

St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Sunday
13th
March
2016



5th Sunday
of Lent
(Year C)

Liturgy of the week

Sat 12th March	10.00 – 11.00am 6.00pm	Confessions The Deceased family of David Gleeson
Sun 13th March	10.00am	Stuart Gibby (H Baker)
Mon 14th March	9.30am	
Tues 15th March	9.30am	
Wed 16th March No Morning Mass	1.30pm 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosary Group• Wednesday Club
Thurs 17th March	9.30am	Mary Darker RIP
Fri 18th March	9.30am 7.30pm	✠ Stations of the Cross
Sat 19th March	6.00pm	Mrs Yvonne Calver RIP (W Dodd)

LENT



“We must always walk in the presence of the Lord, in the light of the Lord, always trying to live in an irreprehensible way.”

Pope Francis

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent until Holy Week, there will be Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.

Easter Times

A list of Service times for Easter will soon be available to collect at the back of the Church.

Friday 18th March A Holy Week Reflection

Saturday 19th March A Lenten Reflection

Both are here at St. Theresa's. Please see below for further details on both events.

Parish News & Events

Encounter Group



The Encounter Group will meet on Friday, **18th March** at St Theresa's Stansted for **'A Holy Week reflection: The things Jesus carried; lessons we can take for Holy Week in words, poetry and music'** led by Kate Barrance. Come ready to describe a special occasion; what you wore; what you provided for it... **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: BS 652060 or BS 656482.

Day of Recollection



Day of Recollection from North Essex Deanery Group.
A Lenten Reflection led by Sr. Judith Reussi Saturday **19th March** at St. Theresa's Parish Centre.
9.30am - Mass in the Church, 10.15am - Coffee and Welcome in the Parish Centre, 11.00am - Talk and discussion, 12.30 to 1.30pm – Lunch, 1.30pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with the opportunity for Confession and private prayer, 2.30pm – Benediction. Bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee are provided.

Collections for 5th /6th March. Many thanks.

The collection amount for last week was £474.39 (Gift Aid £242.00).

Collection at Easter

At Easter, the collection money raised is our personal gift to the priest for his services to the parish. Please remember to give generously at this time of year.

Gift Aid envelopes

Please remember to collect your new Gift Aid envelopes for 2016-17 from the back of the church.

Religious Poem Competition

For details on how to enter this year's Religious Poem Competition and have the chance to win £250 for St. Theresa's Church, please see the poster on the noticeboard in the Church Foyer. The closing date is 31st March.

Repository

Please remember to visit our repository off the church foyer. We have a selection of gifts and cards including St. Patrick's Day cards and Easter cards.

UK Aid for deprived children

A local charity will be taking a lorry out soon to the Ukraine.

Please donate any good condition clean clothes for adults or children. We need toiletries too. If you are having a spring clean of your wardrobe, please remember those less fortunate. Thank you. Ring Brian or Eileen 01279 812109

Diocesan News & Events

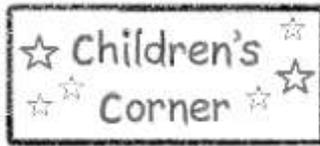
And He spoke to them in parables

Exploring faith through film at Clare Priory. A completely new venture!

We will be using films that you have probably not seen; films that have depth behind the story. There will be two start times, 9.30am for those who wish to go to Mass and 10.30am for those who wish to come later. The films will be shown in the Parish room. The day will conclude by 3.30pm. Please book with Kathy 01787 277326 For day events it is possible to book overnight accommodation if you book early enough with Kathy.

Our opening film "Babette's Feast." (In English) will be on Tuesday **19th April**. Other films will follow on Wednesday **1st June**, Tuesday **27th September**, Tuesday **25th October**, Tuesday **22nd November** and Tuesday **6th December**.

*To place a notice in this newsletter, please contact Anna on
Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org*



First Communion Children 2016

Please remember to pray for the children of this parish who are preparing for their First Holy Communion.

Bertie, Bobby, Isabel, Jeremy, Maximillian, Michael, Rafael and **Scarlett** will be taking their First Holy Communion on **8th May** this year. Take a look at their photos which are at the front of the church.

This week's Gospel

The teachers of the law brought a woman to Jesus and said "Master, this woman has broken the law and should be stoned to death." Jesus replied "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Everyone left without throwing a stone. Then Jesus asked the woman "Has no one condemned you?" "No one, Sir", she replied. So he said to her "Neither do I, go away, and don't sin anymore."



"God is always ready to forgive and start afresh."

Pope Francis

A fresh start

As Easter approaches, perhaps we too can make changes in our lives. Perhaps we can change the way we are we our families and friends or with God. Today's Gospel is all about new starts. We all make mistakes and do things that upset those around us as well as God. But God loves us and gives us the strength to put things right. God forgives all of us and we can always make positive changes in our lives.

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today."

Mother Theresa