

# St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Sunday  
25<sup>th</sup> December  
2016



*Christmas  
Day*

<b>Sat 24<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	10.00 – 11.00am <b>†7.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Deceased family of Sheila Wood</b> (S Wood)
<b>Sun 25<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>†10.00am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>St. Stephen's Day</b>	<b>†9.30am</b>	
<b>Tues 27<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>†9.30am</b>	<b>Betty Bell RIP</b> (E Rosair)
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>No morning Mass</b>		
<b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>†9.30am</b>	
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>†9.30am</b>	<b>Violet Thornbury RIP</b> (E&B Quinn)
<b>Sat 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	10.00 – 11.00am <b>†6.00pm</b>	Confessions <b>Deceased members of</b> <b>Cassidy family</b>

## † Masses

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Rafael aged 8

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

**Luke 2:11**

## Parish News & Events



*Wishing you all a very joyful Christmas!*

*Fr John*



### **Christmas offering**

At Christmas, the collection money raised is our personal gift to our priest to thank him for his services to the parish over the past year.

### **Celebration of Christmas**

This year's Celebration of Christmas carol concert held at St. Theresa's church was a wonderful event and we are delighted with the marvellous response to the collection for Christian Aid Light the Way Appeal, helping those who are fleeing violence. £630 was raised!

### **Christmas cards**

Please remember to check the Christmas cards box for any cards addressed to you from other parishioners. If you have any cards for other parishioners, please place them in the A-Z index box in the church porch.

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## **Diocesan Second collections**

At recent Finance Committee meetings concern has been expressed at the number of mandatory Diocesan collections we are now asked to have.

In most months we are asked to hold two such second collections and in some months three. The Finance Committee felt this was placing an unreasonable burden on parishioners and asked the Diocesan Board of Finance to limit the number of second collections to one a month or the occasional two in one month. The Diocesan Board replied that although the matter had been raised at their meetings their hands were tied as these collections were agreed at national level at the Bishop's conference.

In addition to the Diocesan collections the parish is frequently approached by other parties such as SPUC, various missionaries etc. to hold collections for their particular cause, currently we are declining such requests in view of the number and frequency of the Diocesan collections. All the various beneficiaries are worthy causes and trying to differentiate is very difficult and the parish finance committee has decided that we would reintroduce the monthly second collection on the first Sunday of the month commencing January 2017 – no specific collections will be held for the Diocesan second collections except for: Lent Fast Day – CAFOD, Sick Clergy and Harvest Fast Day. In line with this, the first monthly collection to cover all diocesan collections will take place next Sunday - 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017. No other second collections will be taken during January.

## **Gift aid contributors**

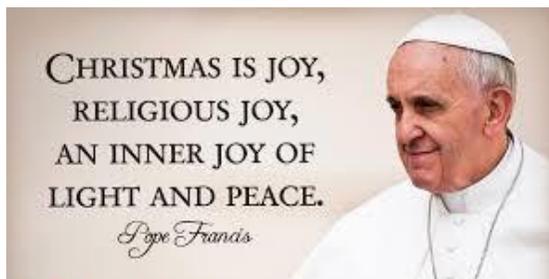
Please use the "Monthly Parish Project" envelopes for regular monthly collection on the first Sunday of the month.

Should you wish to make a specific contribution to any of the other causes supported please use the appropriate Gift Aid envelope and the amount will be added to the donation the parish will make to each of the various beneficiaries. Your Annual gifts at Christmas and Easter will remain unchanged

## **Last Minute stocking filler sale**

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our very last minute sale of lovely gifts kindly donated by parishioners. Despite it being on a rather small scale, we were able to raise over £40 which has gone to towards the Gardening Fund. Any left over gifts will be kept and similar sales will be held for Mother's Day and Father's Day. The total money raised from the Gardening Fund so far is £110.86





## Diocesan news and events

### **CAFOD appeal for the crisis in Yemen**

CAFOD is a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee which has launched an appeal for the humanitarian crisis in the Yemen. More than 7 million people there do not know where their next meal is coming from. A donation to alleviate their suffering can be made on line, but please remember them in your prayers.

*'God of Peace, challenge the weapons of war and banish hatred and division, so that all your children may sleep secure, God of Peace, may your Kingdom come.'*

### **Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society**

The next meeting of the Essex Recusant Society (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society) will be at 2.30pm on Saturday **21<sup>st</sup> January**, 2017 at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4EY. The speaker will be Rev. Dr. Ken Carleton, Church Historian and Permanent Deacon at St Alban, Elm Park, who will be speaking on the Bishops of London during the Tudor Reformation.

### **Pilgrimage to Fatima & Santiago de Compostela**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 led by Fr Francis Coveney: £829 per person– based on a group of 40 pilgrims. 4 nights' half board + 2 night's full board. Full services of a Tangney Tours courier.

Further details including booking form can be obtained from the back of the Church or from Tangney Tours. Please send completed booking forms to Gill Didino, Tangney Tours, Pilgrim House, Station Court, Borough Green, Kent, TN15 8AF. Telephone 01732 88 66 66.

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage 2017**

Bishop Alan will lead our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 23 - 28 July. The cost per person - full board and flights - is £695. Booking information will appear very soon.