

St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Sunday
28th
February
2016



3rd Sunday
of Lent
(Year C)

Liturgy of the week

Sat 27 th February	10.00 – 11.00am 6.00pm	Confessions Fr. John White (M& T Rhead)
Sun 28 th February	10.00am	Robbie Moser RIP (E moser)
Mon 29 th February	9.30am	
Tues 1 st March	9.30am	
Wed 2 nd March No Morning Mass	1.30pm 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosary Group• Wednesday Club
Thurs 3 rd March	9.30am	Mrs J Costello
Fri 4 th March	9.30am 7.30pm	✠ Stations of the Cross
Sat 5 th March	6.00pm	Bridget McCreanor RIP (S Wood)

Children's Liturgy

There will be Children's Liturgy in the Parish Centre this Sunday **28th February**. Please could children go straight to the hall?

LENT

"Although the life of a person is in a land full of thorns and weeds, there is always a space in which the good seed can grow. You have to trust God."

Pope Francis

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent until Holy Week, there will be Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.

Parish News & Events



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Theresa's Church

For a contribution to the Year of Mercy and following the example of the Vatican the parishes of the North Essex Deanery are holding Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament over 2 days, 4th and 5th March, in the churches of the Deanery. Timetable to come.



The Blessed Sacrament will be at St. Theresa's Church on Saturday **5th March** from 10am – 12 noon and from 3pm – 5.50pm. At 4.30pm there will be a 20 minute reflection with a hymn and a short reading and prayer. We hope people will come early to 6pm Mass to join in.

Please join in with this initiative for this special Jubilee Year.

There is a rota on the noticeboard in the Church Foyer. **Please add your names** as soon as possible to ensure that someone is here all the time the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

Collection amounts for the previous 2 weeks. Many thanks.

Collections for 13^h/14th February.

	Gift aid	Loose	Total
First	£278.45	£200.11	£478.56
Lourdes Sick & Helpers fund	£97.35	£102.27	£199.62

Collections for 20th/21st February.

	Gift aid	Loose	CAFOD envelopes	Total
First	£218.40	£207.40	/	£425.80
CAFOD	£110.71	£15.40	£353.78	£479.89

Thank you for your generosity to the CAFOD collection.



Whisky Tasting evening

In the Parish Hall on Saturday **5th March**. Tickets £12 (Please bring your own food). Please call John O'Brien on 01279 816772 for more information.

CAFOD Parish contact required

Our parish has been a generous supporter of CAFOD's work over many years and now a new opportunity has arisen for a volunteer to help us continue our support. This varied role could include organising talks, events, and collections for Fast Days, emergency appeals, as well as supporting CAFOD's campaigns and ensuring CAFOD's work is held in prayer. This is a rewarding opportunity and a role that can ultimately help improve the lives of people in need across the world and enrich the life of our parish. Full training and support will be provided by CAFOD. Please contact Eileen Quinn on 01279 812109 or Chris Driscoll at CAFOD Brentwood at brentwood@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162 for more information.

First Communion Children 2016

Please remember to pray for the children of this parish who are preparing for their First Holy Communion.



Bertie, Bobby, Isabel, Jeremy, Maximillian, Michael, Rafael and Scarlett will be taking their First Holy Communion on **8th May** this year. Their photos are at the front of the church.

Repository

The Church Repository has Easter cards on order which will arrive soon. We have St. Patrick's Day cards available at the moment as well as many other cards and gifts. Please have a look.

Chest Freezer

We have a small chest freezer - Free - in Good working order. If you are interested, please call Brian on 01279 812109.

Local News & Events

Women's World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer will be on Friday **4th March**. This year the service will be hosted by the Free Church, Chapel Hill in Stansted and will commence at 2pm. The theme this year is "Receive children, Receive me". The order of service has been written this year by the women of Cuba.

This is an international ecumenical prayer day, and although initiated by women, all are welcome, regardless of gender. We hope you can join us for this short service and tea/coffee afterwards.



UK Aid for deprived children

A local charity will be taking a lorry out soon to the Ukraine. Please donate any good condition clean clothes for adults or children. We need toiletries too. If you are having a spring clean of your wardrobe, please remember those less fortunate. Thank you. Ring Brian or Eileen 01279 812109



Diocesan News & Events

Catholic Singles

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicssingles.org.uk or email info@catholicssingles.org.uk

Year of Mercy – Spring Events at Cathedral House Brentwood

- **Wrestling with forgiveness** - Saturday **5th March**, 10.30am - Bishop Emeritus, Thomas McMahan

(Please note Bishop Emeritus, Thomas McMahan's talk has changed from 27th February). Telephone: 01277 265 285. Email: lisagunther@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

A evening of quiet prayer for healing in this Jubilee year of Mercy at Clare Priory

On Thursday **10th March** (between 7.00pm and 8.30pm) we have another of our evenings entitled "Come to me all who are burdened and I will give you rest" These evenings offer you the opportunity to experience quiet prayer for healing of the hurts of life. It will be a peaceful and reflective time with the opportunity, for those who wish, to be prayed with individually in silence. And there will be no expectation for you to say anything or take part in anything you may just sit quietly. To book a place please phone Kathy at the Priory. 01787 277326. There is no charge but we do need to know the number to expect.

For those who live at a distance it is possible to stay overnight at the Priory.

Almshouse Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen at the Almshouses in Ingatestone for someone over 50 who is in need. The cottage, which is part of a group of twelve with a chapel, is small, with a living room, bedroom, fitted kitchen and bathroom. It is suitable for a single person who can live independently, as there is no warden care available. Because of the listed nature of the building we cannot make major adaptations for someone with a disability. Please note that priority may be given to Roman Catholics. For more information, and for an application form, please contact Homes & Watson Partnership (who manage the properties) on Tel no 01277 355200.

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