

St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Sunday
1st
November
2015



All Saints
31st Sunday in
Ordinary
Time,
Year B

Liturgy of the week

Sat 31st October	10.00 – 11.00am 6.00pm	Confessions People of the Parish
Sun 1st November All Saints	10.00am	
Mon 2nd November		
Tues 3rd November	9.30am	Gerry Keane RIP Anniversary Mass (M. Keane)
Wed 5th November (No morning Mass)	1.30pm 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosary Group• Wednesday Club
Thurs 6th November	9.30am	
Fri 7th November	9.30am	
Sat 8th November	6.00pm	John O'Grady RIP

Sunday 1st November

- 10.00am Children's Liturgy, Parish Centre
- Please join us for tea and coffee after Mass in the Parish Centre



Parish news & events

November – Month of Holy Souls

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, for the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven and the dead who are in Christ shall rise.



Envelopes to list the names of departed loved ones are available at the back of the church.

Collections for 24th /25th October. Many thanks.

The collection amount for last week was £433.94 (Gift Aid £211.00).

Parish Meeting – Change of date



Our next parish meeting is to be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday **17th November** (not 10th November as previously printed). We will be discussing arrangements for Christmas so it is important that as many people as possible turn up to give their opinions.

We especially need participation from parishioners involved in any of the parish groups. Please remember to keep this date free.

Red boxes

Don't forget to bring in your boxes this weekend **31st October / 1st November**. Please collect your new red Mission boxes in the porch.

Bonus Ball

The number of "balls" in the weekly Lotto draw has increased from 49 to 59 meaning there are now 10 new numbers available. Because there will be more members the weekly prize has now been **increased to £30**.

If you would like to join in please contact John Richardson on 01279817102 or e-mail jrichardson1@btconnect.com. Cost is £1 per week payable by either monthly standing order or half yearly/Annual cheque or bank transfer.

Gardening



My thanks to the person who turned up to help with gardening on Saturday 17th October – I think I must have chosen a bad day for everyone as there were only two of us!

The next opportunity to help out is on Saturday **31st October** – just come along at 9:30am or after and help- bring your own tools – a fork and hoe plus if you have them secateurs is all that's needed, John Richardson.



Parish Music

Naomi our splendid organist and choir leader, and David her husband, meter and greeter par excellence have moved away. While we offer them every good wish for their new future, they leave a big hole in our parish, particularly in the music liturgy.

Frances is willing to play the organ and keep things going until a new talent reveals itself, but she is not always here. We are appealing to anyone who can play the organ or piano to help out. If you play the piano you will get help on how to play our lovely organ. We are also appealing to other instrumentalists who could play along to hymns and keep us in tune. The more people who share the load, the more flexible we can be. Just imagine no carols at Christmas!

Please don't be shy – if you have musical talent, make yourself known to Fr. John or any member of the choir and you will be greeted with open arms!

Sign Up for St Theresa's Got Talent

Now is the time to sign up!

There are forms in the entrance to the Church to sign your name and your act and also to ask for contributions for food and nibbles for the evening.

It will be on Saturday **14th November** at 7.30pm in St Theresa's Parish Centre. There will be a run through for all Acts between 2-4pm that afternoon.

Draw a picture for the newsletter

We are inviting all children of the parish to be part of our parish newsletter. We would like to feature pictures drawn by our young parishioners. Please choose a Reading or Gospel from the future Masses in the Parish Mass book (Year B, Volume 2) and draw a simple picture to go with it. Or just draw a religious drawing which could be used on any Sunday. Please also add your name and age and which Reading (if any) it relates to.



Rita Morson's Book

Some parishioners will be aware that Rita broke her neck in two places in a car accident four years ago. She was taken to Addenbrookes and Stanmore where she was told that she would not walk again. With the love, support and prayers of her family, friends and community, she has been able to make a miraculous recovery. Since then, Rita has written a book about her experiences, both traumatic and spiritual. The Book is now published and will be available at Millways, Stansted, Elsenham Post Office, and Henham Shop. Alternatively talk to Rita and David or phone 01279 850209 or email davidmorson20@gmail.com

Poppies

Poppies are available in the church foyer. Please leave your donation in the collection box.

Operation Christmas Child 2015

This year we will again be filling shoeboxes with small gifts, school supplies, hats, gloves and scarves suitable for 4-14 years together with soap, toothbrushes, facecloths etc. A box is in the porch with a list of suitable gifts shown on the lid. We rely on your generosity as usual to help us fill the boxes and are always especially in need of suitable gifts for boys. Please bring in your gifts during October and put them in the designated box. There are so many needy children in the world, some who have never received a gift at Christmas. This year many of the boxes will be sent to the refugee children.

Confirmations 2016

We would like to catch up on our Confirmation cycle by holding Confirmations in May 2016 assuming we have a group of at least 4 candidates. This is not in line with the Bishop's pastoral visit and so Father John will seek permission from the Bishop to administer the sacrament.

As a parishioner, if it is your wish to be put forward for the sacrament and are 14 years old or older at the time of preparation (in Year 9 or above) please write to Father John stating your wish, date of birth and confirming the place of your baptism by **1st November**.

Diocesan events

BRES Courses

Thursday **5th November** 9.30am to 12.00pm – *Laudato Si* – Implications and challenges for Catholic Schools, Fr. Martin Boland

To reserve a place for the courses at Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT, please contact Lisa Gunther, email:

lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Tel: 01277 265285.

Our Lady of Compassion, Saffron Walden Quiz Night

On Friday **13th November** at 7.30 for 8 pm. The cost is £7 per head, ploughman's supper included. Bring your own liquid refreshment and glasses. Newport village hall, tables of 8 or just come and join in. See poster in the porch.

World Youth Day 2016

Visit Krakow, Poland and see Pope Francis on World Youth Day. This is a 12 day pilgrimage from **25th July 2016** with Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (bcys.net) for year 11 and over. Please visit www.bcys.net/event/world-youth-day or see noticeboard for more details.

To place a notice in this newsletter, please contact Anna on
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