

The Little Flower Messenger

Year B – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 7th March 2021

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Gospel: John 2:13-25

'Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up'.

1st Reading: *Exodus 20:1-17*

Psalm 18: 8-11: *You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.*

2nd Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:22-25*

Gospel Acclamation: *Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,
whoever believes in me will never die.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

Communion Antiphon: *The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young:
by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.*

This Week's Good News

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel, John recounts Jesus encountering the money changers and the animal sellers in the Temple in Jerusalem. The Temple, the symbol of the Jewish religion, had become corrupted by the money changers and the animal sellers who charged exorbitant prices for the animals to be used in ritual sacrifice, bought by the people who were poor and being exploited by the Temple authorities who allowed this to happen and benefited financially from this corruption.

Jesus, consumed with zeal for his Father's house, drives out the agents of corruption and overturns the tables with the words, "Stop making my Father's house a marketplace." Many commentators see this understandably as a cleansing of the Temple of those who had distorted the Law to suit their own needs, and for their own benefit. More than a cleansing, Jesus' actions demonstrate that the glory of God was now to be found in a person rather than a building.

In response, the Jews demand a sign from Jesus to justify his actions. Jesus' reply confuses them, and they fail to understand the significance of what he says to them. "Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up." The Sadducees hear this as a literal destruction of the Temple, failing to understand that Jesus speaks of his future death and Resurrection. From now on, Jesus is the Temple that is the centre of faith and worship.

In our lives, we need to understand and recognise this. We need to cleanse our own lives of the money changers and animal sellers that sometimes stop us from respecting and obeying the word of God. We do this by how we love. How we treat those we meet and how we recognise Christ in everyone.



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The theologian Karl Rahner once said, “The number one cause of atheism is Christians. Those who proclaim God with their mouths and deny Him with their lifestyles are what an unbelieving world finds simply unbelievable.” Today, if we listen to the word of God, the message of love and salvation, we can with God’s help, proclaim God with our mouths and our lifestyles and actions.

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

The Easter Triduum: We are thinking ahead to Holy Week and in particular the Easter Triduum. The times of services and Masses will be as follows:

Thursday 1st April – Maundy Thursday:

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.

Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 8:00p.m. *

Friday 2nd April – Good Friday:

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.

Stations of the Cross for Families & Children at 10:00 a.m.

The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 p.m. *

Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 3rd April – Holy Saturday:

Office of Readings and Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.

The Easter Vigil at 8:00p.m. *

Sunday 4th April – Easter Day:

Mass at 8:30 a.m. *

Mass at 10:00 a.m. *

Mass at 12:00 p.m. Latin Mass in the Extraordinary Form *

Booking required *

Please note that apart from the Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, and Stations of the Cross, should you wish to attend any of the above celebrations they will need to be booked. This is to enable us to maintain the numbers of people at each Mass/Service so that we comply with COVID-19 safety restrictions.

Bookings can be made from **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday 16th March** via our Website or by phone call to the Parish Office during opening times. Clair can be contacted on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Bookings will be made on a first come - first served basis. You will be contacted and given your seat allocation number nearer the time. Bookings for these Masses will stay open until **26th March**.

Do please let people know about this booking process, especially as it is a “first come, first served” system.



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You will need to book for yourself and each member of your family. **Please note that we will be unable to reallocate your seat at the Masses and Services if you cancel during Holy Week itself, so please do only book if you intend to be at that Mass or Service.** You can book a place at each of the bookable Masses/Services, and again, places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Dana Kowalska R.I.P: Please remember Dana Kowalska in your prayers. Please pray for her sister Ewa and all the family during this difficult time. Dana's Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 11th March at 2:30 p.m., the rule of 30 applies. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

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 place during the weekly Sunday Coffee Morning Zoom **today (7th March) at 11:10 a.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.



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.

"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

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>	Bridget McCreanor R.I.P. (S.Wood)
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>	People of the Parish Lucia Rava R.I.P. (The Rava Family)
Monday 8 th March	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Tuesday 9 th March	Confessions: 7:15 p.m. Latin Mass (EF): 8:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Wednesday 10 th March	Stations of the Cross: 12:00 p.m. Mass: 12:30 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Confessions: 1:00 p.m.	Michael Bambridge (J. Bambridge)
Thursday 11 th March	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Funeral: Dana Kowalska R.I.P. 2:30 p.m.	
Friday 12 th March	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.	Bill Blythe R.I.P. (H. Bennett)
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - Year B		
Saturday 13 th March	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Les Bennett R.I.P. (Fr. L Bennett)
Sunday 14 th March <i>Mothering Sunday</i>	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>	



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