



St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church

Stansted Mountfitchet

5th Sunday of Lent (Year B)

Sunday **18th March 2018**



<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Intentions</i>
Saturday 17 th Mar Feast of St. Patrick	10.00 – 11.00am †6.00pm	Confessions People of the Parish
Sunday 18 th Mar	†10.00am	In remembrance of Derek Alfred Collier (N Collier)
Monday 19 th Mar	No Mass	-----
Tuesday 20 th Mar	†9.30am	
Wednesday 21 st Mar	No 9.30 Mass 11.00am 1.30pm 2.30pm	Requiem Mass Monica Kapadia Rosary Group Wednesday Club
Thursday 22 nd Mar	†9.30am	
Friday 23 rd Mar	†9.30am 7.30pm	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 24 th Mar	10.00 – 11.00am †6.00pm	Confessions



Tea & Coffee after Sunday Mass this weekend. Includes St. Patrick Day Cakes!



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LENT

Bishop Alan goes #SiLent!

On Tuesday **27th March** (the Tuesday of Holy Week), for 12 hours, from 8am to 8pm, 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.



Parish News & Events

Divine Mercy

"Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

– Isaiah 1:18



Divine Mercy Novena

As instructed by our Lord to St. Faustina, the 9 day Novena for Divine Mercy starts on the eve of Good Friday and lasts 9 days, culminating in the Divine Mercy service and veneration of the picture. This is a really powerful Novena which promises mercy for all who take part. For more information, go to: www.thedivinemercy.org The Divine Mercy Novena is in preparation for the Divine Mercy Service. Please see the noticeboard for dates and times.

Divine Mercy Service

The Divine Mercy Service will be held on Sunday **8th April** from 3pm – 4pm here at St. Theresa's Church. Everyone is welcome.



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Gift Aid Donors

For Gift Aid donors, the new tax/donation year starts in April and so there is a box of donation envelopes with your name on it in the church porch. Even if you donate by standing order, there is still a box for you, but smaller as it contains only the special donation envelopes. The boxes are all arranged alphabetically by surname. Please collect your box on the way out after Mass. If your box is missing, or if you have any other queries about Gift Aid, or would like to become a Gift Aid donor, please email the Parish Gift Aid Co-ordinator **Angelo Rava** on "angelo.rava@btinternet.com".

Renewal and Restructuring process (Steward of the Gospel)

We have submitted a summary of our last two Parish meetings to the Diocese. The Clergy/Stewards joint meeting took place on the 24th February. A summary of the day and details of the Bishop's talk and other resources are available on the Diocesan web site using this link.

<http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/bishop-invokes-fire-easter-renewal-restructuring-process/> all Parishioners are encouraged to view this and reflect on the content.

A Fairtrade Thank You

A big thank you to all the helpers and those of you who supported the very successful Fairtrade event last weekend. There was such support from you all that I am able to send a cheque to the Fairtrade Foundation for £155, the most ever collected for this cause. The raffle alone raised over £100 (thank you Anel) and the Traidcraft stall took £267 (thank you Joseph). A splendid effort altogether. Unclaimed raffle prizes are numbers: 892,752,846,786,802. If you have your ticket you can claim your prize!

Collections for February

Week	Month	GA	Loose	Standing Orders	Total	Month total	Diocesan Second collections	Comments
45	Feb	£221.37	£180.73	£765.00	£1,167.10	£2,548.87		
46		£275.00	£116.73		£391.73			
47		£246.50	£226.67		£473.17		£491.70	CAFOD
48		£324.00	£192.87		£516.87		£121.35	March



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Easter and First Communion Flowers

Next Weekend there will be a collection for flowers for the church for Easter. As our first communion group is very small this year any surplus will be used towards flowers for the First Communion Mass.

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.



Diocesan & Local Notices



Encounter

Encounter meet next Friday **23rd March** at Windhill Churches Centre. **Stainer's Crucifixion** - Extracts from this musical work will aid a meditation on the Passion of Our Lord; please bring a bible. This will be led by Barbara Balch. 10.00am coffee, 10.30am meeting opens, 12.30pm shared lunch: please bring food to share 2.00pm day ends. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: B/S 652060/659371.

Churches Together Lent Course – Feast or Famine

The final session of our 5 week Lent course, held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, will be led by St. John's Church on **29th March**.

REFRAME: coming to Brentwood Diocese

Reframe is an inspiring and practical experience of applying the wisdom and genius of the heart of the Gospel to 'hot-button' and relevant topics.

Catholic Voices wants to share the Church's story in the media and help ordinary Catholics to change controversy into an opportunity to share the Church's story in your conversations at work and at home. There will be two workshops:

- Saturday **28th April** from 10am – 3pm at St John Payne School, Chelmsford

- Saturday **2nd June** from 10am – 3pm at the Campion School, Hornchurch

To sign up, follow the links on the main page of our website:

<https://www.sttheresastansted.org/>

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