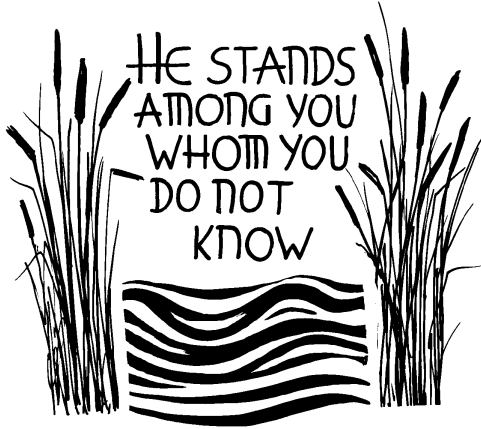




**St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church,**  
**Stansted Mountfitchet**  
**Third Sunday of Advent (B) Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017**



<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Intentions</i>
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	†6.00pm	<b>Annie &amp; Edward Tarrant RIP</b> (M&T Rhead)
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	†10.00am	<b>Ronnie Jackson RIP</b> (Jackson Family)
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>No Mass</b>	-----
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	†9.30am	
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	†9.30am 1.30pm 2.30pm	Rosary Group Wednesday Club
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	†9.30am	
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	†9.30am 7.00pm	<b>Bridget &amp; Joseph Grace RIP</b> (K Spencer) <b>Devotion to Divine Mercy</b>
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	†6.00pm	

Please join us after Sunday Mass in the Parish Centre for tea and coffee.



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## *Parish News & Events*

### **Christmas offering**

At Christmas, the collection money raised is our personal gift to our priest for his services to the parish. Please remember to give generously at this time of year.



### **Flowers for Church at Christmas**

There will be a collection for flowers for Christmas THIS WEEKEND after Mass

### **Children's Service and Christmas Party**

The Children's Christmas Service will be on Sunday **17<sup>th</sup> December** at 2:00pm 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](mailto: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.



### **First Holy Communion**

Yau Yau, Robert and Vivienne have completed their first term of Holy Communion preparation. They have been learning about The Gift of Creation, Their Own Story, The Gift of Baptism and the significance of their own name, The Gift of God's Word and the Gift of Friendship in particular Zacchaeus. In addition they have explored signing as memory of Baptism, The meaning of each Sunday's Gospel, How and What to Pray, ancestral stories and favourite saints. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their preparations.



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## Formal Proposal for Change

This weekend we will have an update on the Diocesan First Formal Proposal for the development of our Diocese.

The report and background reading is available on the Diocesan website at <http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/development/>

We will also have a Parish meeting after both masses on the 20/21 January 2018, so we can take the views of our parishioners to the Clergy/Stewards of the Gospel meeting in February next year. Please do try to come along to one of the meetings. Our discussion will follow a 10min DVD introduction by Bishop Alan. If you want further information please contact our Steward, Keith McDowall, on [gospelstewardsttheresasatansted@gmail.com](mailto:gospelstewardsttheresasatansted@gmail.com)

## Monthly collections for November

Week	Month	Gift Aid	Loose	Standing Orders	Total	Month total	Diocesan Second collections
31	Nov	£250.50	£197.32	£760.00	£1,207.82	£2,651.71	£176.52
32		£281.00	£179.17		£460.17		
33		£267.10	£190.67		£457.77		
34		£305.01	£220.94		£525.95		

## Second Collections

At the beginning of the year we moved to a system of having one collection a month rather than have specific collections for the various Diocesan mandated Second collections. This shows how it has been allocated.

Diocesan Second collections	Date	amount available	Pro Rata collection
Promotion of vocations	07 May 2017	£596.28	£99.38
World communications	28 May 2017		£99.38
Sick Clergy	11 June 2017		£99.38
Day for Life	18 June 2017		£99.38
Peter's pence	02 July 2017		£99.38
Apostleship of the sea	09 July 2017		£99.38
Catholic Education Service	10 September 2017	£863.23	£143.87
Home Mission Sunday	17 September 2017		£143.87



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### **Christmas Masses**

Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Children's Service	2.00pm
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Eve vigil Mass	7.00pm
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas morning Mass	10.00am
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec – St. Stephens Day – <b>NO MASS</b>	

**NB. All weekday Masses, Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses between 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> December are as normal.**



*A Merry Christmas and a Happy  
New Year to all!*

*Fr John*

### **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.

### **Local Christmas events**

#### **Village Carol Singing**



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

Saturday **23<sup>rd</sup> 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 **24<sup>th</sup> December** at Linden House, from 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

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