

St. Theresa of Lisieux

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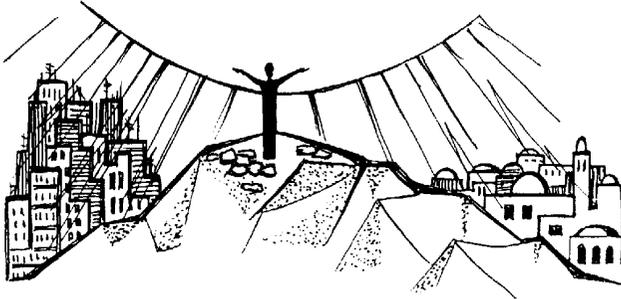
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Sunday
14th
February
2016



1st Sunday
of Lent
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Liturgy of the week

Sat 13th February	10.00 – 11.00am 6.00pm	Confessions People of the Parish
Sun 14th February	10.00am	Roman Babula RIP (E. Moser)
Mon 15th February	9.30am	
Tues 16th February	9.30am	
Wed 17th February No Morning Mass	1.30pm 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosary Group• Wednesday Club
Thurs 18th February	9.30am	
Fri 19th February	9.30am 7.30pm	Rev. Joh Gordon ✠ Stations of the Cross
Sat 20th February	6.00pm	Norma Easterbrook RIP (Welsh family)

LENT

"Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him."

Pope Francis

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 7.30pm.

Parish News & Events

CAFOD Lent Fast Day

This Lent Fast Day, on **19th February**, we have the opportunity to come together as a Catholic community to ensure girls living in the world's poorest countries are free to change their lives by getting an education. CAFOD is working with local expert organisations around the world to bring water to family homes, so girls who used to spend hours collecting it every day now have time for school, study and to play with their friends. Fast Days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Please collect your Fast Day Envelope from church this week, and remember to fast on Friday February 19th. Good news – the UK government has promised to match every penny or pound you give this Lent! So please, give as much as you can in next week's collection, so that more girls around the world are able to live lives free from the burden of the long walk for water.

Hunger Lunch

Thank you to all those who attended the Wednesday Club Hunger Lunch and for your generosity. We raised £94 which will be forwarded to the Columbian Missionary Society in memory of the late Marion Van Terheydon.

Collections

Collections for 6th/7th February. Many thanks.

The collection amount for last week was £588.52 (Gift Aid £267.00).

This weekend's second collection - Lourdes Sick & Helpers funds

This weekend, **13th/14th February**, the second collection will be for Lourdes Sick & Helpers funds. This goes to defray the expenses of the young people who volunteer to help the sick and disabled in Lourdes.

Next weekend's second collection - Lenten Fast Day

On the weekend of **20th/ 21st February**, the second collection will be for Lenten Fast Day.

This is the second of the bi-annual Fast days the collection goes to CAFOD.

Whisky Tasting evening

In the Parish Hall on Saturday **5th March**. Tickets £12 (Please bring your own food). Please see John O'Brien for more information.



Parish Meeting

Thank you to everyone who came along to the meeting. It's always good to see new faces.

Diocesan News & Events

Events at Clare Priory

- **Our Residential retreats "Rediscovering Sabbath in our lives"**

4.00 pm Tuesday 16th February to after lunch Thursday **18th February** (A really good way to begin Lent with a special focus of this time.)

- **Into a Silent Place**

On **23rd & 25th February**. This whole day will be spent in silence. As in the past we will hold these days on Tuesday and Thursday. The usual soup lunch will be provided. There will be two start times, 9.30am for those who wish to go to Mass and 10.30 for those who wish to come later.

Lenten Day Retreat

Led by Bishop Alan Williams S.M. on Saturday **27th February** from 11:00 - 16:00 Please join us for a Lenten Day Retreat led by Bishop Alan to be held at Abbotswick, Diocesan House of Prayer, Brentwood. Mass will be celebrated and talks given throughout the day. The suggested donation is £15pp and you are invited to bring your own packed lunch; refreshments will be available. Spaces are limited and advanced booking is essential. For more information, please call 01277 373959 or visit www.abbotswick.org.

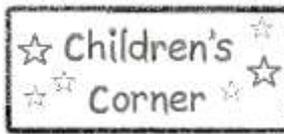
Year of Mercy – Spring Events at Cathedral House Brentwood

- **Wrestling with forgiveness** - Saturday **5th March**, 10.30am - Bishop Emeritus, Thomas McMahan

(Please note Bishop Emeritus, Thomas McMahan's talk has changed from 27th February). Telephone: 01277 265 285. Email: lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Almshouse Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen at the Almshouses in Ingatestone for someone over 50 who is in need. The cottage, which is part of a group of twelve with a chapel, is small, with a living room, bedroom, fitted kitchen and bathroom. It is suitable for a single person who can live independently, as there is no warden care available. Because of the listed nature of the building we cannot make major adaptations for someone with a disability. Please note that priority may be given to Roman Catholics. For more information, and for an application form, please contact Homes & Watson Partnership (who manage the properties) on Tel no 01277 355200.



Lent

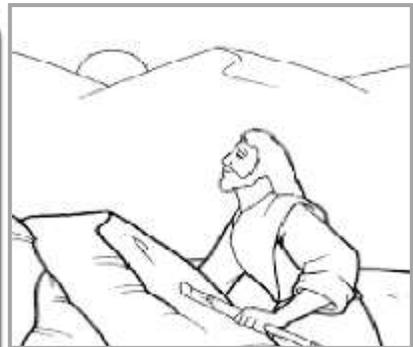
Ash Wednesday last week marked the start of Lent. Lent remembers the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the desert. During Lent, Pope Francis wants our sacrifices to help others. Perhaps you can give up a treat during Lent and donate the money to charity. Maybe you can give some of your toys and games to the charity shop or perhaps you can try to do good deeds for others over Lent.

Giving to those in need

If you have any spare change, don't forget to put it into the St. Francis Leprosy Fund bottle at the back of the church.

Word Search

S	L	E	G	N	A	L	O	N	E	WILDERNESS
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E	Y	E	A	X	F	A	O	L	I	DEVIL
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A	O	A	N	D	F	D	O	L	S	ALONE
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										ANGELS
										EXHAUSTED



See if you can find the words in the Word Search below and also hear them in this week's Gospel.

Pictures

Thank you to all the children who drew beautiful pictures for Easter last week. Please keep them coming and send any others to Anna at Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Please also send your **Palm Sunday** pictures to this email address. Your pictures may go in the newsletter and will also be available to view on our website.

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