

St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church, Stansted Mountfitchet

NEWSLETTER

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Sunday 10th September 2017



<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Intentions</i>
Sat 9 th Sept	†6.00pm	Bishops Stortford Catenians (F Braeckman)
Sun 10 th Sept	†10.00am	People of the Parish
Mon 11 th Sept	No Mass	-----
Tues 12 th Sept	†9.30am	
Wed 13 th Sept	†9.30am	
Thurs 14 th Sept	†9.30am	Private Intention (Frances)
Fri 15 th Sept	†9.30am	
Sat 16 th Sept	†6.00pm	Private Intention (Wee Family)



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(The Communion Antiphon, page 127)

*Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul
is thirsting for God, the living God.*

Psalm 41:2-3



Our Church news

Children's Liturgy starts today

Children's Liturgy will start again on Sunday **10th September** in St. Theresa's room. This is open to all primary aged children who would like to attend.



Devotion to Divine Mercy

Every Friday at 7pm there will be a devotion to Divine Mercy in church (except for Friday 8th September). The Divine Mercy chaplet is as outlines to St. Faustina by Our Lord who desired devotion to his Divine Mercy. If you are unfamiliar with this, do not worry as there will be a handout to follow at the back of the church. This will be given by our Deacon in training, Des Connors.

Encounter

Encounter day will be on **22nd September** in the Parish Centre led by Des Connors (our Deacon in training). "Hinemi" (Hebrew for Here I am). Using the OT, these words will be explored with their relevance to faith in the 21st century.



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10.00am – coffee, 10.20am – start, 12.30pm - shared lunch, 2.00pm – finish.
Everyone welcome.

Altar Servers

Please remember that we still need the following information from those training to be altar servers:

1. Which Mass they usually attend (Saturday evening or Sunday)
2. Their height (so that their Albs can be ordered)

Please email Des at connorsdes@hotmail.com with these details as soon as possible.

Please be aware that the highest level of behaviour will be expected from all servers and they will need to arrive at Mass 15 minutes early on the days they are serving.



Thank you

We received a lovely card from the Aberdeen parish who visited our church on 9th August. They were very touched by the friendly spirit of those who welcomed them. Please see the card on the parish noticeboard. Thanks again to all who attended the Mass and brought refreshments to welcome our guests.

Christmas Child Quiz

As many people will know, Churches Together In Stansted organise shoe box collections filled with Christmas gifts for children in deprived areas of the world. However, it costs £3 to transport each box so generously donated.

To help offset this cost there will be a Fund Raising Quiz at St Theresa's Parish Centre on Saturday **30th September**, 7pm for 7.30pm start. Cost £8 payable on door. Please bring own food, drink and glasses as we wish all proceeds to go towards costs. There will also be a Raffle.

Something new; There will be two Quizmasters; David Morson - who will be joined by Cliff Gilbert who has written Quizzes for "The Link".

Please put this date in your diary now and come and support this worthy cause.

Volunteers

A huge thank you from Father John and the parishioners for the devoted volunteers who give up their time to clean, garden, ensure the church is safe and serve teas and coffees as well as those who run the Children's Liturgy, serve on the altar and read. We value your support. If you wish to volunteer to help out at the church, please contact Anna Watkins on Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org



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Do you have something to go in the newsletter? Contact Anna Watkins on Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org



Diocesan news

Calling Married Couples!

Could you give 2 hours once to change the lives of 20 students? The Explore project brings together married couples with young people to have an open conversation about the realities of both marriage and family life. This exciting project is running in Catholic schools in your area and this is an invaluable and also fun way for you and your spouse to give back to your local community. Please e-mail anna.mccormick@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 07972438179 if you would like to get involved or hear more.

Walsingham House at Abbotswick Funding Appeal: Target £430,000

Each year, over 5,000 young people from our schools and parishes enjoy a retreat with the Walsingham House Team. In January 2018 this work is moving to Abbotswick, a beautiful house near Brentwood, set in 14 acres of grounds. In school holidays, Abbotswick will also continue to be used by parish groups seeking a time of retreat, resting with the Lord. However, Abbotswick is in need of a significant refurbishment, and we seek your help. An appeal will be made on 23rd/24th September. Please support it as generously as you can; in the words of Bishop Alan “This project builds a prayerful and inspiring future for the young people of the Diocese.”

Lourdes, summer 2017

Turn your computer on, and enjoy the “**virtual pilgrimage.**” Video clips of 2-10 minutes capture the flavour of the recent Diocesan pilgrimage, including all the homilies, and interviews with Bishop Alan and Fr Bob Hamill. You can find these via www.bcys.net or search “Virtual Pilgrimage – Lourdes 2017” on YouTube.

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