

St. Theresa of Lisieux, Stansted

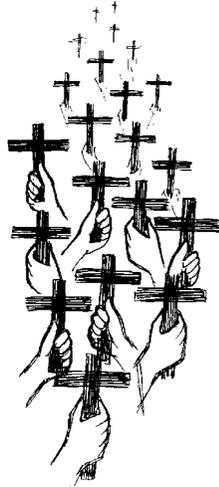
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Sunday
13th
September
2015



24th Sunday in
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Year B

Liturgy of the week

Sat 12th September	10.00 – 11.00am 6.00pm	Confessions John Walsh RIP (M&T Rhead)
Sun 13th September Racial Justice Sunday	10.00am	Fr. Andrew Hurley (H. Baker)
Mon 14th September	9.30am	
Tues 15th September	9.30am	Alexander Carratu (C. Gowing)
Wed 16th September (No morning Mass)	1.30pm 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosary Group• Wednesday Club
Thurs 17th September	9.30am	James O'Hagan RIP (Bernadette)
Fri 18th September	9.30am	
Sat 19th September	6.00pm	David Broad RIP (B. Broad)

Racial Justice Sunday 2015

On Sunday 13th September, the Catholic Church in England and Wales celebrates Racial Justice Sunday. It is a day on which all Christians are called to earnestly pray for an end to racism and racial inequality. The theme for 2015 is 'The Dignity of the Human Person'.

Racial Justice Sunday calls on all of us to question where we stand and what we are doing - the questions Pope Francis asked us when he spoke of the migrants at Lampedusa. The same questions that we can ask ourselves now as we face a refugee crisis in Europe and around the world. The plight of refugees is no less urgent than that of the sick and vulnerable of our own communities.

In a statement by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the Archbishop of Westminster, he stated that the Catholic Church in England and Wales "will work with both government and other responsible authorities to meet this grave challenge. We invite all Catholics to respond in prayer and in real, practical action."



Practical ways to help

If you would like to help in practical ways, please consider the following options:

- The Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Basildon is collecting items to take to refugees in Calais. Please see the poster on our noticeboard with information on how to fill "Little packets of hope and love".
- Donate to **CalAid** – an organisation collecting items locally to send to the refugees in Calais. They will be making fortnightly collections. More info about items currently needed by **CalAid** can be found at www.calaid.co.uk.
- If you have items that you would like to donate but are currently **not** needed by CalAid, you can post them on our Facebook selling page Donation Land. Please go to www.facebook.com/groups/749223788521129/. All proceeds will be donated to Refugee Action, the British Red Cross and Medecins Sans Frontieres.
- Or for straight cash donations, please go to www.doctorsoftheworld.org.uk/pages/calais-appeal.

Parish news & events

First Communion Children 2016

There will be an admin meeting after Mass on Sunday **13th September** for First Communion parents to provide all documentation requested at the original meeting. Sessions commence on Sunday **20th September** at 8.45am in the Parish Centre. A list of subsequent dates is on the noticeboard in the foyer.

Next week's second Collection

The second collection next weekend **19th / 20th September** will be for Home Mission Day. The theme of this year's Sunday is 'Proclaim God's Mercy'.

Collection figures for the last 2 weeks, thank you

		Gift aid	Loose	Total
29th/30th August	First	£278.55	£196.71	£475.26
5th/6th September	First	£280.00	£180.46	£460.46

Encounter group

The next encounter group meeting is on Friday **25th September** from 10am – 2pm in St. Theresa's parish centre.

Talk & discussion: **My faith journey through life & work as a prison chaplain** led by Sr. Philomena (Brentwood Ursuline). (Coffee at 10am, Meeting opens at 10.20am, shared lunch at 12.30pm, day ends at 2pm. Please bring food to share)

All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquires:01279 652060/ 659371

Talent night

Don't forget our talent show here at St. Theresa's Church on Saturday **14th November**.

This is your chance to show the rest of the parish what you can do!

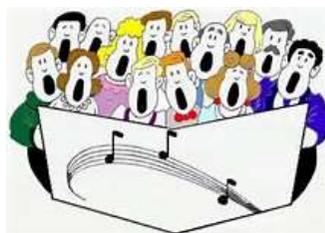
This is open to everyone in the parish regardless of age or talent so please come along and support your favourites.



Churches Together in Stansted Events

Songs of Praise

St. John's Church welcomes all to this Songs of Praise event at 3pm on Sunday **13th September**. It is due to be held in the Memorial Garden as long as the weather is dry but if it rains the event will be held inside of St. John's. Tickets are not required so please come along and join us.



Magna Carta lecture

Wednesday **16th September** there will be an interesting lecture on the Magna Carta to commemorate 800 years since it was signed. This will be in St. Theresa's Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

Celebration of Liberty

Performed by local singers and actors on Friday **25th September**. An evening of Music, Song and Drama on the theme of Magna Carta at St Mary's Church at 7.30pm. Organised by Churches Together in Stansted.

Diocesan events

Healing Mass

At Abbotswick, House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm Wednesday **16th September** 2015. Please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org for more information. All are welcome!

"Be Still" days at Clare Priory

Tuesday **15th September** and Thursday **17th September** "Consenting to the presence and action of God in our lives." The programme will be identical on both days, so book for the day that suits you. Each day begins at 9.30 am and ends at around 3.30 pm. There will be one optional session for those who wish to know more about Silent Prayer. The cost is £20.00 with a soup lunch provided. Please book through Kathy 01787 277326.

Youth pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in Knock

The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service is pleased and excited to offer a brand new pilgrimage on **24th – 26th October** to Our Lady's Shrine in Knock and the opportunity to Climb St Patrick's Holy Mountain. The pilgrimage is open to anyone who will be in Year 12 or above when we travel. The full cost is £350 and includes flights, accommodation and meals. Forms are available now at bcys.net/events or email info@bcys.net for more information. There are only 25 places, so sign up fast.

World Youth Day 2016

Visit Krakow, Poland and see Pope Francis on World Youth Day. This is a 12 day pilgrimage from **25th July** 2016 with Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (bcys.net) for year 11 and over. Please visit www.bcys.net/event/world-youth-day or see noticeboard for more details.

Mass for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers at Westminster Cathedral

On Friday, **25th September** at 7pm a special Mass will be held at Westminster Cathedral celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the Archbishop of Westminster, for all Gypsies, Roma and Irish Travellers who are intending to travel to Rome on pilgrimage from Friday 23rd to Tuesday 27th October.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

This will be for 7 night from **3rd – 10th October** and costs £480.00. Price includes return flights from Stansted/Gatwick, 7 nights B & B with evening meal, airport transfers, staying close to St. James' church. There are limited places, please contact Jackie: 020 3239 8662

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