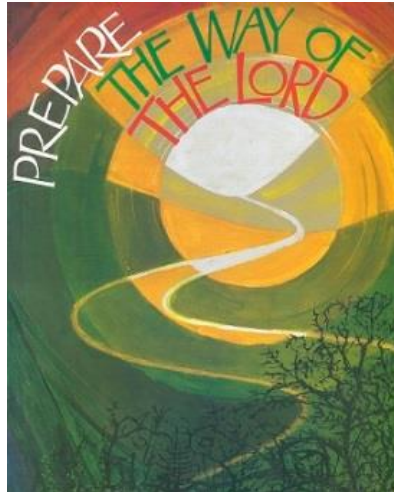




St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church, Stansted Mountfitchet

Second Sunday of Advent (B)

Sunday 10th December 2017



<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Intentions</i>
Sat 9 th Dec	†6.00pm	Kevin Lambe RIP
Sun 10 th Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent	†10.00am	Colin Warnett RIP (M Warnett)
Mon 11 th Dec	No Mass	-----
Tues 12 th Dec	†9.30am	
Wed 13 th Dec	†9.30am 1.30pm 2.30pm	Rosary Group Wednesday Club
Thurs 14 th Dec	†9.30am	Chrissie Clarke RIP (K Clarke)
Fri 15 th Dec	†9.30am 7.00pm	Devotion to Divine Mercy
Sat 16 th Dec	†6.00pm	Annie & Edward Tarrant RIP (M&T Rhead)



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2nd Sunday of Advent



Parish News & Events

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.

Christmas card box

Please remember to check the Christmas cards box for any cards addressed to you from other parishioners. If you have any cards for other parishioners, please place them in the A-Z index box in the church porch.

Food Bank

There has been a heavy demand on our food bank in the run up to Christmas. Please donate to our Food Bank if you are able to. The items especially needed are cereals, biscuits, long life milk, toilet rolls and small bags of sugar. The box is in the church porch. Many thanks.



Do you have something to go in the newsletter? Contact Anna on
Stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org



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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.

We are asking parishes to reflect on the First Formal Proposal during Advent before meeting in their parishes in January and then talking to their neighbours in late January/early February. In this way we hope and pray that everyone will be able to contribute to the discussions about how we will take our diocese forward together. 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.

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.


The Giving Machine

Thank you to everyone who has signed up and used the Giving Machine to generate free donations for our church (as well as other charities of your choice). So far we have raised **£116.18** just from people going through the Giving Machine to shop online. It doesn't cost you a penny more and is so easy to do. If you would like any help in registering, please see Anna Watkins or go to their website at : www.thegivingmachine.co.uk

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Local Christmas events

A time for Christemas

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.

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.



Village Carol Singing

Friday **22nd December** - Meet behind the Post Office at 7.00pm, finish on St. John's Road.

Saturday **23rd December** – Meet at Hargrave House at 3.30pm, finish on Rainsford Road.

We are collecting for Christian Aid Rohingya Crisis Appeal. All singers and collectors are welcome. Carol singing will be followed by refreshments.

Carols with St. John's Choir

On Sunday **24th December** at Linden House, from 7.00pm – 8.00pm



*Please pick up a list of
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