

St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church, Stansted Mountfitchet

NEWSLETTER

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Sunday 1st October 2017



<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Intentions</i>
Sat 30 th Sept	†6.00pm	Dalzell Family (Dalzell)
Sun 1 st Oct	†10.00am	People of the Parish
Mon 2 nd Oct	No Mass	
Tues 3 rd Oct	†9.30am	
Wed 4 th Oct	†9.30am 1.30pm 2.30pm	Rosary Group Wednesday Club
Thurs 5 th Oct	†9.30am	
Fri 6 th Oct	†9.30am 7.00pm	Devotion to Divine Mercy
Sat 7 th Oct	†6.00pm	Peter & Mary Bennett (Dalzell Family)



Feast of St. Theresa

Join us after Mass on Sunday for cake to celebrate the Feast of St. Theresa of Lisieux.



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"If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness."

Theresa de Lisieux



St. Theresa of Lisieux – the little flower

At the age of 14, on Christmas Eve in 1886, Theresa had a conversion that transformed her life. From then on, her powerful energy and sensitive spirit were turned toward love, instead of keeping herself happy. At 15, she entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux to give her whole life to God.

She loved flowers and saw herself as the "little flower of Jesus" who gave glory to God by just being her beautiful little self among all the other flowers in God's garden.

Because of this beautiful analogy, the title "little flower" has remained with St. Theresa.



Our Church news

Children's Liturgy

There will be Children's Liturgy will be in St. Theresa's room this Sunday. This is open to all primary aged children who would like to attend.

Devotion to Divine Mercy



Every Friday at 7pm there will be a devotion to Divine Mercy in church. The Divine Mercy chaplet is as outlines to St. Faustina by Our Lord who desired devotion to his Divine Mercy. If you are unfamiliar with this, do not worry as there will be a handout to follow at the back of the church. This will be given by our Deacon in training, Des Connors.

SHIPS



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Stewards Host Informal Prayer Support or **SHIPS** for short, is basically a travelling prayer movement, like a wave that, moving from parish to parish, gathers stewards, parishioners and priests together in prayer, like the first communities did, to support each other and share some food.

1. Every month, a different parish acts as host to other stewards in the Diocese.
2. The host prepares 30 minutes of prayer (it could be Adoration, Rosary, Silent Prayer, Praise, etc.) and prepares some food and drinks to welcome their guests.
3. A glass jar with all the names of the stewards and their priests (plus Bishop Alan's) has been prepared as a visual offertory of our prayers. This jar remains in the hosting Parish for the whole month prior to their turn to host SHIPS. At the end of the session, the jar will be passed to the next parish hosting SHIPS to be placed in front of their altar for the duration of the month. The idea is to create a continuity in the prayer.
4. The proposed timetable is as follows: 7.30pm - Arrival & hospitality, 8pm – prayers, 8.30pm - Sharing & support, 9pm – close.

All Parishioners are welcome. St Theresa's Stansted will be hosting this on the 13th October 2017 and Des Connors will be leading it for us.

2nd collection next week for CAFOD 8th October



There will be a 2nd collection next week for CAFOD. Please pick up an envelope in the church entrance.



Operation Christmas Child

During October it has become our custom to support the Christmas Box Appeal run by Samaritan's purse. They send shoe boxes filled with essentials and toys around the world to disadvantaged children. Please help if you are able, by bringing in school supplies, soap, toothbrushes, small toys, small hats etc. The ages will be from 4-14. No chocolate, or glass items or toy weapons. There will be a box in the porch during October and a list of required items will be on the Notice Board. If you have any queries, please see or ring Eileen or Brian on 01279 812109 or Helen on 01279 814865.



Church Repository

Christmas Cards are now available to buy in the repository in the church foyer. Please take a look.



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Deanery & Local news

The Deanery Quiz night

Join us on Friday **6th October, 7.30pm** for **7.45pm** start in the Catholic Church Hall, Dunmow. £5 per head. Teams of 6-8 people. Bring your own food/drink. Please come along and join us, and have an excellent evening's enjoyment. Please contact Frances Roberts for further details on 01279 850460

U3A Concert

The U3a Choir are back again for their annual concert on Saturday **7th October** in St. John's church, Stansted at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7 per adult and £3.50 for under 16s (including refreshments) and can be bought from Barbara: 814721 & Mary: 814190. Please come and see us.

St. Joseph's Catholic School Quiz Night

Tickets are now £5 per person for the Quiz night on Saturday **7th October** at St. Joseph's school hall but you will need to bring your own food, drink and glasses. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Contact Andy Faulkner on 07736935386 or go to stjosephsschoolassociation@hotmail.co.uk

CTS Reformations Talk

Reformations- What happened & why it is important?

A talk by Revd David Cornick, General Secretary of Churches Together in England. Sunday **15th October** 2pm at Water Lane URC Church, Bishops Stortford. More details on notice board.

Harvest Supper

Churches Together Village Harvest Supper. Sunday **29th October** at 5.00 pm in St John's church hall. Fish, chicken or veggie supper followed by entertainment from the churches in Stansted. Bring own drink & glasses. £7 adults – children £5. Tickets in advance from Helen 814865 & Dave 850209.

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