



St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church  
Stansted Mountfitchet



## Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018



2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY *OF* Advent

**Today's Readings** can be found on page **84** of the Parish Mass book.  
The **Communion Antiphon** is on page **87**.

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS
Saturday <b>8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>†6.00pm</b>	<b>Maria Mastrandrea &amp; Maria Fruci</b> (T Mastrandrea)
Sunday <b>9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>†10.00am</b>	<b>Ronnie Jackson RIP</b> (Jackson family)
Monday <b>10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>No Mass on Mondays</b>	
Tuesday <b>11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>†9.30am</b>	
Wednesday <b>12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>†9.30am</b>	
<b>Wednesday Club</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	
Thursday <b>13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>†9.30am</b>	
Friday <b>14<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>†9.30am</b>	
Saturday <b>15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	<b>†6.00pm</b>	<b>Maria Mastrandrea &amp; Maria Fruci</b> (T Mastrandrea)



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*Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight,  
and all mankind shall see the  
salvation of God.  
Alleluia!*



## Children's Christmas Service & Party

The Children's Christmas Service will be on Sunday **16<sup>th</sup> December** at 2:00pm and will be followed by the Christmas party in the Parish Centre. All are very welcome to the service but please let us know if your child / children wish to attend the party so that we may cater for everyone. Please email us at [helenhall5@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:helenhall5@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 01842 879766 with

your child's name and age as soon as possible. A voluntary donation of £3 can be given on the day of the party. We have been very fortunate in previous years that Fr. Christmas has found time to visit. There are invitations at the back of the church with further details.

**Thank you** to all who attended our Taste of Italy event last weekend. A wonderful time was had by all. Thanks for all the raffle prizes – our raffle was also a great success as was our Name the Snowman competition. Thank you to all the organisers. Photos will be uploaded onto our website.

**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

**Food Bank** We have had many food requests in the last few weeks and are especially short of tinned potatoes & peas, long-life milk & toilet rolls. There will be a box in the porch for donations. Many thanks.



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Since many of us are busily buying gifts online at the moment, I think it would be sad to miss out on generating free donations for our parish. If you are

unsure about how this works, how to sign up or even how to use it on your device, please feel free to bring in any device and speak to me, Anna Watkins. I will be more than happy to help. You can raise funds for your other chosen charities at the same time and it's all free.

**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](mailto:stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org) with cc to [aksrhead@msn.com](mailto:aksrhead@msn.com) to register your interest.

**St. Francis Leprosy Guild** Thank you all who have contributed to the money in the bottle, in aid of St Francis Leprosy Mission, over the last few months. A cheque for £80 has just been sent to the mission. Brian Quinn

## *Christmas Mass times at St. Theresa's Church*



**Children's Christmas Service & Party**  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** at 2pm (party must be booked in advance).

**Christmas Eve**  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.00pm Family Christmas Eve Mass

**Christmas Day**  
**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December** at 10.00am Christmas Day Mass



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## *Local Events this Christmas*



**Christmas Festival** at St. Mary's Church, Stansted from 11 am - 5 pm.

**Stansted Family Café** on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at the Day Centre from 10am- 11.30am

**Christmas at the Place** on Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Making Christingles, the Place, Free Church 10am.

**Windmill Christmas Event** on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December at Stansted Windmill. From Noon - 5 pm. With Twisto the Balloon Magician and Santa's Grotto (entry £4). Mince Pies and Mulled Wine.

**Herts & Soul Community Choir** on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at St. John's Church at 6.30pm.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> December for this wonderful traditional witness of the beautiful feast of Our Lord's Birth.

**Village Carol Singing** on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Meet at Broome End Care Home at 4pm.

**Catholic History Walks** in London at Christmas and the New Year Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December & Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019, both at 3pm. Join us for seasonal walks through Westminster and Victoria, taking in Christmas trees and crib-scenes. Meet at Westminster Cathedral. Nearest Tube: Victoria.

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