

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 5th May 2024

MASS/SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

Saturday 4th May	St John's	6.00pm	Lydia Centalla (RIP)
Sunday 5th	***There is no 9.00am or 11.00am Mass today***		
	Special Mass for Fr Tom Lavin's Anniversaries		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Julia Margaret Cobb (RIP) (A)
Monday 6th	St John Payne, Pr, M		Diocesan Memorial
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 7th	Tuesday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter		
	St John's	10.00am	Aaron John (RIP)
Wednesday 8th	Wednesday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Thursday 9th	The Ascension of the Lord (B)		Solemnity
	HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION - there is no 10.00am Mass today		
	St Teresa's	7.00pm	Eileen Rowbotham (RIP)
Friday 10th	Friday after the Sixth Sunday of Easter		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	The Duffy Family (Special Intentions)
Seventh Sunday of Easter (B) (World Communications Day)			
Saturday 11th	St John's	6.00pm	Bill and Daphne Reader (RIP)
Sunday 12th	St Teresa's	9.00am	Olivia Choat (Birthday Intentions)
	St Teresa's	11.00am	Gracy Mary (RIP) (A)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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.
Sanctity of Life Group	If you need any help to heal emotionally, please contact our Sanctity of Life group in the Parish. Prayer and advice is given without judgement. Please contact Jenny on 07754 005017 for further details.

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. *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)

There are various religious and seasonal items, as well as gifts and is open every Sunday after Mass. *Why not have a look?* If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact **Catherine Offord**.

MORE INFORMATION

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

FUNDRAISING / FINANCIAL UPDATES / SECOND COLLECTIONS

- **Parish Offertory basket** - thank you for your continued financial support totalling **£690.00** for 28th April.
- **Second Collection** - there will be a Second Collection on 4th/5th May for the **CAFOD Sudan Appeal**. The people of Sudan urgently need our help and CAFOD has launched an emergency appeal. When violence broke out last year, most aid agencies evacuated and Humanitarian workers are struggling to get back to help. Please give what you can for the Second collection. For further details, visit cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal.

SECOND COLLECTION ON 11TH/12TH MAY

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

FR RICK'S AVAILABILITY ON WEDNESDAY 8TH/THURSDAY 9TH MAY

Fr Rick will away from Wednesday 8th to Thursday 9th May and will be joining the Pilgrimage in Italy and unavailable during this time. There will be a 7.00pm Mass on Ascension Day (9th May) at St Teresa's. The Parish Office will be open as usual.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS - MAY

🕒 Church Hall unavailable on Sunday 5th May from 11.15am to 3.00pm

The Church Hall is being used for a private function from 11.15am to 3.00pm on Sunday 5th May and we would be grateful if there were no disturbances or visits to the Hall during this time. Thank you for your co-operation.

🏛️ 'Enquirers' Evening' on Tuesday 7th May at Brentwood Cathedral

This event is for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood and the speaker is **Fr Patrick Daly**. For further information, please contact **Fr Mark Swires** at vocprom@brcdt.org.

🏠 Bridge Club returns on Thursday 9th May from 7.00pm - 9.00pm in the Church Hall

We meet again every Thursday at 7.00pm in the Church Hall. Beginners, improvers and all players are welcome. Young people are especially invited for a taster session. If you have any questions, please contact **Renate Clarke** at renate.e.clarke@gmail.com or on 01206 504524.

🍲 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 16th May

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

🍷 Italian Night on 25th May at 7.00pm in St Teresa's School Hall

Book your tickets now! It costs £20.00 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.



JUNE

'Revive, Discover, Empower' a young adults retreat on 22nd/23rd June

Walsingham House are hosting a young adults retreat on 22nd/23rd June and it is open to anyone who is over 19. It will be a weekend of prayer and friendship and the cost of the retreat is £45. For more information, please visit www.bcys.net/events.

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM

The next two-part course for parents wishing to have their children baptised takes place on Thursday 16th May at 7.00pm and Saturday 18th 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.

NEW GROUP UPDATES

Sanctity of Life meets on Saturday 1st June at 11.00am in the Upper Room

This new Ministry seeks to establish a support network for the Parish. Its aim is to support life in all stages free from judgement, in a warm and loving approach focused on emotional and spiritual healing.

St Ignatius Group

The St Ignatius group uses spiritual exercises developed by St. Ignatius Loyola to help people deepen their relationship with God. The group will meet weekly and is based on self-reflection rather than advice, working through different topics and steps in a spiritual journey. Please contact **Jenny** on 07754 005017 via text or WhatsApp for further details.

REPOSITORY

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.

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 or add your name to the prayer message at action.cafod.org.uk/page/146774/petition/1.