

St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church, Stansted Mountfitchet

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Sunday 8th October 2017



<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Intentions</i>
Sat 7 th Oct	†6.00pm	Peter & Mary Bennett (Dalzell family)
Sun 8 th Oct	†10.00am	Mrs Elizabeth Cassidy RIP (Eilish)
Mon 9 th Oct	No Mass	
Tues 10 th Oct	†9.30am	
Wed 11 th Oct	†9.30am 1.30pm 2.30pm	Kath Whiting (Wednesday Club friends) • Rosary Group • Wednesday Club
Thurs 12 th Oct	†9.30am	Ted Clarke RIP (K. Clarke)
Fri 13 th Oct	†9.30am 7.00pm	Devotion to Divine Mercy
Sat 14 th Oct	†6.00pm	(Dalzell Family)



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SHIPS

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.



Christmas cards on sale now

We now have a beautiful selection of packs of Christmas cards on sale in the Repository. Please come and have a look. There are also lots of other cards and small gifts to buy.



Social Committee

If you have ever had an idea of a possible event to hold at our church or think you could contribute in some way to arranging an event, then you are exactly who we are looking for! We are putting together a new Social Committee and need a few people from the parish in order to have differing views. We will not meet often so please don't be put off by the idea of boring meetings. You can even contribute via email. We just want a diverse mix of people if possible. If you think you might be able to help, please contact Anna on 07810417646.



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Devotion to Divine Mercy

Join us on a Friday evening at 7pm for our Devotion to Divine Mercy. In the quiet and beautiful evening atmosphere of our church, we recite the The Divine Mercy chaplet as outlined to St. Faustina by Our Lord.

If you are unfamiliar with this, do not worry as there will be a handout to follow at the back of the church. This is led by our Deacon in training, Des Connors.

This Friday, **13th October**, it will be held at 7.30pm as we are hosting the SHIPS (Stewards Host Informal Prayer Support) prayer movement as mentioned at the start of the newsletter.

2nd collection this week for CAFOD 8th October

There will be a 2nd collection this week for CAFOD.



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.



I am pleased to report that with Gift Aid, we have raised the sum of £1,100 at our Quiz Night in aid of our Christmas Box Appeal. Many thanks to all who contributed.

David Morson.

Volunteer needed

We need someone to come onto the coffee rota. Could you help us? It would be about once every 6 weeks. Please contact Eileen on 01279 812109.



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British Red Cross Autumn Gift Fair

On Wednesday **11th October** at Parklands, Quendon Hall from 10am – 3.30pm. Find the perfect gift for that special person at the Autumn Gift Fair. Explore around 50 stalls in beautiful surroundings for unique gifts you can't always find on the High Street.

Lunches available in the dining room overlooking the deer park.

There will also be a raffle, bottle tombola and cake stall.

Entrance £5 – includes coffee and biscuit.



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.

Saying Goodbye service

The Mariposa Trust, a charity who support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy, will be holding a special baby loss event at Chelmsford Cathedral on the **5th November** at 6:00pm.

For more information, please go to www.sayinggoodbye.org or see the poster on the noticeboard.

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