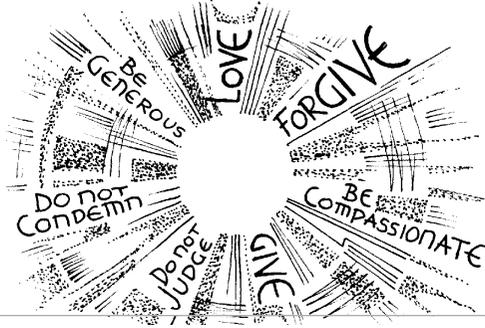




St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church
Stansted Mountfitchet



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
Sunday 24th February 2019



DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS
Saturday 23rd Feb	†6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 24th Feb	†10.00am	Wednesday Club (B Quinn)
Monday 25th Feb	No Mass on Monday	
Tuesday 26th Feb	†9.30am	
Wednesday 27th Feb	†9.30am	
Thursday 28th Feb	†9.30am	Robbie Moser RIP (E Moser)
Friday 1st March	†9.30am	
Saturday 2nd March	†6.00pm	People of the Parish

Today's Readings can be found on page **141** of the Parish Mass book.
The **Communion Antiphon** is on page **144**.

Please find Easter times and dates at the back of the church



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Diocesan Second Collections As we come to the end of another financial year one of my tasks as Treasurer is to divide the amount collected from the monthly second collection taken on first weekend each month among the various organisations dictated by the Bishop's Conference. Second collections have been down this year for whatever reason and so the amount donated has been reduced to £125-00 each. The following charities have benefited:

- Promotion of vocations
- World communications
- Sick clergy
- Day for life
- Peter's pence
- Apostleship of the sea
- Catholic education service
- Home mission day
- Prisoners' Sunday
- World mission day (APF)
- National youth Sunday
- Pax Christi
- Crib offerings
- Lourdes sick & helpers pilgrimage fund
- Racial justice Sunday

In addition a specific collection is held for CAFOD – the Harvest Fast Day raised £563-00.

We also had specific appeals by Brentwood Children's Society which raised £247.93.

£1000 has been donated to Aid to the Church in Need, these moneys were from the Bonus Ball competition.

Another CAFOD collection is due in March and I have assumed that circa £150 will be raised in March from the monthly second collection.

The question is whether you would rather continue with the present system or revert to having specific collections. Over the weekend of **2nd/3rd March** I will ask you the question by a show of hands – it is your money we are talking about. If you are away that weekend and want to "vote" please e-mail me on jrichardson1@btconnect.com, Anna on stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org, or post a note into the Parish Post Box in the foyer.

Hunger Lunch On Ash Wednesday, **6th March**, the Wednesday Club are having a Hunger Lunch in aid of Mary's Meals. Please come along to enjoy homemade soup and to support a good cause. This will be a simple soup lunch in the Parish Centre from 12 noon. Whatever donations are made will go towards feeding some of the world's most deprived people. You will be most welcome to come and join us.



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Ash Wednesday Masses will be at 9.30am and at 7.30pm on Wednesday **6th March**. Ashes will be given at both Masses.

Events at St. Theresa's Church



Fairtrade coffee morning Please join us next weekend for our annual Fairtrade event will take place on Saturday **2nd March** and Sunday **3rd March** after both weekend Masses in the parish centre.

- Find out why buying Fairtrade products matters and who it helps.
- Buy a variety of Fairtrade products including home-made cakes
- Take part in the Fairtrade raffle.

What can you do to help?

- Donate cakes and biscuits made using Fairtrade products (recipes are in the church foyer so please take one and have a go).

Wine Tasting On **16th March** There will be a Catenian Wine Tasting which is open to all members of the parish. The charge will be £10 per person and it will involve tasting 6 wines with a virtual tour of the region they come from. The usual format is for people to bring their own food. Please contact John O'Brien on 01279 816772.



St. Patrick's Day Celebration For all who wish to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick, we are having celebration here at St. Theresa's Parish Centre on Sunday **17th March**. A chance to celebrate all that is Irish from food to music. £3 per person. There will be a buffet. Please feel free to bring food to share. We will have live music and maybe even some Irish dancing! More details to follow. We will place a list in the church foyer at the beginning of March detailing which food items people are bringing.

U3A Concert We are very fortunate to be welcoming back the U3A choir this year. This popular event is a favourite of old and young alike. It will take place in St. Theresa's Parish Hall on Saturday **8th June**. More details to follow.

Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate On Saturday **15th June** 2019 at 11.30am, Des will be ordained into the order of the Permanent Diaconate. This will take place in the parish Church here, and will be presided over by Bishop Alan Williams. Des would like to formally invite everyone to the ceremony and for a reception afterwards in the parish centre for a buffet and drinks.

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As you know, Des has been working towards this day for the last three years and sees it very much as a parish event and would love as many of the parish as possible to attend to join him on this special day for both him and the parish as he begins his ministry.

Parish Pilgrimage to Lisieux Des is looking to organise a parish pilgrimage to Lisieux in France to coincide with the feast of St Therese this October, **30th September – 3rd October** 2019. Please note the cost of the trip depends very much on the numbers that wish to go on the trip. In effect, this means that the more people that wish to go the cheaper the price. Details of the trip and a sign-up sheet are in the church entrance.

Local and Diocesan Events

World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) There will be a service on **1st March** from 2- 3pm in St John's Church to celebrate this International Day. This year the service has been compiled by the people of Slovenia. All welcome- men, women & children! Refreshments to follow.

Colchester Lent Talks (with guest speakers) will be held at St James the Less and St Helens church every Friday starting on **8th March - 12th April** at 7.30pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street. Admission Free. All are welcome.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 27th May 2019. This May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100 before Gift Aid. For further information, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413.

Welcome to St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church. For all requests including Baptism, please contact **Fr. John Garrett** on Tel: 814349.

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