30pm Baptisms of Oscar Maclennan, Ethan and Kayne Maloney

Sun 17th Sep 3:00pm Holy Hour for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mon 18th Sep 8:00pm Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 19th Sep 2:30 – 3:30pm Meditation Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 19th Sep 8:00pm Instruction in the Faith for non-Catholics. If you are non-Catholic and are interested in finding out more about the Faith please come to this meeting in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of St Teresa's Church.

Wed 20th Sep 7:30 – 9:00pm The first session of the 6 week GIFT Life in the Spirit course in the Church Hall. If you would like to attend please put your name down on the list at the back of the church.

Thurs Sep 21st – Parish Harvest Lunch. Mass will be at 11:00am with lunch following. If you need transport please speak to Joan (573448) or Angela (512497). Tickets will be on sale this weekend after Masses.

Fri 22nd Sep 2:00pm (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotions

Fri 22nd Sep St Teresa's Youth Group in the Church Hall **5:00 – 6:30pm** (Years 4,5 and 6) and **6:30 – 9:00pm** (Year 7 upwards)

St Benedict's College – Year 7 Pupils will be visiting St Teresa's Church on the following dates: Tues 19th Sep, Wed 20th Sep, Fri 22nd Sep, Tues 26th Sep Fri 29th Sep, 3rd Oct

Sat 23rd Sept 10:00am - 4:00pm The Knights of St. Columba annual retreat to Clare Priory. Theme: "Our Lady of Fatima" All parishioners are welcome, Please bring a packed lunch. £16 pp. Please contact Stefan for more information (07948) 148531

Mon 25th Sep 1:00-3:00pm Catholic Craft Circle at St Teresa's, French Knitting with Lorna Ewing plus a summer creative challenge to have a crafter upcycle your craft. More details available on poster in the back of church.

Tues 26th Sep 7:00pm There will be a parish meeting in the church to discuss the implications of the first Diocesan Document "Working Together to Evangelise Our Diocese" which concerns Renewal and Restructuring in the Diocese. Feedback from the parish at this meeting will be passed back to the Diocese. The document is available to be viewed online at

<http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Diocese-of-Brentwood-Working-Together-2.pdf>

Sat 30th Sep at Brentwood Ursuline School. Clergy and Stewards of the Gospel meet to discuss the Diocesan Document "Working together to Evangelise Our Diocese"

Sat 7th Oct 10:00am Altar Servers' Meeting at St Teresa's. Please bring your Guild handbooks.

Sat 14th Oct 7:30pm – late. Parish International Evening in St Teresa's School Hall with International cuisine and entertainment. Tickets £15.00 each for a meal with a glass of wine; a donations bar will be open on the night. Tables of ten available. If you can volunteer to help with the entertainment or if you would like to buy tickets please contact Sheila Macklin (07496) 870846/sheila.macklin@gmail.com

First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation 2018

Parents who have children in Year 3 or above are invited to contact Fr Tom with their child's Certificate of Baptism if they would like their children to take part in the Preparation Course.

Sacrament of Confirmation – Pentecost Sunday May 20th 2018

Young people in year 9 and above are invited to contact Fr Tom if they wish to receive the Sacrament next year. Preparations will start in December 2017.

Rota of Ministries The new rota is available at the back of the Church.

Macmillan Coffee Mornings There will be coffee mornings held in the parish to raise money for the Macmillan Nurses. Tues 26th Sep, Wed 27th Sep, Fri 29th Sep, Sat 30th Sep and Sun 1st Oct.

St Teresa's School Open Mornings for parents of prospective pupils to look around the School. These will be held on Wednesday 18th October and Tuesday 21st November from 9.30 – 11.30am. If you would like to attend please telephone the school to confirm your attendance (01206) 508445

Vacancy: St Teresa's school has a vacancy for a Midday Assistant. Please contact the school on 01206 508445 for further details and to request an application pack.

Weekend Sep 4th Offertory Collection: Baskets £671.30 Gift Aid Envelopes £190.20
Second Collection for Education Day Baskets £296.19 Gift Aid Envelopes £96.30