



St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church,
Stansted Mountfitchet
First Sunday of Advent (B) Sunday 3rd December 2017



<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Intentions</i>
Sat 2 nd Dec	†6.00pm	Bernard Featherstone RIP (T Kemp)
Sun 3 rd Dec 1st Sunday of Advent	†10.00am	Michael & Jim Cassidy RIP (Eilish)
Mon 4 th Dec	No Mass	-----
Tues 5 th Dec	†9.30am	
Wed 6 th Dec	†9.30am 1.30pm 2.30pm	Rosary Group Wednesday Club
Thurs 7 th Dec	†9.30am	
Fri 8 th Dec	†9.30am 7.00pm	Devotion to Divine Mercy
Sat 9 th Dec	†6.00pm	Kevin Lambe RIP



Tea and coffee after Mass will resume on Sunday 3rd December.
Please join us for tea, coffee and a biscuit.



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*Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem.
May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.*

Pope Francis



Parish News & Events

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will be this Sunday **3rd December** in St. Theresa's room. This is open to all primary aged children who would like to attend.

Encounter

Encounter group meet this Friday, **8th December** at St Theresa's Church, Stansted Mountfitchet. The film, "Summer in the Forest" will be shown, featuring the work of Jean Vannier and the L'Arche Community.

10.00am – Coffee, 10.30am - Meeting begins, 12.30pm - Buffet style Advent Lunch (please bring a plate of food to share), 2.00pm - Day ends. (Daily Mass at 9.30am in St Theresa's). All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: B/S 652060



Celebration of Christmas

You are warmly invited to Churches Together in Stansted Celebration of Christmas at St John's Church at 3pm on Saturday **16th December**. Please come along to this lovely programme of carols and readings. There will be refreshments in St John's Hall after the Service and a retiring Christian Aid collection for the Rohingya Crisis in Bangladesh.



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Children's Service and Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas Service will be on Sunday **17th December** at 2:00 p.m. 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.



The Future of Catholic Education

It has just been brought to our attention by the Catholic Bishop's Conference and the Chief Executive of the Catholic Education Service Paul Barber, that the Government may be about to renege on the specific promise that was made to Catholics in the 2017 Conservative manifesto. The promise was to remove the 50 % cap on Catholic admissions to Free Schools. The President of the CUGB, Sir Edward Leigh – himself a Conservative MP, and the Catholic Bishops have been lobbying on this but their lobbying does not appear to be getting through.

Therefore there is a need to persuade as many Catholics as we possibly can to sign an online letter to the Secretary of State which can be found by clicking: <http://cbcew.org.uk/education-cap>.

Please pick up an information sheet at the back of the church with more information.

Working Together to Evangelise our Diocese

The First Formal Proposal for the Renewal and Restructuring of Our Diocese has now been put onto the diocesan website.

<http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/development/>

There is also an introductory message from Bishop Alan posted on the website. It is suggested that people watch that before reading the document.

The intention is that people read it, pray about it and then discuss it within the parish and then with neighbours.

After that we look forward to receiving your feedback hopefully in good time for the Clergy and Stewards meeting on **24th February** 2018.

At the Masses on the weekend of 16th /17th December we will announce the dates for the Parish meetings and opportunities to view a DVD of the Bishop's message.



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October Collection figures

Thank you for your continued generosity.

	Total
First Collections	£2,207.66
Second Collections (Diocesan & CAFOD)	£472.83

December Second Collection

There will be a Diocesan Second Collection this weekend 2nd/3rd December.



Local News & Events

A Christmas Carol



Get in the festive spirit whilst you watch A Christmas Carol performed by 'This is my Theatre'. Dickens' seasonal ghost story is brought to life on stage this Christmas in this beautiful and ancient church. At St. Mary's Church, Stansted, on Friday 8th December at 7.00pm. There will be carol singing and festive refreshments.

For tickets and venue information visit www.thisismytheatre.com

A time for Christmas

A programme of Christmas music given by The Grove Singers of London on Sunday 10th December at 2.45pm at Thaxted church. Tickets include a reception drink. This is the choir that Frances and Cavan sing with. Info on the notice board in the porch.

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