

# Catholic Parish of St Teresa of Lisieux Lexden and St John the Baptist Shrub End

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(Please note Monday's deadline for items published in next week's newsletter, which may be edited due to limitations of space.)

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## Newsletter for 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### MASS/SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday Masses live-streamed. Morning Prayer 15 mins before Weekday Masses at St Teresa's.

#### Seventh Sunday of Easter (B) (World Communications Day)

<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St John's	6.00pm	Bill and Daphne Reader (RIP)
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	St Teresa's	9.00am	Olivia Choat (Birthday Intentions)
	St Teresa's	11.00am	Gracy Mary (RIP) (A)
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Erconwald, Bp</b>		
	<b>Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese</b>		<b>Diocesan Memorial</b>
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Matthias, Ap</b>		
	<b>Feast</b>		
	St John's	10.00am	Gerry Summers (RIP)
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Aaron John (RIP)
	St Teresa's	2.00pm	School Mass (Year 5)
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Kate Brignall (RIP) (A)
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday after the Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Fr Guy Sawyer (Anniversary 50 years ordained)
<b>Pentecost (B) Solemnity</b>			
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	St John's	6.00pm	David Allen's friend (Health Intentions)
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	St Teresa's	9.00am	Aaron John (RIP)
	St Teresa's	11.00am	David Brian Thurston (RIP) (A)

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation \*\*\*Not on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May\*\*\*

<b>Saturdays</b> (weekly)	St Teresa's	11.00am - 12noon	(Except Feast Days)
<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>			
<b>Saturdays</b> (weekly)	St Teresa's	12noon - 1.00pm	Angelus, Adoration and Rosary
<b>Tuesdays</b> (weekly)	St Teresa's	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration

<b>Mass Intentions</b>	Please supply Christian name, Surname and purpose of the Intention on the request slips at the back of the Church. Place in an envelope marked <b>Mass Intention</b> , pass to a welcomer or drop it into the Office.
<b>Lift to Mass</b>	If anyone needs a lift to Mass, please contact the <b>SVP</b> on (01206) 543182.
<b>Tea and coffee after Masses</b>	Available after 9.00am Sunday (St Teresa's), 10.00am Tuesday (St John's) and 10.00am Wednesday (St Teresa's). Donations go towards the SVP.
<b>Hospital visits</b>	If you or someone you know is sick at home or going into hospital and would like the Priest to visit or conduct Anointing of the Sick, please contact <b>Katherine Edwards</b> on 07799 692045 at your earliest convenience.

### PRAYER NEEDS

- ☀ We pray for those Parishioners who are sick or housebound.
- ☀ We continue to pray for all those who are ill or in need of our prayers.
- ☀ Please pray for our RCIA adult candidates for Sacraments.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for those Parishioners who have died recently.  
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### PILGRIM MARY

Please sign up and welcome the statue of Our Lady into your home and pray the Rosary for a week. The forms are available in the entrance and the stewards will be happy to help. Any questions, please see **Justin Nathan**.

### REPOSITORY (ST TERESA'S)

First Holy Communion, Confirmation cards and gifts are now available in the Repository. If you have something specific in mind you would like to order, please text **Catherine Offord** on 07971 052441.

### MORE INFORMATION

	<b>Website</b> <a href="http://www.stteresa.co.uk">www.stteresa.co.uk</a> (Live streamed Masses broadcast)
	<b>My Parish App</b> (App Store/Google Play)
	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/StTofL">www.facebook.com/groups/StTofL</a>
	<b>WhatsApp group</b> (07759 643394)

### FUNDRAISING / FINANCIAL UPDATES / SECOND COLLECTIONS

- **Parish Offertory basket** - thank you for your continued financial support totalling **£581.00** for 5<sup>th</sup> May, with an additional **£742.00** raised for the **CAFOD Sudan Appeal**.

## SECOND COLLECTION ON 11<sup>TH</sup>/12<sup>TH</sup> MAY

There will be a Second Collection on 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> May for **World Communications Day**. Pope Francis' theme is '*Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication*'.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS - MAY

### **Friendly Fridays continue weekly in the Church Hall from 12.00pm to 2.00pm until the end of May**

Everyone is invited to join us for soup, sandwiches and cake. There is no charge but any donations received will go towards the work of Beacon House, supporting the homeless.

### **Friendship Club meets at 2.00pm in the Church Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> May**

Chris Driscoll will be talking about CAFOD's work. Everyone is welcome and please bring along your friends.

### **Italian Night on 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm in St Teresa's School Hall**

Book your tickets now! It costs £20.00 per person and includes a three-course meal with wine. Why not get a group together of 8-12 for a whole table? You can book by scanning the QR Code on the right or contacting **Toni Fusi** on 07962 014747.



## PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM

The next two-part course for parents wishing to have their children baptised takes place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 1.00pm. Both sessions are in the Church and the course will run again in September. If you are interested in attending, please email [maryandpeter13@btinternet.com](mailto:maryandpeter13@btinternet.com).

## NEW GROUP UPDATES

### **Sanctity of Life (Pro-Life) will meet on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 11.00am in the Upper Room**

This new Ministry seeks to support life in all stages. It is free from any judgement, in a warm and loving approach focused on spiritual healing.

## VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE

### **Retreat Manager for Walsingham House (Abbotswick)**

There is a vacancy for a Retreat Manager for Walsingham House, ensuring the smooth and efficient running of retreats and leading the volunteer team. This is a live-in position and ideal for someone with experience in youth ministry. For more details, please visit [www.bcys.net/news/vacancies/](http://www.bcys.net/news/vacancies/).

### **Programme Leader for Walsingham House (Abbotswick)**

There is a vacancy for a Programme Leader. The successful applicant will work alongside the Retreat Manager, helping to lead retreats for the schools and Parishes in the Diocese. For more details, please visit [www.bcys.net/news/vacancies/](http://www.bcys.net/news/vacancies/).