

# 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 26<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.

#### The Most Holy Trinity (B) Solemnity

<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	St John's	6.00pm	David Burdett (RIP) (A)
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	St Teresa's	9.00am	Brian and Jean Dillon (Special Intention - 63 <sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
	St Teresa's	11.00am	James and Edna McGuire (RIP) (A)
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Augustine of Canterbury, Bp</b>		<b>National Feast</b>
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>		
	St John's	10.00am	People of the Parish
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Feria</b>		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Richard Clack (RIP)
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		<b>Feast</b>
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Canon Tom Lavin (Special Intentions)
	St Teresa's	<b>11.00am</b>	Funeral Mass of <b>Liliane (Linda) Banna</b> (with Fr. Philip)
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen (Brentwood)</b>		<b>Diocesan Feast</b>
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Neil Humphries (Special Intentions - Health)
<b>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</b> <b>***HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION*** Solemnity</b>			
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June*</b>	St John's	6.00pm	Aaron John (RIP)
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	St Teresa's	9.00am	Richard and Mary Larkins (Special Intention - 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
	St Teresa's	11.00am	Margaret Congdon (RIP)

\*St Justin, M, Memorial

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation \*\*\*Not on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> June\*\*\*

<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.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

### 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 the soul of **Liliane (Linda) Banna** who died recently. The funeral Mass will take place at St Teresa's on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am. We pray for the soul of **Richard Clack** (husband of Angela) who died recently. We pray for the soul of **Eileen Rowbotham** who died recently. The funeral Mass will take place at St Teresa's on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am. *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.

## FINANCIAL UPDATES / SECOND COLLECTIONS / FUNDRAISING

- **Parish Offertory basket** - thank you for your continued financial support totalling **£784.00** for 19<sup>th</sup> May.
- There will be a **Second Collection** on **1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> June** for **Sick Clergy**.
- **100 Club** - thank you to those who renewed their membership and who joined for the first time. There are still people needing to confirm if they wish to continue, which is why the April draw has been delayed. The first draw will take place at the coffee club after Mass on Wednesday **5<sup>th</sup> June**. There is still time if anyone would like to join.

## MAY REMINDERS

### **\*\*\*UPDATED\*\*\* 'Games night' every Thursday from 7.00pm - 9.00pm in the Church Hall**

Thursday night will continue for Bridge but we are expanding to 'Games night' with Rummikubs, Chess or snooker. We meet every Thursday at 7.00pm in the Church Hall and everyone is welcome. If you have any questions, please contact **Renate Clarke** at [renate.e.clarke@gmail.com](mailto:renate.e.clarke@gmail.com) or 07971 678982 / 01206 504524 or contact **Catherine Offord**.

### **Friendly Fridays continue weekly in the Church Hall from 12.00pm - 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.

### **Children's corner in the Prayer Garden during Half Term**

Why not come and sit down, pray and find peace in the Parish Prayer Garden, while your children play educational games.

## JUNE EVENTS



### **Sanctity of Life (Pro-Life) Group 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, with a warm and loving approach focused on spiritual healing, with prayer and action.



### **The Big Picture course starting on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Church Hall (running for 6 weeks)**

In preparation for the Parish Mission in September, we will be running a six-week course called '*You, The Bible and God's Big Plan*' aiming to help deepen our faith and increase our knowledge of the Bible. We will meet on Fridays from 7<sup>th</sup> June and the following five Fridays. Each person needs a book and DVD (new ones available for £5). There is a sign-up sheet. Please contact **Alex McArthur** at [mcarthur77@outlook.com](mailto:mcarthur77@outlook.com) for further details.



### **First Holy Communion Masses on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

FHC Masses will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 11.00am and 2.00pm. Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be available on that day.



### **First Holy Communion 'Going Forth' Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June**

This will take place at 9.00am with a party afterwards in the School Hall.

## FR RICK'S AVAILABILITY IN JUNE

Fr Rick will be unavailable from **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June** for personal reasons. Service of the Word with Holy Communion will be available instead. The Parish Office will be open as usual (see top of the newsletter for details).

## CLARE PRIORY RETREAT 'EMMANUEL, GOD-WITH-US' ON 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE

We focus God's presence in our lives and Jesus' promise to be with us always. We will use artworks to reflect on our perception and experience of God's presence and how to become more open to it. Sign-up sheets are at the back of Church, the cost is £20 per person and lifts are available. Tea/coffee/biscuits are provided but please bring a packed lunch. Please contact **Mark Hockly** on 07518 938037 for further details or for any queries on transport or costs.

## PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM CANON TOM LAVIN

*"Many thanks for your welcome to me on my return to St Teresa's for Mass on the 5<sup>th</sup> May. I am most grateful to all who took part in the Mass and the School Hall afterwards and for the gifts received. I am aware of the efforts involved to make it a memorable occasion and renewed thanks to everyone. I will remember you in my Masses here in Knock."*

## THE SYRO-MALABAR COMMUNITY AT ST TERESA'S

Earlier this year, Fr Rick extended a warm welcome to the Syro-Malabar Catholic Community, an Eastern rite in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. Members are referred to as '*St. Thomas Christians*' because its origins date back to the preaching of St. Thomas the Apostle. Masses take place monthly at St Teresa's.

## FAITH IN ACTION

### **Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal**

CAFOD's local partners in Gaza have asked for more funds to continue providing practical support to families. They still need our support and prayers. If you wish to donate, please visit [cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/israeli-palestinian-crisis-appeal](http://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/israeli-palestinian-crisis-appeal) or add your name to the prayer message at [action.cafod.org.uk/page/146774/petition/1](http://action.cafod.org.uk/page/146774/petition/1).

### **Live simply tip of the week**

Please encourage bees and other pollinators in your garden by growing plants that attract them, provide water, cut the lawn less often, avoid using pesticides and provide nest sites and habitats. For more information, visit

[www.rhs.org.uk/wildlife/help-our-declining-bees-and-other-pollinators](http://www.rhs.org.uk/wildlife/help-our-declining-bees-and-other-pollinators).