



St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church
Stansted Mountfitchet



25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 23rd September 2018

This week's Masses

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS
Saturday 22nd Sept	†6.00pm	Karen Dunphy (W Dodd)
Sunday 23rd Sept	†10.00am	Elizabeth Cassidy RIP (Eilish)
Monday 24th Sept	No Mass On Mondays	_____
Tuesday 25th Sept	†9.30am	
Wednesday 26th Sept	†9.30am	
Wednesday Club	2.30pm	
Thursday 27th Sept	†9.30am	
Friday 28th Sept	†9.30am	Tony & Anita Aldridge
Saturday 29th Sept	†6.00pm	People of the Parish



There will be tea and coffee in the Parish Centre after Mass on Sunday 23rd September. Please join us.

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Parish News & Events

Reparation & Atonement

On Saturday **29th September** at 4pm in the Church, there will be a Service of Prayer for Reparation & Atonement for the Church in the wake of the latest allegations of Clerical abuse. This service will be led by Des, our Deacon in training.

Over the summer, the Catholic Church has deservedly been the subject of much comment and criticism. The US abuse enquiry as well as the revelations concerning the Benedictine communities at Ampleforth and Downside have left many questioning their faith.

This simple service will be dedicated to the victims of abuse, with prayers offered for their comfort and healing, as well as prayers for those in positions of power in the Church, to ensure that the most vulnerable in our communities are protected and safe from harm.

We will pray also for the vast majority of bishops, priests, religious and laity who are doing their best to live their faith authentically, but who now feel tarnished by these scandals.

In the midst of all of these scandals, it is not easy to bear witness to our faith. What we can do is turn in prayer to the Holy Spirit, asking, too, the help of Mary, Mother of the Church to both strengthen us and help us to grow in holiness, deepen our faith and prayer life, our love for Jesus in the Eucharist and our attempts to live out the Gospel in practice, for what we profess.

The Church belongs to Christ and exists to call sinners and help them become holy. It would be marvellous to see as many as possible for this service, so that we can join together as a community in prayer.

Feast Day of St. Theresa of Lisieux

On Sunday **7th October**, we will celebrate the feast day of St. Theresa of Lisieux



whose feast day is on 1st October. To celebrate our patron saint, we will be having a special coffee morning with cake on Sunday **7th October** after Mass. There will be activities for the children such as stone decorating and bookmark making. Please come along. Please also draw a picture of a flower and bring it along to celebrate St. Theresa being known as 'Little Flower' and receive a small prize.



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Christmas shoeboxes

This year we will be collecting our shoebox items for teams4u. This organisation was founded by Dave Cooke, who took the first 'love in a box'. "People say 'it's just a shoebox' but it isn't. It tells the child that someone somewhere, has done this for them; that someone cares". If you would like to support us this year we will be collecting items for the shoeboxes throughout October. There are leaflets in the porch and a list on the board of suitable items. If you have any empty shoeboxes to spare, please bring them in. There will be a box in the porch to put your items in. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of sending the boxes please see Brian, Eileen or Helen. The Wednesday club will be covering shoeboxes on **17th & 24th October** at 2.30pm in the hall. Please join us and enjoy some tea and cake and a chat. Eileen Quinn

CTS Harvest Supper



Our Village Harvest Supper organised by Churches Together in Stansted will take place here in St. Theresa's Parish Centre on Sunday **28th October** at 6pm. More details to follow later.

Quiz Night

Quiz Night on Saturday **3rd November** 7pm for 7.30pm start at St Theresa's Parish Centre. This is to raise funds for the Christmas Boxes to be transported. Quiz master will be our very own David Morson!

A Taste of Italy

Our Taste of Italy evening – Pizza, Pasta and Pavarotti will be held on Saturday **24th November** following Saturday evening Mass, here in the Parish Centre. Tickets will cost £5 and include one glass of wine. You are welcome to bring along an Italian food or dish of their making. As spaghetti may be a little messy for us all to eat in the hall, we advise sticking to shorter pasta! A list will be available in the foyer for people to write what they would like to bring. There will be a raffle so we are looking for donations. Tickets must be bought before the evening to ensure we know how many to expect. There will only be a limited number so please get a ticket as soon as you can. If there are any Italian parishioners who would like to offer their advice or get involved in the organisation, please do get in touch.



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“Oh, I don’t know that one”; “It’s too high”; “Can’t sing.”

Could this be about singing hymns? Yes, hymns can be a tricky subject. What hymns you know depends on your past and we all prefer a familiar hymn. But, as one person’s familiar is another’s unknown there are bound to be some that we don’t know. Too high? Again, one person’s too high pitch is another’s ok pitch. So we have to be a bit flexible here. If a hymn is very high I lower it on the organ. If a hymn is too high try singing at a low pitch, pretend you are a bass and sing low. Can’t sing? That generally means that you don’t like the sound of your voice and feel self-conscious, try singing quietly maybe. You feel you are out of tune, well, so what? Hymns are prayers not a concert and we are offering them to God not our neighbours. If you really can’t face singing pick up the hymn book and pray them - so many hymns have beautiful words and sentiments. Frances.

First Aid Training for Children

We are planning to run a First Aid course designed especially for children, here in the parish centre. It will cost £12.50 per child and is aimed at children aged between 5-11 years. It will be held on a Saturday. If you are interested in your child attending, please fill out a slip from the table in the church entrance, adding the ages of children interested and contact details and I will be in touch to arrange a date. Please post the slip into the Parish post box in the church foyer.



Local News & Events



Pope Francis – A man of His Word

The documentary about the religious leader and his influence on the Catholic Church will be shown on The Screen at the Rhodes Centre on Monday **24th September** at 2pm and again at 7.30pm.

Fill My Heart with Song

Join us at St. Johns Church, Stansted for the U3A concert on Saturday **6th October** at 7.30pm. The musical director is Isobel Bradshaw. Tickets can be purchased from Barbara Broad (814621), or Stephanie Watson (816267). Featuring a wonderful selection of songs you will know and love!



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