



Diocese of
Brentwood



St. Theresa of Lisieux
Catholic Church
Stansted Mountfitchet



Sunday **13th August 2017**

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Intentions for the week

Sat 12 th August	†6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sun 13 th August	†10.00am	Keith Kemp RIP (S Shutes)
Mon 14 th August	No Mass	
Tues 15 th August *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	(no morning Mass) †7.30pm	
Wed 16 th August	†9.30am	
Thurs 17 th August	†9.30am	
Fri 18 th August	†9.30am	
Sat 19 th August	†6.00pm	Private Intention (PF& M Bennett)

***Holy Day of Obligation**

There will be no tea and coffee after Mass or Wednesday club in August



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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Today, Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

Parish News & Events

Important change of Mass time

Please note that there has had to be a change of time for the Holy Day of Obligation on Tuesday 15th August.

Due to a very important prior appointment on the morning of the 15th August, there can no longer be a Mass at 9.30am.

The Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be moved from Monday evening to **7.30pm on Tuesday evening**. There will only be one Mass.

Stewards of the Gospel update

The next important stage of the Stewards of the Gospel discernment process is upon us! On Monday **7th August** a document setting out in draft a vision and strategy to take our diocese forward will be published by the Diocese at <http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/>. At some point we hope to have hard copies to share. We will also be having a Parish meeting in the next few weeks. In the meantime, please pray about the contents and we will discuss them before responding as a Parish.



Children's Liturgy

There will be no children's liturgy in August. The next session will be on Sunday **10th September**.



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Parish Finances

At the recent Mission and Finance committee meeting concern was raised that the Treasurer had not been reporting the amount of the weekly collections in the newsletter – it was resolved that in future the amounts of collections should be reported monthly in the newsletter each month as soon as possible after the end of the accounting period (5th monthly).

First of all thank you for your continuing generosity.

Figures for the first 4 months of the year are:

Month	Month total	Diocesan Second collections
April	£2,648.08	
May	£2,917.13	£192.12
June	£2,922.78	£235.26
July	£2,732.79	£168.90

There was no monthly second collection in April as Easter fell within the month. You will recall that in view of the increasing number of second collections imposed on us by Diocese that it was decided that a monthly collection would be taken and the moneys were to be split between the various beneficiaries - it has to be said that this has resulted in a significant decrease in amounts donated to these causes so the amount distributable has fallen from previous years. The Finance committee decided that the Promotion of vocations, Sick Clergy fund and Apostleship of the Sea needed additional support so extra moneys were given to them – this has been funded by a donation from the Bonus Ball fund.

Diocesan Second collections	amount available	Amount Donated	Top up from Bonus Ball	Total donated
Promotion of vocations	£596.28	£99.38	£100.00	£200.00
World communications		£99.38		£100.00
Sick Clergy		£99.38	£250.00	£350.00
Day for Life		£99.38		£100.00
Peter's pence		£99.38		£100.00
Apostleship of the sea		£99.38	£150.00	£250.00

If you have any queries or would like a bonus Ball number (3 available), please either ring John Richardson on 07984402677 or e-mail him on

jrichardson1@btconnect.com



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Invitation to Welcome Service

Parishioners of this parish have been invited to attend a welcome service for Revd Gill Hulme to be held on Thursday **31st August** at 7.30pm at Bishop's Stortford Methodist Church. Refreshments will be served after the service.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by 18th August to Lynne Ling email lynne.ling2408@gmail.com

Diocesan News & Events

RSCM-EEL Annual Choral Festival 2017

This year our Festival will be a very special occasion celebrating the Centenary of the Diocese of Brentwood. It will be held in the beautiful setting of Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday, **21st October**, 10am – 5pm with the Festival Thanksgiving Service at 4pm. The service will be conducted by Andrew Wright, Master of Music at Brentwood Cathedral. We invite all singers to join us for a memorable and enjoyable day of singing finishing with our Thanksgiving Service. Individual singers are warmly welcomed, as are members of all choirs, robed or unrobed. The choirs of Chelmsford and Brentwood Cathedrals will be joining us for the Service. The music this year has been specially chosen and is included in a booklet which has been printed for us by the Royal School of Church Music. Copies of the booklet £5 and further information from shirleytimmins@btinternet.com.

Mass Times

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| ❖ Saturday Vigil 6.00pm | ❖ Sunday Mass 10.00am |
| ❖ Weekday Mass 9.30am
(Tuesday – Friday) | ❖ Confessions Saturday
10.00am – 11.00am |

❖ **Holy Days of Obligation:**

Evening Mass (night before) 7.30pm, Morning Mass (on the day) 9.30am

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