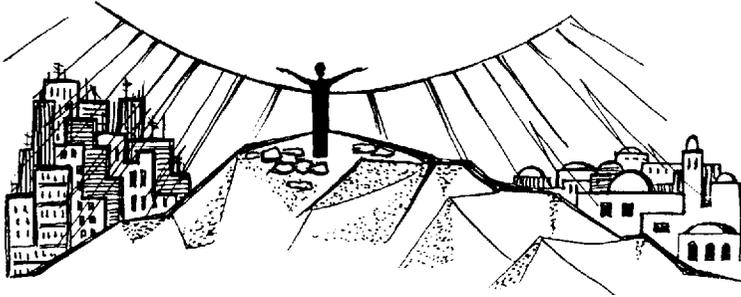




St. Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Church
Stansted Mountfitchet



1st Sunday of Lent (Year C)
Sunday 10th March 2019



Date	Time	Intentions	Events / Groups / Occasion
Saturday 9 th March	†6.00pm	People of the Parish	
Sunday 10 th March	†10.00am		1st Sunday of Lent
Monday 11 th March	No Mass on Monday		
Tuesday 12 th March	†9.30am		
Wednesday 13 th March	†9.30am 1.30pm 2.30pm		Rosary Group Wednesday Club
Thursday 14 th March	†9.30am	Michael Lloyd RIP (A Watkins)	
Friday 15 th March	†9.30am 7.30pm		Stations of the Cross
Saturday 16 th March	†6.00pm 7.30pm	People of the Parish	Wine Tasting Evening

Today's Readings can be found on page **153** of the Parish Mass book.
The **Communion Antiphon** is on page **156**.



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Second Collections 2019-20 Following last weekends' referendum the overwhelming consensus was to continue the current practice of taking a single monthly collection for the various causes mandated by the Bishop's conference. The result was 68:3 in favour.

We will continue to take a separate collection for Family Fast Day in October and Lent.

Lent Family Fast Day 15.03.19 CAFOD is the Catholic charity that helps the poorest, most hard-to-reach people around the world. People who are facing drought, conflict, disease, injustice.

We believe in a world where every woman, man and child can flourish. But the reality is we are forced to turn away one in three requests for help. Simply because we don't have enough money to go around.

To illustrate the work they do they have given the following example: CAFOD would like to tell you about a woman in Bangladesh who is in need of help.

Mahinur lives very near the coast, in an area that's badly hit by climate change. Cyclones are common, salty sea water floods the rice fields, and - most devastatingly for Mahinur - a drought last year killed all the fish. Dragging her empty net out of the river, Mahinur told us: "There should be fish in the river now. But there's nothing. I have no reason to smile." Mahinur has a disabled husband and son to support, so she's working every hour of the day doing odd jobs for her neighbours in return for rice. It's not enough. Some days the family just drink water for dinner.

Currently, there is no happy ending to Mahinur's story. This is the situation she faces today, because we haven't been able to support her. She is the one in three.

But working through the local Church, our experts make up one of the largest aid networks in the world. Through them, your support can reach to the ends of the earth. We already know where Mahinur is. We know she needs help. And we know how to help. That's why I'd like to ask you to consider having a simple meal next Friday for Family Fast Day and making a donation to CAFOD.

Your donation is a lifeline. An outstretched hand to a friend in danger. Together, we can reach out to children, women and men in God's family with love.

Together, we can change the ending of more stories like Mahinur's.

Please fill in your details on the envelope to make your donation. Or you can donate online. CAFOD thank you very much for your prayers and your generosity. Envelopes for the CAFOD collection are at the back of the Church

-please collect one and return over the weekend of **16/17th March**.



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CAFOD Family Fast Day On Friday **15th March**, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save towards suffering people. 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"*

Parish Pilgrimage to Lisieux – Update The total number of confirmed participants stands at 28. Unfortunately, a couple of people have had to drop out and this number therefore means that the total price will remain at £378 per person, plus £28 travel insurance if required, and a £30 single room supplement for the duration (not per night).

I have asked the tour company to keep some extra rooms, so if the number rises to 30 passengers, then the total price will reduce to £330 per person.

Important Information

- At the back of the Church this weekend will be a Poster advertising the trip as well as booking forms and terms of conditions.
- The booking forms need to be taken by the participants and payment of the £100 deposit AND £28 Travel Insurance IF Required, sent with the completed booking form to the Tour Operator in the pre-paid envelopes provided.
- Please Note that your payment **MUST** be with the tour operator by the 15th March at the latest.

My contact details are on the poster. For those of you who have not provided an e mail address please provide this to me as soon as possible. If you do not have access to e mail, I will use your contact number but it would be easier to send out information via a group e mail.

Hunger Lunch on Ash Wednesday made £125 for Mary's meals. Thank you!

Fairtrade Event Last weekend's parish event, raffle, cake sale and donations, raised £111.50 plus what was spent on the Traidcraft stall. This is an excellent result! Many thanks to everyone who made cakes, served teas, sold goods and of course those of you who came and supported us. We hope you will all think of looking for the little blue, black and green logo when you shop. 

Unclaimed raffle prizes: 9, 17, 21, 32, 178. They will be in the porch for you to pick up.



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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.

Wine Tasting On **16th March** There will be a Catenian Wine Tasting in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm. This 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 for tickets. A poster with information is on the Parish noticeboard.



 **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. There is a list in the church foyer for you to say which food items, if any, you will be 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.

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