



St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church



Stansted Mountfitchet

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Sunday 23rd December 2018



Today's Readings can be found on page 90 of the Parish Mass book.

The Communion Antiphon is on page 92.

Date	Time	Intentions
Saturday 22 nd Dec	†6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 23 rd Dec	†10.00am	Deceased relatives of the Spence Grace families (R Spencer)
Monday 24 th Dec	† 7.00pm Christmas Eve Family Mass	Deceased family members McCreanor & Wood (S Wood)
Tuesday 25 th Dec	† 10.00am Christmas Day Mass	
Wednesday 26 th Dec		No Mass on St. Stephen's Day
Thursday 27 th Dec	†9.30am	
Friday 28 th Dec	†9.30am	
Saturday 29 th Dec	†6.00pm	People of the Parish



*Blessed are you
among women and
blessed is the fruit
of your womb.*

Luke 1:42

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.



Singers wanted for Christmas Eve. If you feel like helping to lead the carols at 7pm on 24th you are welcome to sit in the pews by the organ. If there are children who would like to be in the processions either on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day please come and see me after Mass on Sunday.

The choir and I would like to wish everyone a holy and happy Christmas and New Year, and thank you for your participation in the musical liturgy. Frances.

Christmas card box there is now a box for Christmas cards in the porch. If you have any cards for other parishioners, please place them in the A-Z index box in the church porch. Please check of there are any cards for you and take them with you.

Make your voice heard We need to grow our existing group of Readers, so young or old or somewhere in the middle, if you have a good clear voice and would like to be involved with 'The Liturgy of the Word', please contact Tony Rhead, Des Connors or Anna Watkins or by email at stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org with cc to aksrhead@msn.com to register your interest.

Thank you! A huge thank you from all of the parish to Helen and Mark Hall who organised their 20th Children's Christmas Party for St. Theresa's church even though they are no longer parishioners here and have to travel to get here. We were so pleased to have our new generation of youngsters attend the party and they were delighted with a visit from Father Christmas himself!



Wishing you all many blessings this Christmas

and a very happy New Year!

Fu John

The Nativity of the Lord



*For unto us
a child is born.*

Isaiah 9:6



Readings for **Christmas Eve** can be found on page **94** and **Christmas Day** on page 102 of the Parish Mass book.

Local Events this Christmas



Church's Together Celebration of Christmas

Please join together with other Church's in the village for Carols, Readings and Music at St John's Church at 3pm on Saturday **22nd December** for this wonderful traditional witness of the beautiful feast of Our Lord's Birth.

Village Carol Singing on Sunday **23rd December**.

Meet at Broome End Care Home at 4pm. Please join us on our festive mission to bring Christmas joy to the village! This year we will be collecting donations for two appeals: the Indonesia Earthquake and Tsumani, and the Yemen crisis.

Food Bank Thank you for your very generous donations for the food bank. We now have enough to keep us going for a while so will finish collecting until next needed.

Food Basket This Christmas, you could support those in need in Syria by giving a **food basket** with enough essentials to last a family for a month. Our baskets include foods such as rice, fish, chicken and canned goods.

Food is often hard to come by, with many families only having enough to feed their children. So for many, these food baskets are their lifeline and give them the courage to continue to rebuild their lives.

"We see Jesus in the faces of Syrian children still marked by the war that, in these years, has caused such bloodshed in that country" Pope Francis.

Whatever you can give, however big or small your donation is, you can **give a food basket** and directly offer love and hope to families struggling to piece their lives back together.



The Blessed Virgin Mary was surprised by the Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation and Joseph was surprised by the angel in his dream, which told him to take Mary as his wife.

"But it is on the night of Christmas that the biggest surprise comes: The Most High is a small child," he said. "To celebrate Christmas, then, is to welcome the surprises of Heaven on earth."

Pope Francis

Welcome to St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church!

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