

St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Sunday
20th
December
2015



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Picture by Bertie, aged 8

Liturgy of the week

Sat 19th December	10.00 – 11.00am 6.00pm	Confessions James McCreanor (S. Wood)
Sun 20th December	10.00am	People of the Parish
Mon 21st December		Mrs J Costello
Tues 22nd December	9.30am	Holy Souls
Wed 23rd December (No morning Mass)	1.30pm 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosary Group• Wednesday Club
Thurs 24th December Christmas Eve	7.00pm	Intentions of Sheila Wood (S. Wood)
Fri 25th December Christmas Day	10.00am	
Sat 26th December St. Stephen's Day	6.00pm	Dan & Kathleen Jones

Sunday 20th December

- 10.00am Children's Liturgy, Parish Centre
- Join us for one last coffee before Christmas, after Mass in the Parish Centre



*For unto you is born this day in the
city of David a Savior, who
is Christ the Lord.*

Luke 2:11



Wishing you all a very happy and blessed Christmas!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr John". The signature is written in a cursive style and is located in the lower right area of the page.

Parish news

Christmas Masses

Please remember, there is only one Mass on Christmas Eve this year.

This Mass will be at 7.00pm.

Christmas Day Mass is at 10.00am



Prayers

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Hans May, a parishioner who sadly died earlier this week at Harlow hospital

Collections for 12th/13th December. Many thanks.

The collection amount for last week was £539.90 (Gift Aid 329.60).

Christmas offering

At Christmas, 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.



Christmas Flower Collection

This weekend **19th / 20th December**, there will be a collection for the Christmas flowers. Please remember to donate to this so that our church looks beautiful and festive over the Christmas period.

Crib donations

Any donations collected at the Crib are sent to the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society whose work provides early intervention care to children in need in Essex and East London. Working with schools in the diocese they help to improve lives on a daily basis by providing counselling for children and young adults up to the age of eighteen, addressing difficulties that may be impeding their educational, social and emotional development.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society also run summer activities, play schemes and themed holidays for children referred to them by social services.

Church Repository

Don't forget you can purchase any last minute Christmas cards in the Repository in the church foyer. Feel free to have a look at the cards and gifts.



A Merry Christmas to all!

We hope you have enjoyed seeing the children's artwork in the newsletters. Here are some more pieces of art from our children to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

These can be seen in all their glory on our website: www.sttheresastansted.org



Reggie, 5

Charlie, 8

Francesca, 6

Jeremy, 7

Grace, 7

Please send all pictures to Anna at Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org or post pictures under the office door. Pictures can be generic or based on Readings and Gospels.

Volunteers

If you are looking for a new challenge in the New Year, why not join our parish team of volunteers? There are plenty of opportunities available to suit everyone. We are currently looking for someone to join the tea and coffee rota, could you spare some time every once in a while? Could you help out every few weeks on the cleaning rota or with gardening? Are you perhaps a bit of a handyperson or interested in Health & Safety? Please get in touch on Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Thank you

Many thanks for buying books in the Parish Centre. We raised £29.04.



Year of Mercy

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy (Lubilaeum Extraordinarium Misericordiae) is a period of prayer from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception - 8th December 2015 to the Feast of Christ the King – 20th November 2016.

Pope Francis has called on Catholics around the world to use the ongoing Jubilee year of mercy to "open wide" the doors of their hearts to forgive others.

Local News & Events

Village Carol Singing

You are warmly invited to join us with the Village Carol Singing on Tuesday **22nd December** at 6.30pm. Meet Benfield Green, finish Rainsford Road and on Wednesday **23rd December** at 6.30pm. Meet Newell Road / Felstead Crescent, Finish Newell Road. Both will be followed by refreshments.



Diocesan News & Events

No room at the inn? There are now 7,500 refugees in Calais, living in very basic and squalid conditions. They are being helped only by volunteer goodwill and in January a group from Our Lady and All Saints Parish, Basildon, will be taking insulation for the wood and tarpaulin shelters that are gradually being built. To read more please go to www.basildoncatholics.org where there are photos and reports from visits over the last four months; if you would like to donate, the details are in the December report. Please pray for all those sleeping far from home this Christmas.

To place a notice in this newsletter, please contact Anna on
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