

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 9th June 2024

MASS/SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 8th June	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 (RIP) (A) and Graham Heaps (RIP) (A)
Monday 10th	Feria		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 11th	St Barnabas, Ap Memorial		
	St John's	10.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Wednesday 12th	Feria		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Thursday 13th	St Anthony of Padua, Pr, D Memorial		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Friday 14th	Feria		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion

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

Saturday 15th	St John's	6.00pm	Philip Mathew (Special Intentions – Thanksgiving)
Sunday 16th <i>*Going Forth Mass with a party in the School Hall afterwards</i>	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)

Sacrament of Reconciliation ***Not available on Saturday 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)

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)

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATES / SECOND COLLECTIONS / FUNDRAISING

- **Parish Offertory basket** - thank you for your continued financial support totalling **£691.00** for 2nd June with an additional **£169.00** raised for **Sick Clergy**.

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.

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 (*REVISED TIME*) in the Church Hall for 6 weeks (started on 7th June)

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 the 7th June and we meet 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 on Friday 14th June at 8.00pm in the Church Hall

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

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

St Teresa's Parish are hosting an afternoon to raise understanding and awareness of the difficulties and poor conditions faced by asylum seekers and refugees. We are inviting neighbouring Parishes and some asylum seekers from the Clacton hostel to attend this social event. There will be some light food and drink and everyone is welcome. Please come and join us.

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

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

The Friendship Club 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.

Next Parish walk 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.

'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**.

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.