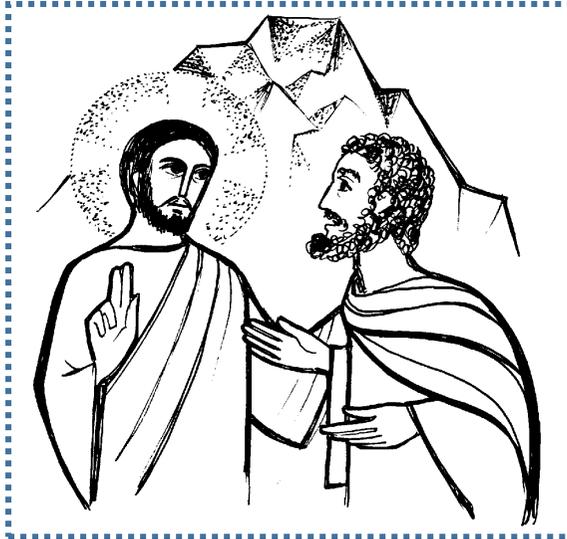




St. Theresa of Lisieux
Catholic Church



Sunday 27th August 2017

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

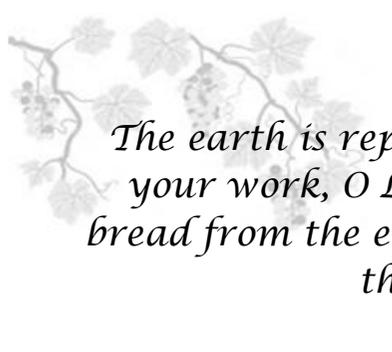
Intentions for the week

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| Sat 26 th August | †6.00pm | Russel Wood RIP (S Wood) |
| Sun 27 th August | †10.00am | People of the Parish |
| Mon 28 th August | No Mass | |
| Tues 29 th August | †9.30am | |
| Wed 30 th August | †9.30am | |
| Thurs 31 st August | †9.30am | |
| Fri 1 st September | †9.30am | |
| Sat 2 nd September | †6.00pm | Tim Chase RIP (W Dodd) |

*There will be no tea and coffee after Mass or Wednesday club in August



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*The earth is replete with the fruits of
your work, O Lord; you bring forth
bread from the earth and wine to cheer
the heart.*

Psalm 103:13-15



Parish News & Events



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Alex Morris who died recently.

Parish Finances

At the recent Mission and Finance committee meeting concern was raised that the Treasurer had not been reporting the amount of the weekly collections in the newsletter – it was resolved that in future the amounts of collections should be reported monthly in the newsletter each month as soon as possible after the end of the accounting period (5th monthly).

First of all thank you for your continuing generosity.

Figures for the first 4 months of the year are:

| Month | Month total | Diocesan Second collections |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| April | £2,648.08 | |
| May | £2,917.13 | £192.12 |
| June | £2,922.78 | £235.26 |
| July | £2,732.79 | £168.90 |

There was no monthly second collection in April as Easter fell within the month. You will recall that in view of the increasing number of second collections imposed on us by Diocese that it was decided that a monthly collection would be taken and the moneys were to be split between the various beneficiaries - it has to be said that this has resulted in a significant decrease in amounts donated to these causes so the amount distributable has fallen from previous years.



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The Finance committee decided that the Promotion of vocations, Sick Clergy fund and Apostleship of the Sea needed additional support so extra moneys were given to them – this has been funded by a donation from the Bonus Ball fund.

| Diocesan Second collections | amount available | Amount Donated | Top up from Bonus Ball | Total donated |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Promotion of vocations | £596.28 | £99.38 | £100.00 | £200.00 |
| World communications | | £99.38 | | £100.00 |
| Sick Clergy | | £99.38 | £250.00 | £350.00 |
| Day for Life | | £99.38 | | £100.00 |
| Peter's pence | | £99.38 | | £100.00 |
| Apostleship of the sea | | £99.38 | £150.00 | £250.00 |

If you have any queries or would like a bonus Ball number (3 available), please either ring John Richardson on 07984402677 or e-mail him on jrichardson1@btconnect.com

Parish Finances Financial Year ending 05.04.17

You will be relieved to hear that John Richardson will not be making his normal presentation of parish finances this year.

Summary figures for the year were:

| | Year ending 05.04.16 | Year ending 05.04.17 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total income | £53,598 | £58,043 |
| Total expenditure | £62,243 | £54,870 |
| Surplus/Deficit | -£8,645 | £3,173 |

Major differences were:

1. Costs of repairs and maintenance were much less in 2016/17 than 2015/16
2. We were able to reclaim back Gift Aid in 2016/17 which increased income by £2k

Should you want detailed figures then these are available, please either ring John Richardson on 07984402677 or e-mail him on jrichardson1@btconnect.com

Second Collection

There will be a Diocesan Second Collection next weekend 2nd / 3rd September



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Altar Servers

Could all those currently training to be altar servers, please email Des with the following details:

1. Which Mass they usually attend (Saturday evening or Sunday)
2. Their height (so that their Albs can be ordered)

Please email Des at connorsdes@hotmail.com with these details as soon as possible.

Please be aware that the highest level of behaviour will be expected from all servers and they will need to arrive at Mass 15 minutes early on the days they are serving.

Christmas Child Quiz

As many people will know, Churches Together In Stansted organise shoe box collections filled with Christmas gifts for children in deprived areas of the world. However, it costs £3 to transport each box so generously donated.

To help offset this cost there will be a Fund Raising Quiz on Saturday **30th September** at St Theresa's Parish Centre, High Lane, Stansted. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Cost £8 payable on door. Please bring own food, drink and glasses as we wish all proceeds to go towards costs. There will also be a Raffle.

Something new; There will be two Quizmasters; David Morson- who will be joined by Cliff Gilbert who has written Quizzes for "The Link".

Please put this date in your diary now and come and support this worthy cause.



Children's Liturgy

There will be no children's liturgy in August. The next session will be on Sunday **10th September**.

Do you have something to go in the newsletter? Contact Anna Watkins on Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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