

St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Sunday
27th
December
2015



The Holy
Family of
Jesus, Mary
and Joseph

Liturgy of the week

Sat 26th December	10.00 – 11.00am 6.00pm	Confessions Dan & Kathleen Jones
Sun 27th December	10.00am	For the Repose of the Soul of Miss Margaret Aldridge RIP
Mon 28th December		Mary J
Tues 29th December	9.30am	Tony Culbert RIP
Wed 30th December (No morning Mass)	1.30pm 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosary Group• Wednesday Club
Thurs 31st December New Year's Eve	9.30am	Mr Bernard Leatehrstone (T. Kemp)
Fri 1st January New Year's Day	9.30am	The Rosair family (E. Rosair)
Sat 2nd January	6.00pm	Holy Souls

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Picture by Charlie, aged 8

Father, we look to Your loving guidance and order as the pattern of all family life. By following the example of the holy family of your Son in mutual love and respect, may we come to the joy of our home in heaven.

Catholic Votive Prayer

Parish news& Events

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.

Village Celebration of Christmas

Thank you to everyone who assisted in the Village Celebration of Christmas which St. Theresa's Church was proud to host this year. It was a wonderful event bringing together people from all over the village to hear Christmas readings, poems, music and carols. Thank you to the choir and the children and staff from St Mary's and Forest Hall schools who all sang and played beautifully. Thanks to all those from the parish who helped with the preparations and refreshments afterwards and all those who turned up to make this a most memorable and festive event.

Newsletter

Please note, there will be no newsletter next week.

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

Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org



Children's Service and Christmas party

At the Children's Service on 20th December, the children set up the crib which you can see at the front of the church. Many thanks to Bernadette Horton for her work preparing the service for the children. And thank you to all the children who came along and helped in placing the characters into the crib and to the First Communion children who delivered the readings and prayers.

Also, a huge thank you to Helen and Mark Hall, for organising a wonderful party for the children. As always, it was a fantastic party, with a visit from Father Christmas! Photos will soon be added to the website. If you have any to share, please send them to Anna at Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org



Collections for 19th/20th December. Thank you.

The collection amount for last week was £575.53 (Gift Aid 284.83).

Foodbank donations

The Foodbank in Stansted is in need of donations. Please donate whatever you can. A box will be placed in the foyer and more information will follow.



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

Christmas tree recycling

You can recycle your Christmas tree on 9th January in the Lower Street carpark.

Churches Together Quiz

This will be held at St. John's Church hall on Saturday 16th January at 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets cost £8 which includes light refreshments and can be ordered on 814059, 814865 and 850209 or St. John's office on 815243. Bring your own drink and glasses.

Family Café

The family café will be open in January on 17th and 23rd January from 10am – 11.30am at the Day Centre.



Messy Church

The next Messy Church will be on 31st January at St. Mary's School in Stansted from 3.30 – 5.00pm. This is an exciting and informal style of church for families, particularly with children under 12 organized by Churches Together in Stansted.

Give Blood

How about giving someone a gift of something they really need? Give blood. There will be a session at Bishops Stortford, Rhodes Arts Complex on 8th January. For more information, please go to: www.blood.co.uk

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.