

St. Theresa of Lisieux

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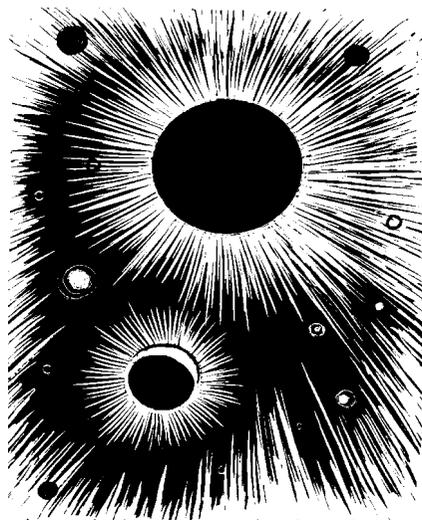
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Sunday
29th
November
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First Sunday
of Advent
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Liturgy of the week

Sat 28th November	10.00 – 11.00am 6.00pm	Confessions Christy Kissane RIP (R. Sweeney)
Sun 29th November	10.00am	Roman Babula RIP (E. Moser)
Mon 30th November	9.30am	
Tues 1st December	9.30am	
Wed 2nd December (No morning Mass)	1.30pm 2.30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rosary Group• Wednesday Club
Thurs 3rd December	9.30am	
Fri 4th December	9.30am	
Sat 5th December	6.00pm	Bob Fuller RIP (M. Fuller)

Sunday 29th November

There will be Children's Liturgy this week in the Parish Centre. Please bring children directly to the hall.



Advent is our time to prepare the way for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, our King and Saviour.

Encounter Group

The Encounter group are meeting on Friday **4th December** in Windhill Churches Centre.

'The Joy of Advent' Bring along something that illustrates this theme for you: a personal possession, a photograph, a piece of prose or poetry, or art.

10am coffee, 10.30am meeting opens, 12.30pm shared 'Advent' lunch, 2pm day ends. All welcome for all or part of the day. For info please call : 652060.

Collections for 21st/22nd November. Thank you.

	Gift aid	Loose	Total
First	£307.00	£ 222.85	£529.85
National Youth Sunday	£63.98	£90.06	£154.04

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 Chris Driscoll at CAFOD Brentwood at tbrentwood@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493162 for more information.

Social Committee

All of our parish social events help people to meet and get to know each other and are important to all of us. For this reason we are looking for new members to join the Social Committee. We are particularly interested in hearing from parents of children of all ages. Please contact Anna Watkins on: stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org if you would like to join the committee or simply want to share ideas.

Readers, collectors and Eucharistic Ministers needed

We will need readers and collectors for both the Christmas Eve Mass (7pm) and Christmas Day Mass (10am). We also need Eucharistic Ministers (2 for each Mass). If you are available to help out on these Masses, please contact Brian on 812109.

Christmas at St. Theresa's



Christmas Masses

Please note that the Mass times for Christmas Eve have changed. There will no longer be 2 Masses (at 6pm & 10pm) but instead there will be one single Mass.

Mass on Christmas Eve is now at 7pm.

Mass on Christmas day will be at 10am.

St. John's Ambulance Carol Concert

St. John's Ambulance is holding a carol concert here at St. Theresa's Church on Saturday 5th December at 3pm. Everyone is welcome.

Penitential Service

There will be no Penitential service at St. Theresa's Church this Christmas but there will be confessions heard on Saturday 12th & 19th December between 10am – 11am.

Village Celebration of Christmas

Our parish is pleased to host the traditional Stansted Village Celebration of Christmas event this year on Saturday 19th December at 3pm in the church.

Please put this date and time in your diaries and come along to join in this community celebration of Christmas carols and readings. There will be refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards and the collection will be for the Red Cross Refugee Fund. Please come along and enjoy this lovely festive occasion



Children's service and Christmas party

The service and party this year will be on Sunday 20th December commencing 2pm. Children coming to the service need to bring a card they have made for the baby Jesus which can be put in the crib. Helen and Mark Hall have kindly agreed to run the Children's Christmas party again this year straight after the service. You will find slips at the back of the church with details of how to contact Helen and Mark to book your place. They need to know numbers as a special visitor may be able to find time in his busy schedule! Please contact Helen and Mark by December 13th at the latest.

Local News & Events

Stansted Christmas Market

Please join us on Saturday 5th December from 10am – 8pm for this year's Christmas Market at the Crafton Green car park at the top of Chapel Hill. It will be a traditional craft market with lots of food and refreshment stalls, some carol singing. Hopefully, a visit from Father Christmas if his hectic schedule permits!

Messy Church

Organized by Churches Together in Stansted. On Sunday 6th December at St. Mary's School from 3.30pm-5pm. An exciting and informal style of church for families, particularly with children under 12.



Carol Concert

The Huw Johnson Club carol concert will be at St. John's church on **11th December** at 7.30 pm. Admission free. All welcome, followed by refreshments.



Angels and Christmas tree festival

The Friends of St. Mary's Church Angels and Christmas Tree festival will take place on Saturday **12th December** and Sunday **13th December** from 10am – 5pm.

- Carols for all at 3.30pm on Saturday **12th December**.
- St. Clare Light up a Life at 10am on Sunday **13th December**.

Refreshments will be available. Free entry. All welcome.

Diocesan News & Events

Christmas Bazaar

The Catholic Church in Dunmow, Mill Lane are having a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday **5th December**, 9.30am – 1pm. Christmas food & drink, mulled wine, tombola, cakes, gifts and Father Christmas. Free entry. Everyone welcome.

Hearing the message of Jesus

At Clare Priory Wednesday **2nd December** 9.30am -3.30pm. Repeated on Thursday **3rd December** 9.30am-3.30pm.

This event has been planned to give us the opportunity to listen to the words of Jesus from within our hearts. This tradition of prayer flows out of the Hebrew method of studying the scriptures. It was part of the devotional practice of the Jews in the days of Jesus. This "Sacred Reading" was practiced by the mothers and fathers of the desert in the 4th century and later in monasteries in both the East and the West. Cost £20 to include a soup lunch. To book a place please ring Kathy at Clare Priory 01787 277326.

Events at Brentwood Cathedral

Advent Service

Come along on Saturday **5th December**, 4pm for the recording of the Advent Service to be broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on **6th December** at 8.10am.

Service of nine lessons and carols

Sunday **20th December**, 4 pm

Live Broadcast of Midnight Mass for BBC Radio 4

Thursday **24th December**, 11pm.

Laurence Long – Organ RCM

Wednesday **16th December**, 1pm – 1.40pm.

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