

# *The Little Flower Messenger*

Year C TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019

*Welcome to our Parish Community of St Theresa of Lisieux*

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Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

*There will be rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner.*

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**1st Reading:**

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

**Psalm 50:**

*I will leave this place and go to my father.*

**2nd Reading:**

Timothy 1:12-17

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.  
Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon:**  
(p. 139)

*How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.*

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## **This Week's Good News**

Dear Friends,

In the second reading, St Paul, in his letter to Timothy reminds us that God has called us into his service, regardless of our faults and imperfections. One way we are all called into his service is through Evangelisation

Everyone is called to Evangelize, Pope Francis in his Encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium* (Joy of the Gospel) reminds us that "Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love".

Pope Francis encourages us to evangelise for authentic personal fulfilment: "Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort... life is attained and matures in the measure that it is offered up in order to give life to others.". Are we self-giving? Have you ever thought of the ways you can evangelise through your words and acts? Perhaps a smile to the stranger on the train? Or a sincere invitation to that friend who has not been to church in years?

As part of sharing the joy, during Advent St Theresa of Lisieux will be hosting a series of Catholic Voices talks that aim at helping us be more charitable and capable of speaking about the joy our faith brings us. The talks will be:

- How to defend our faith without raising your voice
- *Amoris Laetitia*: A Vision for Marriage and the Family
- Mercy and the Migrant Crisis
- What's wrong with Assisted Suicide?
- Top ten principles for civil communication when defending the faith.

The talks will take place over five evenings during Advent, watch out for the dates on the following newsletter. We can all be a Catholic Voice.

*Anel, parishioner*

## Prayer & Liturgy

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction.** Every Thursday at 8pm.

**Intercessory Prayer Group.** Third Friday of each month. Next meeting Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 7.30-8.30pm. A time to bring our needs and prayers to the Lord. If you would like prayers said but cannot make it, feel free to email Deacon Des with your prayer requests.

**Christian Meditation.** Every Wednesday evening in St John's Church, 7pm -7.45pm.

### **Extraordinary Ministers Holy Communion & Safeguarding.**

Simon Moules, the Diocesan safeguarding co-ordinator will be visiting our parish to complete the safeguarding paperwork and DBS checks for those ministers who visit the sick and distribute communion outside of Mass. We are still awaiting a date and will communicate as soon as we know. There are currently no ministers who have a current DBS check and this precludes any visits outside of Mass until the DBS have been completed. Jane will contact those ministers who visit the sick/housebound.

Once this has been complete, Des will discuss with Fr Lee a suitable date to formally commission all EMHC at Mass, and provide everyone with their faculties which last for 5 years.

In addition, DBS checks will have to be completed on all members of the parish who are involved in any aspects of parish work who deal with children and/or vulnerable adults. This will include for example, Alter Servers & Children's liturgy.

St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted is fully committed to ensuring strict adherence to all aspects of safeguarding. Thank You.

## Sacramental Preparation

**Confirmation 2020:** An initial meeting will be arranged and announced shortly. I have been spoken to by a couple of people wishing to be confirmed next year. Can I request please that anyone wishing to be put forward as a candidate for confirmation, e-mail myself (Deacon Des), with name, age, (must be in Year 10 for the academic year 2019-2020) school attending, and date of Holy Communion and where it took place.

**RCIA:** 'Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults'. The course will begin on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon and will consist of 25 weekly sessions lasting 1 hour. If you are thinking of becoming a Catholic please contact Deacon Des.

**Baptism Course:** Please note that before a baptism can be arranged, the baptism course must be completed. The next baptism course will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 7.30-8.30pm. To enrol on the course please e-mail Deacon Des.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Catholics must approach the Parish Priest / Deacon, at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.

**Reconciliation:** Reconciliation takes place half an hour before each Mass. Times are on the last page of the newsletter.

**Home Visits for the Sick and Housebound:** Please let us know if anyone is housebound (even if it is TEMPORARILY) so they can be visited and have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion at home. Mass is regularly broadcasted on the internet from the Catholic Church in Bishops Stortford: <http://www.churchservices.tv/bishopsstortford>

**Admission to Hospital.** Catholics in hospital are unlikely to receive an automatic visit from the Catholic Chaplain. If someone is sick in hospital, please let Fr Lee and/or Deacon Des know so that your loved one can be visited and receive Holy Communion and any other sacraments from the Chaplain.

**Other House Visits:** If anyone would like a visit or a house blessing please contact Father Lee / Deacon Des.

## Social News and Events

### Encounter

All welcome to attend either on a regular basis or to drop in to one or two meetings. The new programme Sept 2019 - May 2020 can be found in the notice board at the back of the church. Enquiries: 01279 652060. Next meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> September at Windhill Churches Centre. We will be showing the movie: "Pope Francis: A man of his word". Start time: 10:00am.

### Harvest Festival

It will be celebrated on the Sunday Mass of the 29<sup>th</sup> September. Please bring any gifts of food and place them at the altar. Any donations will go to the local Food Bank.

### Pilgrimage to Lisieux

Des will be sending out an itinerary to everyone travelling to Lisieux on the 30<sup>th</sup> September. He is waiting on the tour company to finalise his requests to the tour guide in Lisieux.

Please remember that you will need: Passport (in date), European Health Insurance Card (EHIC), Toiletries and Euros.

### Parish Social – Feast of St. Theresa of Lisieux

To celebrate the Feast of St. Theresa's Feast on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, the Social Committee are hosting a social gathering, after Mass. It will be a chance to catch up with our returning pilgrims who have been fortunate enough to walk in the steps of our patron, St Theresa of Lisieux in France. We will have cakes and tea, nibbles and wine. For those of us who could not travel to Lisieux, we will be recreating the pilgrimage through images so please join us.

### Brentwood Diocese – Playing my part in the changing Church (course)

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 10am – 3pm, at English Martyrs, 240 Alma Ave, Hornchurch, RM12 6BJ. Learn the basic skills of discernment; how do we discover God's desires, communicate effectively with one another and work together with genuine hope? Cost: Free. More details can be found on <https://www.sttheresastansted.org/events/future-events/>

### APF Red Boxes

Could you please bring in your Red boxes before the end of September for counting and pick up an empty box. It is helpful if you could write your name on the label on the bottom of the box.

Thank you. Annette Richardson APF Red Box organiser

### Bonus Ball competition

The Parish has a weekly bonus Ball competition based on the Saturday draw of the National Lotto competition. The funds raised are used to fund various good causes the Parish needs, most recently funding costs associated with Deacon Des' ordination.

How does it work? You are given a number between 1-59, if that number is drawn on Saturday evening in the Lotto draw, you receive a prize of £30. Payment is collected either by monthly standing order from your bank (£4-33) or by half yearly/annual payment (£26/£52).

If you are interested contact John Richardson on 07984402677 or [jrichardson1@btconnect.com](mailto:jrichardson1@btconnect.com)

### Mass Intentions

There is an increased number of weekly Masses, therefore there are more spaces for your intentions. If you would like a Mass intention to be said for a loved one, please complete the envelopes in the church foyer and post them into the adjacent post box.

### Christmas Shoebox Appeal

With your generosity we intend to support Teams4U shoeboxes this year. In the past we have filled over 100 boxes with toys, school supplies, gloves, hats and scarves, toothbrushes, soap, sweets etc Age groups 3-12+ years old for the poorest families in Eastern Europe. Teams4U also do HomeBoxes for families. There will be a Notice on the Porch Noticeboard giving details, and a box for your gifts during the month of October. Each box will cost £2.50 to send and we intend having a Quiz in the Parish Centre on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7.00pm to raise the funds for this. We hope you will put this date in your diary! If you have any queries or more information, please see Eileen/Brian Quinn tel: 01279 812109 or Helen Baker Tel: 01279 814865

**Christmas cards** now available in the Repository. Please take a look.

# St Andrew Kim Taegŏn, Paul Chong Hasang, and companions

Feast 20<sup>th</sup> September

For centuries, Korea was closed to all outside influences, and all contact with foreigners was forbidden. No missionaries went there. Nevertheless, a number of laymen sought to find out all that they could about the outside world, through the annual embassy to Peking. Some books about Christianity fell into their hands, and they were converted. Because of the secrecy involved, it is impossible to date the origin of Christianity in Korea with any precision: it may have started in the early 17th century, but the first known baptism is that of Ni-Seoung-Houn, who was baptized under the name of Peter when he visited Peking in 1784.

The first known martyrs are Paul Youn and James Kouen, who in 1791 refused to offer sacrifice on the death of their relatives. Over the next century, over ten thousand Korean Christians were executed, with great cruelty; and many others perished.

For most of this period, the church in Korea had no priests and was an entirely lay phenomenon. The first priest, a Frenchman, entered the country in 1836 and was beheaded three years later. Andrew Kim Taegŏn, the first Korean priest, secretly trained in Macao, entered Korea in 1845 and was executed in 1846, together with his father. A lay apostle, St Paul Chong Hasang, and many others perished at the same time. A further major persecution occurred in 1866.

In all, 103 of the Korean martyrs are celebrated today: they are mostly lay men and women: some married, some not; some old, some young, some even children. "The Korean Church is unique because it was founded entirely by laypeople. This fledgling Church, so young and yet so strong in faith, withstood wave after wave of fierce persecution. Thus, in less than a century, it could boast of 10,000 martyrs. Even today their undying spirit sustains the Christians of the Church of Silence in the north of this tragically divided land." – Pope John Paul II at the canonization of the Korean Martyrs, May 6, 1984.

## Mass Times

Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> September <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Confessions: 5.15 – 5.45pm Mass: 6pm	People of the Parish
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b>		
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Confessions: 9.15 - 9.45am Mass: 10am	Tony Aldridge (50 years a parishioner) David Broad RIP
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Confessions: 9am Mass: 9.30am	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Confessions: 9am Mass: 9.30am	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Confessions: 12pm Mass: 12.30pm Rosary Group: 1.30pm Wednesday Club: 2pm	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Confessions: 7pm Mass: 7.30pm Exposition & Benediction: 8pm	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Confessions: 9am Mass: 9.30am	
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> September <i>Saint Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist</i>	Confessions: 5.15 – 5.45pm Mass: 6pm	Bridget McCreanor RIP (S Wood)
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b>		
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Amos 8:4-7 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Timothy 2:1-8 Gospel: Luke 16:1-13	Confessions: 9.15 - 9.45am Mass: 10am	People of the Parish

\* Are these new Mass times working for you? Your feedback is important, contact Fr Lee.