



St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church
Stansted Mountfitchet



26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (Year B)

Sunday 30th September 2018

This week's Masses

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS
Saturday 29th Sept	†6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 30th Sept	†10.00am	Wee Family (house move) Eileen
Monday 24th Sept	No Mass on Mondays	
Tuesday 1st Oct	†9.30am	
Wednesday 2nd Oct	†9.30am	
Wednesday Club	2.30pm	
Thursday 3rd Oct	†9.30am	
Friday 4th Oct	†9.30am	
Saturday 5th Oct	†6.00pm	People of the Parish



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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.

St. Theresa of Lisieux Join us on Sunday **7th October** to celebrate the



feast of our Church Patron, St. Theresa (1st October). St Theresa is a particularly inspiring role model for us because we can associate our lives with hers in two main areas. First, she experienced great personal difficulties throughout her life, but would not give in to the negative forces we all are challenged with. Rather she found the courage and grace to choose to serve God in love.

Secondly, she lived and worshipped God not as a great intellectual, but very simply in doing little things well in her own "Little Way" and by offering all she did to God. Her love of flowers led to her calling herself, "God's Little Flower". WE will have a special coffee morning with cake on Sunday after Mass. There will be activities for the children such as stone decorating and bookmark making. Please come along.



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2nd Collection There will be a Diocesan Second Collection next weekend
6th / 7th October

Family Fast Day CAFOD helps the poorest most hard to reach people around the world. We are asked if we could eat simply on **5th October**, perhaps have just a bowl of soup or give up a meal in order to make a donation to CAFOD. Eating less isn't easy, but it is a wonderful way of acting out our faith. Giving the amount of money you save, could give a family a bag of seeds to feed themselves. Please use one of the envelopes provided to make your donation and if possible gift aid it. The envelopes handed out today can be brought back next week. Thank you for your generosity

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. Join the Wednesday club on **17th & 24th October** at 2.30pm in the hall to cover shoeboxes and enjoy some tea and cake and a chat.



This week we have a hymn to sing that, as far as I know, we have never sung in this church before. It was offered as a suggestion in the back of the hymn book for this week's liturgy. Why did I choose a hymn that possibly you have never sung? Well, the words of the hymn fit the theme of the readings perfectly, and, very importantly, it is sung to the tune of another hymn that is well known. Once you get your head round that idea it is easy to sing and we have another lovely hymn that we can add to our repertoire. There are one or two more hymns that work that way. Don't forget, we really must have more singers in the choir, don't be shy if you would like to join. Frances.

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.



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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!



Local & Diocesan News & Events



Autumn Gift Fair This year's Autumn Gift Fair for the British Red Cross will be on Wednesday 10th October from 10am – 3pm at Parklands, Quendon Hall. Entrance £5 including coffee and biscuits. Lots and lots of beautiful stalls to buy gifts from. Lunches available.

Governors needed St. Joseph's Catholic primary school in Bishops Stortford are looking for Foundation Governors. Please see the poster on the church noticeboard. If you are interested and would like to discuss the matter further, then please e-mail governors@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk

Fill My Heart with Song Join us at St. Johns Church, Stansted for the USA 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!

Celebration Ball St Thomas More Primary School is 50 years old in September 2020. We are arranging a Celebration Ball on 26th September 2020, at Parklands in Quendon. We would like to invite all present and past parents, pupils (over 18's), friends, governors, and staff of the school. Although this is 2 years away we would like to know how many interested people there are out there. Please register your interest with us at Ball50@stmsw.co.uk.

Pilgrimage to Padua with Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead, from **22nd - 25th October**. There are still places available for this pilgrimage. For price and more information please call Siobhan on 07932634589



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