

St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Parish Priest: **Father John Garrett**

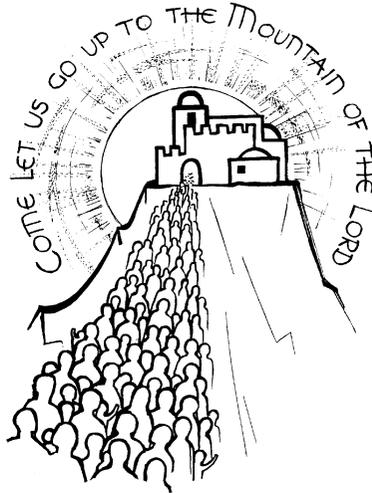
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Sunday
27th November
2016

1st Sunday of Advent
(Year A)



Sat 26 th November	10.00 – 11.00am †6.00pm	Confessions Sheila Connolly RIP (B Horton)
Sun 27 th November	†10.00am	Anniversary Mass Bob Fuller RIP
Mon 28 th November	†9.30am	
Tues 29 th November	†9.30am	Intentions, Christopher Pope
Wed 30 th November	1.30pm 2.30pm	Rosary Group Wednesday Club
Thurs 1 st December	†9.30am	Intentions for Sarah
Fri 2 nd December	†9.30am	Intentions, Cheryl Gatland
Sat 3 rd December	10.00 – 11.00am †6.00pm	Confessions People of the Parish

† Masses

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1st Sunday of



“The time of Advent that we begin again today returns us to the horizon of hope, a hope that does not disappoint because it is founded on the Word of God. A hope that does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful!”

Pope Francis

Parish News & Events

Violet Thornberry

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Violet Thornberry who died on Monday 21st November at the age of 100.

Children’s pictures

Please remember to send in your children’s Advent and Christmas pictures so they can be used in the newsletter. Either place in the parish post box in the foyer or email to Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org.



Do you want to generate money for your church?



The Giving Machine™

I’m sure I’m not the only person still buying Christmas gifts online. So if, like me, you are still doing any online shopping please, please go through The Giving Machine website first. All you need to do is register as a giver. It won't cost you a penny more and once there you can access most of your favourite sites including Amazon, Ebay, John Lewis and many more.

You can choose one or more causes which you would like to support and they get a percentage of what you spend. The great news is that St. Theresa's Catholic Church is now listed as a cause so we can be generating a small income for our church every time we shop online without it costing us a thing. You must remember to log into the Giving Machine website first though.

We have already earned £1.71 in a matter of days and that is just from the one currently listed giver.

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Children's Service and Christmas Party



This year's Children's Christmas Service will be on Sunday **18th December** at 2:00pm and will be followed by the Christmas party in the Parish Centre. All our very welcome to the service but please let us know if your child / children wish to attend the party so that we cater for everyone. Please email us at helenhall5@yahoo.co.uk or phone 01842 879766 with your child's name and age as soon as possible. A voluntary donation of £3 can be given on the day of the party. We have been very fortunate in previous years that Fr. Christmas has found time to visit. There are invitations on the notice board in the entrance with the details.

Christmas card collection

Fr. John has asked that this year's Christmas cards for collection should be left in the church [porch. In this connection, a box will be placed in the porch from this weekend **26th / 27th November**, and parishioners are asked to place their cards in the A-Z index by surname only. Many thanks.



Churches Together Celebration of Christmas

Join us for Stansted's traditional village event Carol Service here at St. Theresa's church at 3pm on Saturday **17th December**.

If you would like to join the choir for this lovely festive celebration you will be very welcome at rehearsals on Thursdays 1st, 8th and 15th December in the Church at 7.30pm.

Calling all carolling children and young people

We need you! Any child or young person who likes singing or playing can become a special St. Theresa's group to join in in a special way. Those who play instruments must be able to play the carols up to speed in the keys given. If you are interested, please contact Frances the organist. Tel: 01279 850460 or franroberts53@btinternet.com. We will have to have a practice of course.

Church Repository

Don't forget Christmas cards are available to buy in the Repository in the church foyer. Feel free to have a look at the cards and gifts.



Local News & Events

Green Skips, Stansted

The garden waste skip on Lower Street will be open on Sunday **27th November**. The final one for 2016 will be on **11th December**.

Treasurer needed

The St Mary's Association is looking for a treasurer to join our committee. We organise fundraising events to support educational opportunities for our pupils. Our outgoing treasurer, Christine, is happy to work with her successor to explain the accounting processes involved in running our activities which bring together our school and the wider community. If you have bookkeeping experience, or know someone who does, and would like to join our merry band please get in touch via SMA@stmarys.net

Diocesan News & Events

Advent 2016 talks

- **John the Baptist and the new Evangelisation** Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Saturday **3rd December**, 10.30am - 12.00noon.
- **Waiting in Joyful Hope** Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas, Saturday **10th December**, 10:30am – 12:00 noon.

For a place, contact (BRES) on 01277 265285 or jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society presents 'Come-and-Sing-Messiah'

In the beautiful setting of Brentwood Cathedral and under the baton and leadership of Andrew Wright, you are invited to attend a unique performance of Handel's masterpiece, where a specially formed choir will perform alongside professional soloists and orchestra. On Saturday **3rd December** at 7pm at Brentwood Cathedral. £15 per person. For further information or to book tickets please contact: Julie Abbott 01268 784544 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society

In association with HCPT will be hosting our very popular Ladies' Christmas Luncheon on Friday **9th December** 12 for 12.30pm at the Rayleigh Golf Club, Hullbridge. Ladies will be treated to a delicious two course lunch with tea & coffee in the luxurious surroundings of a private room over-looking the golf course at this exclusive club. Tickets cost £25.00 per person. To reserve your ticket, please call Julie on 01268 784544/ jabbott@bccs.org.uk