

The Little Flower Messenger

Year B – THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 27th June 2021

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

'Little girl, I tell you to get up.'

1st Reading:	<i>Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24</i>
Psalms 29:	<i>I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.</i>
2nd Reading:	<i>2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	<i>Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!</i>
Communion Antiphon:	<i>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.</i>

This Week's Good News

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel we have two miracle accounts, unusually, one contained within the other – a healing and the restoration of life. The story of the woman with the flow of blood is sandwiched between the two parts of the account of Jairus' plea for his dying daughter and its result.

These miracles were worked by Jesus as a reward for the trusting faith of a synagogue ruler and of a desperate woman who had suffered terribly for years. There are several parallels within both accounts. Jairus' daughter is 12 years old, whilst the other has suffered for 12 years. Jesus refers to both as “daughter,” and both are in need of physical healing. The girl's father is encouraged to have faith, and the older woman is praised for her faith.

Jairus, as the ruler of the synagogue, was a well-respected man in the local Jewish community. He was the administrative head of the synagogue, the president of the board of elders and the one responsible for the conduct of the services. He probably shared in the Pharisees' prejudice that Jesus was a heretic and a wandering preacher to be avoided. If so, the urgency of his need and the helplessness of the situation prompted him to forget his position, to swallow his pride and prejudice and to seek help from Jesus the wandering wonder-worker.

The account tells of a woman who came to Jesus with expectant Faith as a last resort, after trying every other cure known in her day. The Mosaic Law (Lv 15:25-27) declared her unclean and shut her off from the worship of God and the fellowship of her friends. That may be why she decided to try to touch the tassels of Jesus' garment secretly. Jesus, like every other Jew, wore an outer robe with four tassels on it, one at each corner—the badge of a devout Jew as prescribed (Nm 15:38-40).

The woman's boldness in touching Jesus' garment — which, according to the Law, made Jesus unclean — could have angered the Master. Further, because her “chronic bleeding disease” rendered her ritually unclean, any contact she had with others in the crowd, made them also ritually unclean as well. But her



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Faith in the healing power of Jesus was so strong that she risked breaking all the social rules to seek what she believed He could do for her. By affectionately calling her “daughter,” Jesus established a relationship with her and gave her the assurance that she was healed: “Daughter, your Faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.” By trusting in the power of God and doing His will, she was not only physically cured but was also fully restored to a normal religious and social life.

These accounts show very clearly the expression of Jesus’ presence in the lives of those in need. When Jairus approached Jesus about his dying daughter, Jesus immediately became present to him and left with him to visit the child. On the way, someone haemorrhaging was healed simply by reaching out to touch Jesus’ cloak with Faith. Arriving at Jairus’ house, Jesus was present to the apparently dead child and to her parents. In all cases, Jesus brought new life into dark situations.

What we are, and what they are receiving, is the very compassion of Jesus. It is that compassion that urges us to visit those who need consoling. And our compassion finds its release in being present to others in their time of need, just as Jesus was. Consoling and comforting are spiritual works of mercy and visiting the sick and dying is a corporal work of mercy. This “mystery of mercy” is supremely revealed in the life of Jesus, and, as Pope John Paul II taught us, it is our constant mission to proclaim and introduce that mercy into our daily life (Dives in Misericordia, 1980; #14). Just being present to those in need is healing! Coming to the aid of our neighbour in a time of need, both spiritual and physical, is a charitable action or “work of mercy.” When we serve those who are hurting, we serve Christ who identifies with them.

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

Rene Warren R.I.P: Please remember Rene Warren, who sadly died on Monday 21st June, in your prayers. Please pray for her family and friends during this difficult time. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord. Let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. At the time of writing, we have no Funeral details.

COVID Guidance: Following the recent Government announcement of the COVID Roadmap, Mass and other acts of worship are still subject to the Covid-security guidance published by the Bishops’ Conference which they have issued following consultation with officials from Public Health England and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

The following rules apply from Monday 21st June 2021:

- Face coverings must be worn in places of worship, unless you are exempt. This is now law.
- You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship, a funeral or event related to a death, a burial ground or a remembrance garden, or to attend a wedding ceremony.
- Stewards are only required for weekend Masses.
- You should follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when attending a place of worship.
- Funerals or commemorative events linked to someone’s death are no longer capped but determined by the size of venue permitted under current COVID rules.



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- Weddings are no longer capped but determined by the size of venue permitted under current COVID rules.
- Private Baptisms can now take place with the maximum number of 30 attendees.

As we approach Step Four which will commence after 19th July 2021, we continue to hope it will still bring fewer restrictions. Until that time we will continue to follow the guidance issued and look to keep everybody as safe as we can. Thank you for respecting these rulings.

First Holy Communion Programme 2021/2022: Should you wish your child to be registered for the First Holy Communion programme commencing September 2021, please contact Clair by email or phone (details above) no later than noon on **Wednesday 21st July 2021**. (Late registration will mean your child will be registered for the 2022-2023 group). Your child will need to be in Year 3 or above from September 1st 2021. The workshops dates and an administration meeting with the new group and parents will be arranged in due course. Please look out for further details. Those of you that registered your child for the 2020-2021 group, which we delayed due to COVID, will automatically be included in this programme. Should you no longer wish your child to take part please contact Clair ASAP.

Baptism Courses: The next baptism course will be held on Wednesday 14th July at 7:00 p.m. in the church. To enrol on the course please e-mail the Parish Office stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org . Thank you.

Sacrament of Marriage: Catholics must approach Fr. Lee / Deacon Des, at least 6 months prior to their intended wedding, and before setting a wedding date.

St. Therese of Lisieux - Wood Carved Statue: The beautiful statue of St. Therese of Lisieux has arrived and has been placed in the church and will be blessed on Saturday (26th June). We will continue to raise funds to cover the cost of the statue and pedestal. Should you wish to donate in memory of a loved one or any other dedication please contact the Parish Office, Fr. Lee or Deacon Des. Alternatively, you can place your donation with dedication, into an envelope and place that through the Presbytery letter box or into the donation trays at the exit. All dedications will be listed in a memorial book.

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@diocesofbrentwood.org or contact Clair via the Parish Office numbers above.

“Visions” Zoom Group: Held every Tuesday at 2:30 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



Mass Times and Intentions

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B		
Saturday 26 th June	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Laurence McCreanor RIP (S. Wood)
Sunday 27 th June	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>	People of the Parish Thanksgiving for the Wee Family (The Wee Family)
Monday 28 th June <i>St. Irenaeus</i>	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Tuesday 29 th June <i>St. Peter & Paul</i>	Confessions: 7:15 p.m. Latin Mass (EF): 8:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Fr. Paul Zawadzki (P. Zawadzki)
Wednesday 30 th June	Confessions: 12:00 p.m. Mass: 12:30 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Gavin Kemzura RIP (T. Kemp)
Thursday 1 st July	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Friday 2 nd July	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Rosary, Exposition of the Sacrament & Benediction: 7:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B		
Saturday 3 rd July	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Rene Warren R.I.P. (Fr. Lee)
Sunday 4 th July	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 Michael Bambridge (J. Bambridge)

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU AND DISPOSE OF IT RESPONSIBLY. THANK YOU.



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