

St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Sunday
6th
March
2016



4th Sunday
of Lent
(Year C)

Liturgy of the week

Sat 5th March	10.00 – 11.00am 6.00pm	Confessions Bridget McCreanor RIP (S Wood)
Sun 6th March	10.00am	Ray Hickman RIP (J Bambridge)
Mon 7th March	9.30am	Peggy Oliva RIP (E Quinn)
Tues 8th March	9.30am	Margaret (Peg) Bennett (P & M Bennett)
Wed 9th March No Morning Mass	1.30pm 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosary Group• Wednesday Club
Thurs 10th March	9.30am	
Fri 11th March	9.30am 7.30pm	Andy Carr RIP ✠ Stations of the Cross
Sat 12th March	6.00pm	The Deceased family of David Gleeson

Sunday 6th March

There will be tea and coffee in the Parish Centre after Mass on Sunday. Please join us.



LENT

"A little bit of mercy make the world less cold and more just"

Pope Francis



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent until Holy Week, there will be Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.

Easter Times

A list of Service times for Easter will soon be available to collect at the back of the Church.

Parish News & Events

Collection amount for 27/28th February

Collection	Gift Aid	Loose	Total
First	£238.00	£206.91	£444.91
CAFOD		£10.40	£10.40

Bonus Ball Competition - February winners

6th February – Stephanie McDowall with number 50

13th February – Nicholas Shutes with number 36

20th February – David Horton with number 42

27th February – Mary Thorogood with number 55

There still one number available if you want to participate – contact John Richardson on 01279817102 or email jrichardson1@btconnect.com for information.

Encounter Group

The Encounter Group will meet on Friday, **18th March** at St Theresa's Stansted for **'A Holy Week reflection: The things Jesus carried; lessons we can take for Holy Week in words, poetry and music'** led by Kate Barrance. Come ready to describe a special occasion; what you wore; what you provided for it...

10.00am coffee, **10.30am** meeting opens, **12.30pm** shared lunch, **2.00pm** day ends.

All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: BS 652060 or BS 656482.

Religious Poem Competition

For details on how to enter this year's Religious Poem Competition and have the chance to win £250 for St. Theresa's Church, please see the poster on the noticeboard in the Church Foyer. The closing date is 31st March.

CAFOD Parish contact required

Our parish has been a generous supporter of CAFOD's work over many years and now a new opportunity has arisen for a volunteer to help us continue our support. This varied role could include organising talks, events, and collections for Fast Days, emergency appeals, as well as supporting CAFOD's campaigns and ensuring CAFOD's work is held in prayer. Please contact Eileen Quinn on 01279 812109 or Chris Driscoll at CAFOD Brentwood at brentwood@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162 for more information.

First Communion Children 2016

Please remember to pray for the children of this parish who are preparing for their First Holy Communion.

Bertie, Bobby, Isabel, Jeremy, Maximillian, Michael, Rafael and Scarlett will be taking their First Holy Communion on **8th May** this year. Their photos are at the front of the church.

Repository

The Church Repository has Easter cards on order which will arrive soon. We have St. Patrick's Day cards available at the moment as well as many other cards and gifts. Please have a look.

UK Aid for deprived children

A local charity will be taking a lorry out soon to the Ukraine. Please donate any good condition clean clothes for adults or children. We need toiletries too. If you are having a spring clean of your wardrobe, please remember those less fortunate. Thank you. Ring Brian or Eileen 01279 812109

Diocesan News & Events

Healing Mass

This will take place at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood and will be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday **9th March**. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

An evening of quiet prayer for healing in this Jubilee year of Mercy at Clare Priory

On Thursday **10th March** (between 7.00pm and 8.30pm) we have another of our evenings entitled "Come to me all who are burdened and I will give you rest" These evenings offer you the opportunity to experience quiet prayer for healing of the hurts of life. It will be a peaceful and reflective time with the opportunity, for those who wish, to be prayed with individually in silence. And there will be no expectation for you to say anything or take part in anything you may just sit quietly. To book a place please phone Kathy at the Priory. 01787 277326. There is no charge but we do need to know the number to expect.



The Prodigal Son

One day Jesus told this story about a man who had two sons. The youngest son asked his father for his share of the family's money. He used the money to live a selfish life and soon all the money was gone. Soon there was a famine across the country and this son, having spent all of his money was left hungry. He went home to his father to beg for his mercy and offer to work as a servant. But the father was so overjoyed to see his son return that he ran out to meet him and called for a big celebration. The father in this Sunday's Gospel shows us a glimpse of God the Father's merciful and forgiving nature. If we acknowledge when we have gone wrong, God is always ready to forgive us.

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