

St. Theresa of Lisieux

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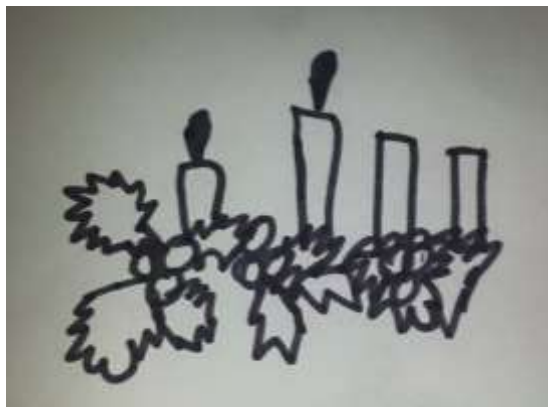
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Sunday
6th
December
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Picture by Grace, aged 7

Liturgy of the week

Sat 5th December	10.00 – 11.00am 6.00pm	Confessions Bob Fuller RIP (M. Fuller)
Sun 6th December	10.00am	Albert & Bridget Keller (M. Barnet)
Mon 7th December		
Tues 8th December	9.30am	
Wed 9th December (No morning Mass)	1.30pm 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosary Group• Wednesday Club
Thurs 10th December	9.30am	Ronnie Jackson RIP (M. Jackson)
Fri 11th December	9.30am	Colin Warnett RIP (M. Warnett)
Sat 12th December	6.00pm	Maria & Anna Maria (T. Mastrandrea)

Sunday 6th December

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





Advent

Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem.

*May we let ourselves be drawn by
the light of God made man.*



Pope Francis

Christmas at St. Theresa's

Christmas Masses

Please note that the Mass times for Christmas Eve have changed. There will no longer be 2 Masses but instead there will be one single Mass at 7pm.

Mass on Christmas Eve is now at **7pm.**

Mass on Christmas day will be at 10am.

Penitential Service

There will be no Penitential service at St. Theresa's Church this Christmas but there will be confessions heard on Saturday **12th & 19th December** between 10am – 11am.

Village Celebration of Christmas

Our parish is pleased to host the traditional Stansted Village Celebration of Christmas event this year on Saturday **19th December** at 3pm in the church.

Please put this date and time in your diaries and come along to join in this community celebration of Christmas carols and readings. There will be refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards and the collection will be for the Red Cross Refugee Fund. Please come along and enjoy this lovely festive occasion

Children's Service and Christmas Party

The Children's Service will be on Sunday **20th December** at 2pm and will be followed by the Christmas party in the Parish Centre.

Please let us know if your child / children wish to come along so that we cater for everyone. Please email us at helenhall5@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01842 879766 with your child's name and age as soon as possible. A voluntary donation of £3 can be given on the day of the party.



Parish news

Children's Service and Christmas party

Don't forget the Children's service on Sunday **20th December** followed by the Christmas party. Please pick up a flyer from the foyer and remember to book your child's place.

Collections for 28th/29th November. Many thanks.

The collection amount for last week was £473.68 (Gift Aid £261.40).

Bonus Ball winners for last month

The Bonus Ball competition winners for November were:

31st October – Patrick Lewis with number 16

7th November – Toney Rhead with number 38

14th November – Frances Roberts with number 11

21st November – Lynda Sheahan with number 18

28th November - Lynda Sheahan with number 18

We currently have 6 numbers each week available. If you would like the opportunity of winning £30 then ring John Richardson on 01279817102 or e-mail him on jrichardson1@btconnect.com.

Book Sale

We will be selling second hand good quality books after Mass in the Parish Centre on Sunday **6th December**. Please come in for a hot drink and a browse. All proceeds will go to the St. Theresa's social fund for future events including the children's Christmas party.

Rotas

Please could all people responsible for writing the rotas, please send the new rotas to Anna Watkins as soon as possible or put them into the red file at the back of church.

Volunteers

If you are looking for a new challenge in the New Year, why not join our parish team of volunteers? There are plenty of opportunities available to suit everyone. We are currently looking for someone to join the tea and coffee rota, could you spare some time every once in a while? Could you help out every few weeks on the cleaning rota or with gardening? Are you maybe a bit of a handy person or interested in Health & Safety? Please get in touch on Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Church Repository

Don't forget Christmas cards are available to buy in the Repository in the church foyer. Feel free to have a look at the cards and gifts.



Local News & Events



Messy Church

Don't forget Messy Church this afternoon (Sunday **6th December**). The event is organized by Churches Together in Stansted. On at St. Mary's School from 3.30pm-5pm. An exciting and informal style of church for families, particularly with children under 12.

Dementia Café

Join us at the Quaker Meeting House on Tuesday **8th December** at 10.00am – noon

Rotary Santa

At Forest Hall Park on Tuesday **8th December** from 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

Carol Concert

The Huw Johnson Club carol concert will be at St. John's church on **11th December** at 7.30 pm. Admission free. All welcome, followed by refreshments.



Angels and Christmas tree festival

The Friends of St. Mary's Church Angels and Christmas Tree festival will take place on Saturday **12th December** and Sunday **13th December** from 10am – 5pm.

- Carols for all at 3.30pm on Saturday **12th December**.
- St. Clare Light up a Life at 10am on Sunday **13th December**.

Refreshments will be available. Free entry. All welcome.



Diocesan News & Events

Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood

To be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm on Wednesday **9th December**. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

Events at Brentwood Cathedral

- **Service of nine lessons and carols**
Sunday **20th December**, 4 pm
- **Live Broadcast of Midnight Mass for BBC Radio 4**
Thursday **24th December**, 11pm.
- **Laurence Long – Organ RCM**
Wednesday **16th December**, 1pm – 1.40pm.

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