

St. Theresa of Lisieux

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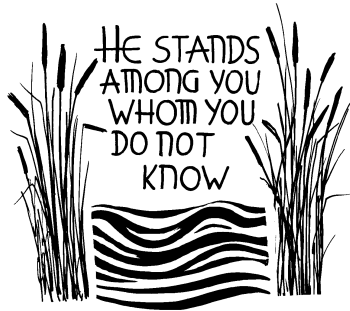
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Sunday
11th December
2016



3rd Sunday of Advent
(Year A)

Sat 10 th December	10.00 – 11.00am †6.00pm	Confessions Maria Anna Fruci & Maria Mastrandrea RIP
Sun 11 th December	†10.00am	Ronnie Jackson RIP (Jackson family)
Mon 12 th December	†9.30am	Paul Close RIP (Finlay family)
Tues 13 th December	No morning Mass	
Wed 14 th December	10.30am 1.30pm 2.30pm	Requiem Mass for Dominic Donahue Rosary Group Wednesday Club
Thurs 15 th December	†9.30am	
Fri 16 th December	†9.30am	
Sat 17 th December	10.00 – 11.00am 3.00pm †6.00pm	Confessions *Celebration of Christmas People of the Parish

† Masses

*Churches Together in Stansted **Celebration of Christmas** at St. Theresa's Church

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3rd Sunday of



*God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of
Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.
Amen.*



Parish News & Events



***Begin the Celebration
of Christmas!***



Churches Together Celebration of Christmas

Please join us for Carols and Readings on Saturday **17th December** at 3.00pm at St Theresa's Church for this year's Celebration of Christmas Carol Service. Everyone is welcome. Collecting for Christian Aid Light the Way followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.



Help Needed

As you can see from the post above, on **17th December** our church is once again hosting the Village Celebration of Christmas. We will need to serve refreshments in the Parish Centre after the Service. If you are able to do this please let Eileen or Brian Quinn know on 812109.

Also we need help to put out chairs at 8.30am and to put them away after the Service. If you can help in any way, please contact David Morson on 850209.

Children's Service and Christmas Party



This year's Children's Christmas Service will be on Sunday **18th December** at 2.00pm and will be followed by the Christmas party in the Parish Centre. All our very welcome to the service but please let us know if your child / children wish to attend the party 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. We have been very fortunate in previous years that Fr. Christmas has found time to visit. There are invitations on the notice board in the entrance with the details.



Happy Birthday

Congratulations to Barbara Broad who is 80 today! We wish you a very happy birthday.

Last Minute stocking fillers

If you have any unwanted gifts or items in new or nearly new condition which could be given as presents, please bring them along to the church or parish centre before Sunday **18th December** priced at either £1 or £2. There will be a stocking filler table in the parish centre during the after Mass coffee. Please donate toiletries, good condition books, items of jewellery, candles, toys etc. This will be a chance for the children to buy some small gifts for mum and dad so make sure they bring their pocket money.



Christmas cards

Fr. John has asked that this year's Christmas cards for collection should be left in the church [porch. In this connection, a box has been placed in the porch and parishioners are asked to place their cards in the A-Z index by surname only. Many thanks.

The Giving Machine update



Thank you to everyone who has signed up and is using the Giving Machine. There were 8 people signed up at last count and we had raised £5.64. Please continue to shop through the Giving Machine. If you haven't already logged in as a giver – please do. Please see the posters on the noticeboards or go to www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

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.

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Local Christmas events

Angels and Christmas tree festival

At St. Mary's Church Stansted on Sunday **11th December** 10.00am – 5.00pm



Free church Christmas events

Join us at Stansted Free Church to make Christingles and to meet Father Christmas on Monday **12th December**, Wednesday **14th December** and Friday **16th December** from 10.00 – 11.30am. All welcome, no charge.

Village carol singing



You are warmly invited to join us for the village annual carol singing will take place on Thursday **22nd December** on Meet at Church Road / Mountfitchet Road at 7.00pm and finish on West Road. And again on Friday **23rd December**. Meet outside Mountfitchet House at 7.00pm and finish at Birchalls. Followed by seasonal refreshments at around 8.30pm.

Singers & collectors welcome. Collecting for Christian Aid Light the Way Appeal, helping those who are fleeing violence.

Diocesan news and events

Healing Mass at Abbotswick House of Prayer, Brentwood

This will be celebrated at 2.30pm on Wednesday **21st December** by Fr Eamonn Power. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Santiago de Compostela

Sunday 28th May – Saturday 3rd June 2017 led by Fr Francis Coveney: £829 per person– based on a group of 40 pilgrims. 4 nights' half board + 2 night's full board. Full services of a Tangney Tours courier.

Further details including booking form can be obtained from the back of the Church or from Tangney Tours. Please send completed booking forms to Gill Didino, Tangney Tours, Pilgrim House, Station Court, Borough Green, Kent, TN15 8AF. Telephone 01732 88 66 66.