

# St. Theresa of Lisieux

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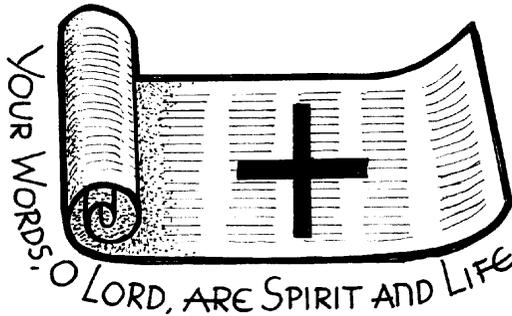
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*Sunday*  
*24<sup>th</sup>*  
*January*  
*2016*



*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in*  
*Ordinary Time*  
*(Year C)*

## Liturgy of the week

<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	10.00 – 11.00am* 6.00pm	*Confessions <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10.00am	<b>Marion van Terheyden RIP</b> (M&T Rhead)
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>(No morning Mass)</b>	10.30am	<b>Requiem Mass for</b> <b>Mrs Bruna Bonino</b>
<b>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.30am	
<b>Wed 27<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>(No morning Mass)</b>	1.30pm 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rosary Group</li><li>• Wednesday Club</li></ul>
<b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.30am	<b>Holy Souls</b>
<b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.30am	<b>John Paul Loughlin RIP</b>
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	6.00pm	<b>Marion &amp; René van Terheyden RIP</b>

The picture in front of our altar is taken from Rembrandt's painting entitled The Return of the Prodigal Son. It depicts a father forgiving the son who has returned home and repented. Let us not forget our Father in Heaven's unrelenting mercy for us as we prepare for Lent.



## Year of Mercy

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy (Lubilaem Extraordinarium Misericordiae) is a period of prayer from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception - 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to the Feast of Christ the King – 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Parish news & Events

### Children's Liturgy

There will be Children's Liturgy this Sunday in the Parish Centre. Please could children go directly to the hall?



### Prayers for the deceased of our parish

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased of our parish.

### Parish Meeting

The next parish meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 9<sup>th</sup> February. Please try to make this meeting as we value your input in decision making. Please come along if you are involved in any of the parish groups so that we can hear your feedback.

### Second Collection 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> January

This weekend's second collection will be for the Catholic Education Service. The Catholic Education Service (CES) acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education.



### **Do you have keys to the church?**

We need to keep a record of everyone who has been given keys to the church or the parish centre. If you are a key holder, please could you email Anna on [Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org) stating the number of keys you have in your possession and the doors they open. Many thanks.

### **Upcoming Social Events for your calendar**

Wine Tasting evening on Saturday **6<sup>th</sup> February**. Tickets £10 (Please bring your own food).

Whisky Tasting evening on Saturday **5<sup>th</sup> March**. Tickets £12 (Please bring your own food).

### **The Social Committee needs you**

We are keen to offer a range of different events to suit everyone in the parish. However, in order to continue running events, we need some new committee members. We are also keen to hear your ideas. The Social Committee meet only once every 3 months so it is not a huge commitment. Please, if you think you could offer a couple of hours every few months to discuss parish events, please get in touch on [Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

### **Bonus Ball Competition**

Currently there are 6 numbers available on Bonus Ball – if your number is picked as the Bonus Ball in the weekly Saturday Lotto draw you win £30. The cost is £1 per week – if you are interested contact John Richardson on 01279817102 or email at [jrichardson1@btconnect.com](mailto:jrichardson1@btconnect.com)

### **Pictures from the children**

Please continue to send in your children's depictions of the Gospels so that they can be displayed in the newsletters. Have a look ahead in our Mass books to see which Gospels are coming up and either email them or post them under the office door.

### **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 handy person or interested in Health & Safety? Please get in touch on [Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

### **A message from Churches Together in Stansted**

Our two annual Christmas events – the celebration of Christmas and the Village Carol Singing – raised the amazing sum of £1056 for the Red Cross Refugee Appeal. Sincere

thanks to everyone who contributed, and to the organisers and those who participated.

### **Diaries and Directories**

There are 2016 diaries at the back of the church for 20p each. Also, if you would like a Brentwood Diocesan Directory, they are £2.75.

## *Local News & Events*

### **Don't just give up this year. Give**

The next local blood donation session is on **3<sup>rd</sup> February** at Rhodes Arts Complex, Bishops Stortford.

## *Diocesan News & Events*

### **James Bond Charity Ball**

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is hosting a James Bond-themed Charity Ball at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Friday **12<sup>th</sup> February**. Tickets are priced at £50 per person and guests will enjoy a Martini Reception, a delicious 3 course dinner in the Crystal Dining Room, and various 007 themed surprises throughout the evening. There will be a charity raffle and silent auction as well as our own fun 'Casino Royale', and dancing.

To reserve tickets, or to donate an raffle or an auction prize, please contact Julie 01268 784544 / 07912277413 / [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)

### **Events at Clare Priory**

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

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

- **Into a Silent Place**

On **23<sup>rd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February**. This whole day will be spent in silence. As in the past we will hold these days on Tuesday and Thursday. We will continue to provide group support for those who are new to silent prayer and in addition individual one to one support for those who would find this helpful. 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.

### **Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi**

3 Nights in Rome, 2 nights in Assisi from Monday **9<sup>th</sup> May** to Saturday **14<sup>th</sup> May**. £699 pp (shared room). Closing date for bookings **31<sup>st</sup> January**. Booking forms available at the back of the church.

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