

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 2nd June 2024

MASS/SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION Solemnity

Saturday 1st June	St John's	6.00pm	Aaron John (RIP)
Sunday 2nd	St Teresa's	9.00am	Richard and Mary Larkins (Special Intention - 50 th Wedding Anniversary)
	St Teresa's	11.00am	Margaret Congdon (RIP)
Monday 3rd	St Charles Lwanga and Comps, Mm Memorial		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 4th	Feria ***There is no 10.00am Mass at St Johns today***		
	St Teresa's	11.00am	Funeral Mass of Eileen Rowbotham
Wednesday 5th	St Boniface, Bp, M National Memorial		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Richard William Clack (RIP)
Thursday 6th	Feria		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Aaron John (RIP)
Friday 7th	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (B) Solemnity		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Keith Newton (RIP) (A - Birthday)
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)			
Saturday 8th* <i>(*The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Memorial)</i>	St Teresa's	11.00am	FHC Mass
	St Teresa's	2.00pm	FHC Mass
	St John's	6.00pm	Sean and Connor Poole (Special Intentions for exam success)
Sunday 9th	St Teresa's	9.00am	Jackie Terry (RIP) (A)
	St Teresa's	11.00am	Diana Frewer and Graham Heaps (RIP) (A)

Sacrament of Reconciliation ***Not on Saturday 8th or 15th June***

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

Mass Intentions	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 Mass Intention , pass to a welcomer or drop it into the Office.
Lift to Mass	If anyone needs a lift to Mass, please contact the SVP on (01206) 543182.
Tea and coffee after Masses	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.
Hospital visits	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 Katherine Edwards on 07799 692045 at your earliest convenience.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

	Website www.stteresa.co.uk (Live streamed Masses broadcast here and on YouTube)		www.facebook.com/groups/StToFl
	My Parish App (App Store/Google Play)		WhatsApp group (07759 643394)

FINANCIAL UPDATES / SECOND COLLECTIONS / FUNDRAISING

- **Parish Offertory basket** - thank you for your continued financial support totalling **£599.00** for 26th May.
- There will be a **Second Collection** on **1st/2nd June** for **Sick Clergy**.

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 **Eileen Rowbotham** who died recently. The funeral Mass will take place at St Teresa's on Tuesday 4th June at 11.00am.
Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she 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 that you would like to order, please text **Catherine Offord** on 07971 052441.

ITALIAN NIGHT UPDATE

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Italian Night. 120 guests were treated to a lovely three-course meal prepared by Matt and Emily and entertained with quizzes and a singalong. Twenty young people helped prepare, decorated the School Hall and waited on tables. We raised over **£2000.00** to support ten young people going to Lourdes. Well done all!

FR RICK'S AVAILABILITY IN JUNE

Fr Rick will be unavailable from **Monday 10th to Saturday 15th June** for personal reasons. Service of the Word with Holy Communion will be available instead. The Parish Office will be open as usual during this time.

JUNE EVENTS

100 Club first draw on Wednesday 5th June

This will take place at coffee after Mass on Wednesday 5th June.

The Friendship Club meets again on 6th June at 2.00pm in the Church Hall

The programme for the next half-term is as follows:

- **6th June** - talk on D-Day and a chance to share WWII memories and stories.
- **20th June** - talk by Susan Leng on '*Appearing on TV*'.
- **4th July** - visit from Year 6 School children.
- **18th July** - Strawberry Tea.

'Games night' every Thursday from 7.00pm - 9.00pm in the Church Hall

Thursday night will continue with Bridge but we are expanding to 'Games night' with Rummikub, 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 or 07971 678982 / 01206 504524 or contact **Catherine Offord**.

The Big Picture course starting on Friday 7th June at 7.30pm in the Church Hall (running for 6 weeks)

In preparation for the Parish Mission in September, we are 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 7th June and on the following five Fridays. Each person will need a book and DVD (new ones are available for £5). There is a sign-up sheet. Please contact **Alex McArthur** at mcarthur77@outlook.com for further details.

First Holy Communion Masses on Saturday 8th June

FHC Masses will take place on Saturday 8th June at 11.00am and 2.00pm. Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be available.

Refugee awareness afternoon on Saturday 15th June at 2.30pm in the Church Hall

The Our Common Home group will be hosting a refugee awareness afternoon on Saturday 15th June at 2.30pm in the Church Hall. Find out about the work of *Calais Light* and how to get involved. Refreshments will be served and everyone is invited.

First Holy Communion 'Going Forth' Mass on Sunday 16th June

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

Next Parish walk will take place on Saturday 22nd June at 11.30am

Our destination is Foxearth Meadows, Suffolk along the Stour valley. There will be a guided walk from the warden starting at 11.30am and finishing at 2.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Parking is limited so please arrange to car share. Lifts are available from St Teresa's from 10.40am.

Clare Priory retreat 'Emmanuel, God-with-us' on 29th June

We focus on 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 if you have any queries regarding transport or costs.

FAITH IN ACTION

Live simply tip of the week

Do not just recycle plastic, reuse it. Why not use smaller plastic bottles as cane toppers in vegetable gardens, keep mesh bags from fruit and vegetables and reuse them and save yogurt pots to start growing fruit and vegetables. Tubs can be reused as dividers in drawers and cupboards and jars with plastic lids can also be reused.