



St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church

Stansted Mountfitchet

Nativity of the Lord (B)

Sunday 23rd December 2017



<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass Time</i>	<i>Intentions</i>
Sat 23 rd Dec	†6.00pm	
Sun 24 th Dec	†10.00am	McCreanor & Wood Families (S. Wood)
Christmas Eve	†7.00pm	
Mon 25 th Dec	†10.00am	
Christmas Day		
Tues 26 th Dec	No Mass	-----
St. Stephen's Day		
Wed 27 th Dec	No Mass	-----
Thurs 28 th Dec	†9.30am	Margaret Elizabeth Aldridge (Jnr) RIP (T Aldridge)
Fri 29 th Dec	†9.30am	John & Katriona Walsh
Sat 30 th Dec	†6.00pm	

NB: There will be no Masses on Tuesday and Wednesday this coming week.



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Thank you!

Many thanks to the Braeckman family for our beautiful Christmas tree and to our flower arranging people for the beautiful Christmas flowers adorning our church!



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.

Children's Christmas Service and Party

Thank you to Fr. John and Bernadette for their annual Children's Christmas Service. It's always a good way to get our children to understand the true story of Christmas and a lovely start to the Christmas festivities. We would have liked to have seen more families attend but hopefully we will next year.



And very special thanks to Helen and Mark Hall for yet again organising an amazing Christmas party and travelling down from Norfolk to put this all on for our children. They enjoyed food, games, Christmas music and even a visit and gifts from Santa! Again, we would have liked more children to attend but a great time was had by all. For photos of our Christmas party, please visit our website or Facebook page. Hope to see you all next year.

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Merry Christmas from
★ the children of
★ St. Theresa's Church!



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Lost earring found

If you lost an earring last weekend in church, please contact Anna Watkins

Christmas Cards Box

Could everyone please remember to check the Christmas cards box in the porch for their cards. Many thanks.

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.

Formal Proposal for Change

Last weekend we had 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.



Local Christmas events



Celebration of Christmas

Thank you to everyone who attended or donated to our Celebration of Christmas at St John's Church on Saturday **16th December**. Just to let you know that the total amount received was £412. Of this Gift Aid declarations were received for £281.26, so that in effect adds another £70.31 making the total £482.31. Christian Aid will recover the gift aid.

Carols with St. John's Choir

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

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