

St. Theresa of Lisieux

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**Sunday
10th
January
2016**



**The Baptism
of the Lord
(Year C)**

Liturgy of the week

Sat 9th January	10.00 – 11.00am 6.00pm	Confessions May Fuller
Sun 10th January	10.00am	Bill Ryan (I Evans)
Mon 11th January	No Morning Mass	Service for Hans May
Tues 12th January	9.30am	Margaret Rosair RIP (E Rosair)
Wed 13th January (No morning Mass)	1.30pm 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosary Group• Wednesday Club
Thurs 14th January	9.30am	Michael Henry Aldridge RIP (T Aldridge)
Fri 15th January	9.30am	Holy Souls
Sat 16th January	6.00pm	Hans May (K Whiting)

Sunday 10th January

Children's Liturgy in the Parish Centre

The Baptism of the Lord



"I baptise you with water but someone is coming, someone more powerful than I am; He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire"

Luke 3:15 - 16

Parish news & Events

Wishing you all a happy, peaceful and prosperous New Year

Fr John

Thank you

Father John would like to thank all of his parishioners for their generous gifts of donations over the Christmas period.

Crib Donations

Thank you for all of the crib donations. The total crib donations this year were £82.50.

Second Collection

This weekend's second collection will be for the White Flower Appeal – the society for the Protection of Unborn Children.

Collections for the last 2 weeks

The collection amount for **26th / 27th December** was £346.77 (Gift Aid £140.70).

The collection amount for **2nd / 3rd January** was £583.04 (Gift Aid £359.00).



A picture of the arrival of the wise men at Epiphany, drawn by Charlie, aged 8.

Bonus Ball Competition Winners

The winners for December were: **5th & 12th December** - Robin Ketley with number 23, **19th December** - David Horton with number 42 and **26th December** – Ruth Rawlinson with number 20.

Currently there are 6 numbers available on Bonus Ball – if your number is picked as the Bonus Ball in the weekly Saturday Lotto draw you win £30. The cost is £1 per week – if you are interested contact John Richardson on 01279817102 or email at jrichardson1@btconnect.com

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

Diaries and Directories

There are 2016 diaries at the back of the church for 20p each. Also, if you would like a Brentwood Diocesan Directory, they are £2.75.

Local News & Events

Encounter Group

The next meeting will be next Friday, **15th January** in Windhill Churches Centre.

'A celebration of creation & creative gifts'

Bring something that inspires you or lifts your spirits: a painting, piece of pottery, music, embroidery, weaving, knitting, a plant, a photograph etc. to share with us; ie. Something you, or someone else, has made.

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: B/S 659371 or 652060.

Churches Together Quiz

Please join us for a fantastic Quiz Night. This will be held at St. John's Church hall on Saturday **16th January** at 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets cost £8 which includes light refreshments and can be ordered on 814059, 814865 and 850209 or St. John's office on 815243. Bring your own drink and glasses. All welcome.

Family Café

The family café will be open in January on **17th** and **23rd January** from 10am – 11.30am at the Day Centre.



Messy Church

The next Messy Church will be on **31st January** at St. Mary's School in Stansted from 3.30 – 5.00pm. This is an exciting and informal style of church for families, particularly with children under 12 organized by Churches Together in Stansted.

Diocesan News & Events

Abbotswick Quiz Night

Please join us at Abbotswick, Brentwood on Saturday **16th January** for a fun filled Quiz evening including light supper, you are welcome to bring your own drinks. Tickets £10pp, places are limited and advanced booking is essential by 13/01/16. For more information please call **01277 373959** or email info@abbotswick.org.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

3 Nights in Rome, 2 nights in Assisi from Monday **9th May** to Saturday **14th May**. £699 pp (shared room). Closing date for bookings **31st January**. Booking forms available at the back of the church.

Events at Clare Priory

• Into a Silent Place

At Clare Priory on **23rd & 25th February**. In response to feedback from those who come regularly, the whole day will be spent in silence. As in the past we will hold these days on Tuesday and Thursday. We will continue to provide group support for those who are new to silent prayer and in addition individual one to one support for those who would find this helpful. The usual soup lunch will be provided. There will be two start times, 9.30am for those who wish to go to Mass and 10.30 for those who wish to come later.

• Our Residential retreats "Rediscovering Sabbath in our lives"

4.00 pm Tuesday 16th February to after lunch Thursday **18th February** (A really good way to begin Lent with a special focus of this time.)

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