



St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church

Stansted Mountfitchet

4th Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Sunday 11th March 2018



<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Intentions</i>
Saturday 10 th Mar	10.00 – 11.00am †6.00pm	Confessions
Sunday 11 th Mar	†10.00am	
Monday 12 th Mar	No Mass	-----
Tuesday 13 th Mar	†9.30am	
Wednesday 14 th Mar	†9.30am 1.30pm 2.30pm	Michael Lloyd RIP (A Watkins) Rosary Group Wednesday Club
Thursday 15 th Mar	†9.30am	
Friday 16 th Mar	†9.30am 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 17 th Mar	10.00 – 11.00am †6.00pm	Confessions



Fairtrade Tea & Coffee after both Masses this weekend. Please see entry below

Please use the envelopes in the foyer to request Masses and post into the postbox



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LENT



We pray that people today, often overwhelmed by noise, may rediscover the value of silence and listen to the voice of God and their brothers and sisters.

Pope Francis



Bishop Alan goes #SiLEnt!

For 12 hours, from 8am to 8pm, on Tuesday **27th March**, the Tuesday of Holy Week, Bishop Alan will be completely silent (except for occasional communication with his cat, Delia). This is part of a national initiative, "Million Minutes," adopted this year by the BCYS, to encourage all of us to (re)discover the peace, tranquility and value of silence: within the stillness, God speaks. Every minute of silence can also be sponsored, raising money for projects led by young people in our Diocese. Visit www.millionminutes.org/Brentwood for more details, and all the resources. For more about all our opportunities for young people go to www.bcys.net To sponsor Bishop Alan go to <https://be.wonderful.org/bishop.alan/2018/staysilent>

Stations of the Cross

There will be Stations of the Cross every **Friday evening** during Lent at 7.30pm.

Fairtrade - Come on in!



Our Fairtrade event is this weekend! On **10th/11th March** after both weekend Masses in the parish centre so please join us.

There will be some beautiful gifts on the Traidcraft stall for Mothering Sunday as well as Fairtrade goods. We are busy making delicious cakes from Fairtrade products to sell and there will be a raffle, all in aid of the Fairtrade Foundation. With coffee and tea and pleasant company it will be a great way to spend half an hour helping the poor of the world to have education, clean water and dignity. There is even a game for the children to play. Come on in!

If anyone would like to make cakes or cookies for us please ring Frances on 01279 850460.

Please pick up a flyer at the back of the church with Easter Mass times.



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Churches Together Lent Course – Feast or Famine

We have already had 2 sessions of our 5 week Lent course, held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm.

The next sessions will be led by St. Theresa's Church on **13th March**) and St. John's Church on **29th March**).

Please feel free to come to any of these sessions – each one stands alone, so don't worry if you can only make one or two of them.

Deanery Day of Recollection

All You Need is Love with Fr. Bob Eccles here at St. Theresa's Church on Saturday **17th March**. We are very lucky to welcome Fr. Bob from Cambridge. He is a priest with considerable experience and will start our day with Mass at 9.30. Fr. David Clemens from Saffron Walden will be available for reconciliation. Come and join us in an uplifting day for the spirit. If you can't spare all day, pop in when you can. Full details on the notice board.

Women's World Day of Prayer

We are very sorry that the Women's World Day of Prayer, due to have taken place on Friday 2nd March, had to be cancelled due to weather conditions. This was not the only WWDP service that could not take place, and among other things has meant that the monies normally raised in the collection during the service, will be reduced. These go towards the work of WWDP in the UK, and of projects run by Christian charities around the world. All the Stansted churches have therefore decided to ask their congregations if they would like to give a contribution to WWDP. Here in St Theresa's there will be envelopes for donations available this weekend and next from Ruth Rawlinson and Helen Baker. Anything you are able to give will be much appreciated. There will also be booklets of the service if you would like a copy.

Thank you for the Christmas shoeboxes!

"In all countries, the shoeboxes are given out by volunteers in churches, schools and children's homes to children of all faiths and none. The children really love and value their gifts. The local churches in these countries are able to use the shoeboxes to bring communities together and to reach out to families in need who might otherwise be unknown." Please see the complete letter received on our noticeboard.

Easter cards

Please be aware that Easter cards are now on sale in our Repository (in the church porch). We also have cards for all occasions. Please have a look.



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Diocesan Notices

'The Way of Silence' at Clare Priory

This will take place on Tuesday **20th March**. Stilling the Body for Prayer will be led by Chris Hurley from 10.30am - 3.00pm with Mass at 10.00am.

Please bring a packed lunch, refreshments provided. Donations for the work of the Priory. Bookings: Contact Kathy on Tel: 01787 277326 or Email: clarepriory@clarepriory.net or visit us at: www.clarepriory.org.uk. All are welcome.

Men's Silent Retreat

Finding God in Daily Life at Dowry House on **8th -11th March**, this retreat is for adult men, single or married, of any age. It will be directed by a priest and a lay man from Opus Dei. Meditations and talks will be given on the central themes of the Catholic faith. For more information, please visit: www.dowryhouse.org.uk

Walsingham Spirituality Retreat

Join us at Dowry House on **16th-18th March** for the first of a series of 4 weekends on Walsingham Spirituality. Accompaniment and talks will be given by the sisters of the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, enabling retreatants to enter more deeply into the spirituality of Walsingham and, in particular, what it means to accept God's Will in one's life. For more information, please visit: www.dowryhouse.org.uk

Monthly Faith Meetings

These are held at Our Lady of Compassion, Saffron Walden, on the first Tuesday of the month, at 6:30pm - 7:30/8pm. Principal aim: To bring together members of different Faith Communities for dialogue in order to deepen understanding, to reduce prejudice and to promote unity within diversity.

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