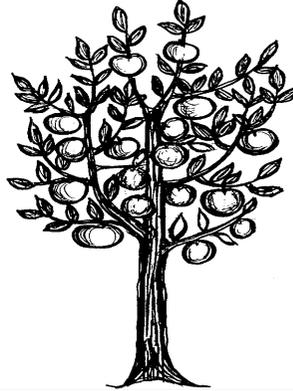




St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church
Stansted Mountfitchet



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)
Sunday 3rd March 2019



Date	Time	Intentions	Events / Groups
Saturday 2 nd March	†6.00pm		Fairtrade Event After Mass
Sunday 3 rd March	†10.00am		Fairtrade Event After Mass
Monday 4 th March	No Mass on Monday		
Tuesday 5 th March	†9.30am		
Wednesday 6 th March Ash Wednesday	†9.30am 12.00pm †7.30pm		Ash Wednesday Mass Hunger lunch Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday 7 th March	†9.30am		
Friday 8 th March	†9.30am 7.30pm		Stations of the Cross

Today's Readings can be found on page 144 of the Parish Mass book.
The Communion Antiphon is on page 146.



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Second Collection This weekend, **2nd/3rd March** here will be a Diocesan 2nd Collection following both weekend Masses.

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 richardson1@btconnect.com, Anna on stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org, or post a note into the Parish Post Box in the foyer.

Food Bank The demand for food parcels has been very high lately. We are especially short of coffee, potatoes tinned or dried, sweetcorn, tin spaghetti or ravioli, long-life milk, fruit juice, rice, toilet rolls & small bags of sugar. A box is in the foyer for food items. We are very grateful for your donations.



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CAFOD Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world.

Droughts, floods and storms are having a devastating effect on our global family. On Friday **15th March**, can you **eat a simple meal** in solidarity and **give what you save** towards suffering people.

Through CAFOD's global network, your support can reach to the end of the earth. Please **collect your Fast Day envelope** from Church this week and give whatever you can. By filling in the **Gift Aid** section of the envelope you can **increase** the value of your gift by **25p for every pound**, at no cost to yourself. In the last year alone we have raised over **£2 million through Gift Aid donations**.

*"Inspire us, Lord and move us to reach out in love
to those in need so all people may:
Taste and see that the Lord is good"*

Envelopes will be distributed on the weekend **16th/17th March**.

Upcoming Parish Events



Fairtrade Event Please join us for our annual Fairtrade event this weekend Saturday **2nd March** and Sunday **3rd March** after both 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

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.

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

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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. 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

North Essex Deanery Day of Reflection The Common Priesthood led by Fr. John Minh on Saturday **9th March** at Our Lady of Compassion, Saffron Walden, CB10 1BP. 10.30 Mass followed by refreshments, 11.30 Talk followed by discussion, 13.00 Lunch (bring packed lunch), 14.00 Exposition (Confessions available), 15.00 Benediction to end the day.

Fr. John Garrett on Tel: 814349.

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