

The Little Flower Messenger

Year B – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 28th February 2021

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

'This is my Son, the Beloved.'

1st Reading:	<i>Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13,15-18</i>
Psalm 115:10, 15-19:	<i>I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.</i>
2nd Reading:	<i>Romans 8:31-34</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	<i>Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory and praise to you, O Christ!</i>
Communion Antiphon:	<i>This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.</i>

This Week's Good News

Dear Friends,

The Gospel reading for today recounts the Transfiguration of Jesus. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow him to consult his Heavenly Father and ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death, and Resurrection. This was the precursor for Jesus to make his way to Jerusalem to meet his destiny, the cross, and his vindication.

God's secondary aim was to make Jesus' chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. The Transfiguration also established Jesus' glorious identity as the beloved Son of God and placed his Divine Sonship in the context of Jewish expectations about the kingdom and the resurrection of the dead. The event took place in late summer, just prior to the Feast of the Tabernacles. Hence, the Orthodox Church celebrates the Transfiguration at about the time of the year when it actually occurred, in order to connect it with the Old Testament Feast of the Tabernacles. The Western tradition recalls the Transfiguration at the beginning of Lent, then celebrates the formal feast on 6th August.

The book of Exodus describes how God spoke to Moses at Mount Sinai from the cloud. The Jews generally believed that the phenomenon of the cloud would be repeated when the Messiah arrived. God the Father, Moses and Elijah approved the plan regarding Jesus' suffering, death, and Resurrection. God's words from the cloud, "This is My Beloved Son; listen to him," are similar to the words used by God at Jesus' baptism: "You are My beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Mk 1:11). At the moment of Jesus' death, a Roman centurion would declare, "Truly, this man was the Son of God" (Mk15:39). These words summarise the



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meaning of the Transfiguration, that on this mountain, God revealed Jesus as His Son — His beloved — the One in whom He is always well pleased and the One to whom we must listen.

We need transformation in our Christian lives so that we may seek reconciliation instead of revenge, love our enemies, pray for those who hate us, give to the needy without expecting a reward, refuse to judge others and make friends with those we do not naturally like. This transformation will also enable us to hold back on harsh words and let love rule so that we may seek reconciliation rather than revenge, pray for those who give us a hard time, avoid bad-mouthing those we do not agree with, forgive those who hurt us, and love those who hate us.

Deacon Des

Making an Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Parish News

Welcome to our Parish: We would like to take this opportunity to welcome new Parishioners to our Parish. Anyone that has not yet contacted us about registration to the Parish please do so via email to stansted@diocesesofbrentwood.org or contact Clair on the Parish Office mobile number above. For those who have already made contact we shall be sending a registration form very soon for you to complete.

Stations of the Cross: Each Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. and Friday at 7:00 p.m. During Lent we follow Our Lord in the Way of the Cross and are reminded of the immense love He showed for us. Deacon Des will lead us on Friday evenings in the Way of the Cross followed by Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Lee will lead us in a short Stations of the Cross before the Wednesday Mass. Please do join us if you can.

Fairtrade Fortnight 22nd February – 7th March: Our Parish event this year will take on the weekly Sunday Coffee Morning Zoom on **Sunday 7th March at 11.10a.m.** Details are listed below. There will be videos, a raffle, the usual catching up with parishioners and a quiz with a Fairtrade prize. Bring your own Fairtrade cake and biscuits, or recipes to share. If you are unable to join us and wish to donate you can do so via our Fairtrade Just Giving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sttheresasfairtrade> Everyone who makes a donation will be automatically entered into the raffle. Remember to look for the **Fairtrade Logo** when you shop.



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CAFOD Family Fast Day: Friday 26th February 2021 has been designated Family Fast Day this year. If you were unable to fast on that day it is not too late to choose another.

Donations can be made online at www.cafod.org.uk/give OR you can donate £20 or £10 by texting LENT 20 or LENT 10 to 70460. You can also telephone 0303 303 3030. If you can gift aid your contribution this will boost your donation by 25p for every £1 you give. Anything you can donate, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated by the communities living in remote and mountainous parts of Ethiopia. In some areas of the country, it can take up to 10 hours a day to collect water. Your gifts will help vulnerable communities to have access to clean water and provide other vital support. A short video is also available online at www.cafod.org.uk Thank you for your continued support.



Livestreaming Fundraising Request: Should you wish to support the Parish and donate to our Livestreaming fund you can do so via the following methods:

- Online Transfer - Via our website <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=stansted> under the section Parish Fund please select 'Other' and type 'Livestream Fundraiser'.
- Cheque - Should you wish to pay by cheque please place it into an envelope marked 'Livestream Fundraiser' and drop it into the Offertory basket when leaving Mass, or post through the Presbytery door.

Gift Aid: For any queries relating to Gift Aid, donation envelopes, standing orders and the like, please contact stansted-giftaid@dioceseofbrentwood.org or the Parish Office for more details



“Visions” Zoom Group: Held every Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom with the purpose of sharing scripture, promoting positive mental health, prayer, joy and laughter, as well as pictures and art.

No commitment is asked, you can speak or just join and listen. The Zoom details are as follows:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82226878791>
- Meeting ID: 822 2687 8791
- Passcode: visionst

Sunday Coffee morning: If you would like to socialise virtually then why not join us for a chat and a short fun quiz from the comfort of your own home? Held every Sunday at 11.10 a.m. via the following Zoom details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83024819984> Meeting ID: 830 2481 9984 Password: CM24Thrsx. .All are welcome.



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Mass Times and Intentions

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B		
Saturday 27 th February	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
Sunday 28 th February	Mass: 8:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Confessions: 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Monday 1 st March <i>St. David</i>	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Tuesday 2 nd March	Confessions: 7:15 p.m. Latin Mass (EF): 8:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Wednesday 3 rd March	Stations of the Cross: 12:00 p.m. Mass: 12:30 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Confessions: 1:00 p.m.	Ron Whitehead R.I.P. Lorcan McGrath R.I.P. (B. Whitehead)
Thursday 4 th March	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Friday 5 th March <i>Women's World Day of Prayer</i>	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Stations of the Cross followed by Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00 p.m.	Tom Mastrandrea R.I.P. (G. Galati)
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B		
Saturday 6 th March	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Sunday 7 th March	Mass: 8:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Confessions: 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Latin Mass (EF): 12:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Lucia Rava R.I.P. (The Rava Family)



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