

# St. Theresa of Lisieux, Stansted

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*Sunday  
12<sup>th</sup> April  
2015*



*Second  
Sunday of  
Easter*

## *Liturgy of the week*

<b>Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.00 – 11.00am* 6.00pm	*Confessions <b>Paddy Needham RIP</b> (M&T Rhead)
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.00am	People of the Parish
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30am	
<b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30am	
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April</b> No morning Mass	1.30pm 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rosary Group</li><li>• Wednesday Club</li></ul>
<b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30am	
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.30am	
<b>Sat 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	6.00pm	



**Happy are those who have not  
seen and yet believe.**

### Thought of the week

Once a man was asked “What did you gain by regularly praying to God?”  
The man replied “Nothing...but let me tell you what I lost: Anger, ego, greed,  
depression, insecurity and fear of death.”

### Parish news

#### **Parish Meeting**

Don't forget to come along to the parish meeting on Thursday **16<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30pm.  
We value everyone's opinion on parish matters and would love to hear from people  
who do not usually attend or anyone new to the parish. If you have any ideas for the  
Parish social calendar, why not come along and discuss it?

#### **Collections for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> April. Many thanks**

- Over the Easter weekend, including Good Friday, we received a total of  
£1336.88 of which £553 was Gift Aid.

#### **Appeal for volunteers**

The jobs that are done around the church are done by our wonderful volunteers. We  
still need volunteers for jobs such as cleaning, gardening, children's liturgy and  
counting the collection money. Please think about whether you could donate a few  
hours a month to join one of our volunteer rotas.

We also welcome people to join the church committees, if they are interested. We  
are currently hoping to hear from anyone who may have ideas for parish events,  
especially those with children. Please contact Anna Watkins.

#### **General Election Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May —How will you vote?**

The Catholic Bishops have produced a four page letter to Catholics in England and  
Wales, signed by Cardinal Nichols and Archbishop Peter Smith. This should have been  
available in all parishes but if you did not receive a copy, it can be downloaded at  
[www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Election-Letter](http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/Home/News/Election-Letter) or contact the Social Justice  
office for copies. The letter highlights some important issues (by no means the only  
ones) but it does help to focus our mind on building a world in which respect, dignity,  
equality, justice, and peace are our primary concerns.

## Parish & Deanery events

### **TODAY!! Fairtrade event**

Please come along to this Fairtrade event in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass. Fairly traded coffee and tea, homemade cakes and biscuits to purchase and a Traidcraft and Fairtrade stall with lovely products brought especially by Brenda Veitch of the Stansted Free Church. Please support this worthwhile cause and perhaps find that special gift you have been looking for.

### **Day of Drums**

On Friday **24<sup>th</sup> April** there will be a Day of Drums led by Naomi Hogg using steel pan drums. This will be in the Parish Centre from 10.00am -12.30pm and costs £12. Bring a shared lunch if you would like to stay afterwards. No musical background required. Phone Helen 814865 if you are interested.

### **Deanery Quiz**

To be held on Friday, **8<sup>th</sup> May**, at the Catholic Church Hall, Mill Lane, Dunmow, CM6 1BG. This is being run by our own David Morson, famous for his entertaining and interesting quizzes. The competition is hot, we need enthusiastic teams of all ages. Please contact Frances, 850460 if you would like to come.

### **Diocese of Brentwood Pilgrimage to Walsingham.**

This pilgrimage to Walsingham has been arranged for Saturday, **23<sup>rd</sup> May**. A coach is being organised to pick up pilgrims from each church in the Deanery. Full details later.

### **U3A Choir concert**

The U3A choir has kindly agreed to come and perform for us here at St. Theresa's. The concert will be on **6<sup>th</sup> June** to help raise funds for the Boiler Fund. Please keep this date in your diaries. Tickets to go on sale soon.

## Local news & events

### **General Election 2015**

Come and meet the Parliamentary candidates for the Saffron Walden constituency. At 7.30pm on Tuesday **14<sup>th</sup> April** at St. John's church in Stansted. Organised by Churches together in Stansted. Everyone is welcome.



### **Music Quiz**

Organised by the Crafton Room at the Day Centre in support of Breast Cancer Care. 7.30 for 8pm on Saturday **18<sup>th</sup> April**. Tickets £8 includes Pizza & Salad Supper. Contact Julie on 815091.

## The Forgotten Gardens of Eastern Lodge

Come along to an open Day at Eastern Lodge on Sunday **19<sup>th</sup> April** from 11.30am – 5pm (last entry 4 pm). With children's craft & nature activities. Complimentary tours at 12.30 & 2.30pm. Homemade soup, bacon baps & cheese rolls until 2.15 pm, cakes & drinks all day. All welcome, call 01371 876979. Adults £3.50 Children Free.

## Investigators children's group

Investigators is a group for children running most Fridays from 6.15-7.45pm, and based at the Free Church Hall in Stansted. The sessions include a regular mix of games, Bible-stories, creative activities and fun challenges. The group is aimed at 7-10 year olds and are free of charge. Session resume on **17<sup>th</sup> April**.

Please contact Ros Page on 813810 or [stanfam@yahoo.com](mailto:stanfam@yahoo.com) for more information.

## St. Joseph's Catholic primary school May Fayre



St. Joseph's Catholic primary school are having a May Fayre on Saturday **16<sup>th</sup> May** and are in need of old crockery for the crockery smash. They are also looking for plants to sell at the Plant Stall so if you have any excess seedlings or spare bedding plants or are dividing any perennials, please could you donate some? If you have any of these things, please contact Anna Watkins.

## Diocesan events & information

### Retreat in Everyday Life at Clare Priory

The idea of making a retreat is not always practical due to work and family commitments. Clare Priory's Silent Prayer ministry team is offering a way which can fit into ordinary life.

Running from **18<sup>th</sup> April** to **16<sup>th</sup> May** with full days on both dates and periods of prayer between these dates. The cost of the retreat is £70 including the two full days and a buffet lunch. For further details and to book a place please phone Kathy on 01787 277326 or go to [www.clarepriory.org.uk](http://www.clarepriory.org.uk). Please see poster in the church entrance.



### *Dates for your diary*

- **12<sup>th</sup> April** - Fairtrade coffee and stall Parish Centre, after 10am Mass
- **24<sup>th</sup> April** - Day of Drums Parish Centre, 10.00am – 12.30pm
- **8<sup>th</sup> May** - Deanery Quiz, Dunmow
- **23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Pilgrimage to Walsingham
- **6<sup>th</sup> June** - U3AChoir concert, Parish Centre, 7.30pm

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