

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 16th June 2024

MASS/SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) (Day for Life)

Saturday 15th June	St John's	6.00pm	Philip Mathew (Special Intentions - Thanksgiving)
Sunday 16th *Going Forth Mass with a party in the School Hall afterwards	St Teresa's	9.00am*	Nenita Velasquez (RIP) (A) Leonardo Velasquez Jr. (RIP) (A) Leonardo Velasquez Sr. (RIP) (A)
	St Teresa's	11.00am	Damian Lydon (RIP)
Monday 17th	Feria		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 18th	Feria		
	St John's	10.00am	Pat and Liam Bradley (RIP) (A)
Wednesday 19th	Feria		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Aaron John (RIP)
	St Teresa's	2.00pm	School Mass with Year 4
Thursday 20th	Feria		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Mary Anna (RIP) (A)
Friday 21st	St Aloysius, Gonzaga, Rel Memorial		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Bernard Farrington (RIP) (A)
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)			
Saturday 22nd*	St John's	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd	St Teresa's	9.00am	Bert Malseed (RIP) (A)
	St Teresa's	11.00am	Mary Carpenter (Special Intentions - Health)

*SS John Fisher, Bp and Thomas More, Mm, National Feast

Sacrament of Reconciliation ***Not available Saturday 22nd June***

Saturdays (weekly)	St Teresa's	11.00am - 12noon	(Except Feast Days)
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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)

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 souls of those Parishioners who recently died.

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)

Gifts, cards and various items are available in the Repository.

If you have something specific in mind that 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 **£597.00** for 9th June.

SECOND COLLECTION ON 15th/16th JUNE - DAY FOR LIFE

'Day for Life' is dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and condition. This second collection funds the Bishops' Conference contribution to the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, the production of human life materials and other designated charities.

JUNE EVENTS

The Big Picture course every Friday at 7.00pm in the Church Hall 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 knowledge of the Bible. It started on 7th June and meets every Friday at 7.00pm until 12th July. Everyone needs a book and DVD (new ones are available for £5). There is a sign-up sheet at the back of Church. Please contact **Alex McArthur** at mcarthur77@outlook.com for further details.

Friday Night cinema returns at 8.00pm in the Church Hall

After the Big Picture course, we start with a meal and show an episode of 'The Chosen' (Season Four) each Friday. Fun, Food and Friendship!

The Friendship Club next meets on 20th June at 2.00pm in the Church Hall

The programme is as follows:

- **20th June** - talk by Susan Leng on 'Appearing on TV'.
- **4th July** - visit from Year 6 School children.
- **18th July** - Strawberry Tea.

Friends of St Teresa's School Festival (FOSTFest) on Friday 21st June from 3.00pm to 7.00pm at St Teresa's School

Tickets cost £6 for children and £4 for adults and includes live music, performances, games, bouncy castles, sports, arts and crafts PLUS a bar, BBQ, ice creams and much more! Raffle tickets are £2 each and available from the Church or School.

Parish walk on Saturday 22nd June at 11.30am

Our destination is Foxearth Meadows in 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, a chair or cushion and wear good walking shoes. 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 any queries regarding transport or costs.

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

Thursday night continues with Bridge and we are expanding to 'Games night' with Rummikub or Chess. 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**.

JULY EVENTS

Concert on Sunday 14th July in the Church at 2.00pm followed by refreshments in the Church Hall

Soprano Gill Wilson (St Teresa's music teacher) will be giving a concert on Sunday 14th July in the Church, with refreshments afterwards in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome.

THE NEW SANCTITY OF LIFE MINISTRY (PRO-LIFE)

This new ministry meets every first Saturday of the month at 11.00am in the Upper Room. For more information, please contact **Jenny** on 07754 005017 (via text or WhatsApp).

FAITH IN ACTION

Live simply tip of the week: World Refill Day on 16th June is a Global campaign to prevent plastic pollution and help people live with less waste, to protect our common home. The campaign is designed to accelerate the move away from single-use plastics towards 'refill and reuse' systems. For more information, please visit www.refill.org.uk/world-refill-day/.

VACANCIES AT ST TERESA'S SCHOOL

St Teresa's School has the following vacancies: Full time Learning Support Assistant, Full time Senior SEN Learning Support Assistant and a Part time Assistant Cook. Please visit www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Search.aspx for full details or contact the school at personnel@st-teresas.essex.sch.uk for further information.