

The Little Flower Messenger

Year B – FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 11th July 2021

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

'Take nothing with you'

1st Reading:	<i>Amos 7:12-15</i>
Psalms 84(85):	<i>Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.</i>
2nd Reading:	<i>Ephesians 1:3-14</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>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.</i>

This Week's Good News

Dear Friends,

In today's Gospel (Mk 6:1-13), the evangelist tells the story of Jesus' commissioning of the twelve apostles to preach the "Good News" of repentance, forgiveness of sins, liberation, and salvation through Jesus. Just as God sent the prophet Amos to preach repentance to ancient Israel and St. Paul to preach the Good News of salvation to the Gentiles, so Jesus sends forth the Twelve to proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom and to bring healing to those who need it most. Today's Gospel reports the instruction Jesus gave the apostles for their first mission. They are to be walking illustrations of God's love and providence in action. They are to preach repentance — a change of heart and a change of action taking people from a self-centred life to a God-centred life.

Jesus' disciples were to preach the Good News that God is not a punishing judge, but rather a loving Father Who wants to save men from their bondage to sin through Jesus His Son. The disciples were to preach the message of metanoia or repentance—which has disturbing implications. To "repent" means to change one's mind and then fit one's actions to this change. Metanoia literally means change your mind. It can also mean taking a new direction. Thus, repentance means a change of heart and a change of action—a change from a self-centred life to a God-centred life. Such a change may hurt a bit at times. It is also interesting to note that Jesus commanded his disciples to anoint with oil. In the ancient world, oil was regarded as a sort of cure-all. In the hands of Christ's servants, however, the old cures would acquire a new virtue through the power of God.

We, too, have a witnessing mission: Each Christian is called not only to be a disciple but also to be an apostle. As disciples, we are to follow and imitate Jesus. As apostles, we are to evangelize the world. We are called to share with others not just words, or ideas, or doctrines but an experience, — our experience of God and His Son, Jesus. Like the apostles, like St. Francis of Assisi, like St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother



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Teresa), we are all chosen and sent to proclaim the Gospel through our living. It is through our transparent Christian lives that we must show, through our own actions, the love, mercy and concern of Jesus for the people around us. Since we are baptized, Jesus is calling us in our working and living environment to evangelize, to invite people to know, love, serve, and follow Jesus for the rest of our lives. An important part of evangelism is the simple act of inviting a friend or family member to join us in worship. This is where reconciliation between persons and God is most likely to take place. We do not have to commit verbal assault on someone with our convictions. A simple invitation, offered out of a loving and joyful heart, is the most powerful evangelistic message of all.

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

Weekday Masses: Please note that from **Monday 19th July** no weekday Masses will be held for three weeks whilst Fr Lee has his summer break. Weekday masses will recommence on **Monday 9th August**. Weekend Masses will continue as normal during this time.

Rene Warren R.I.P.: The Requiem Mass for Rene will take place here at St Theresa's on Friday 23rd July 2021 at 12:30 p.m., followed by interment at Henham Village Cemetery.

COVID Guidance: As you are aware the Government announcement regarding the end of the COVID restrictions is due on Monday 12th July with the end of restrictions coming into place on Monday 19th July. At the moment of writing, we have no idea what this will mean for the church or what changes will be made to Mass etc. At the present Mass and other acts of worship are still subject to the Covid-security guidance published by the Bishops' Conference. We will of course, look to communicate the changes made following Lockdown as soon as we have been informed of them.

The following rules apply until further notice:

- 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.
- 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.



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We continue to hope that the 19th July will bring an end to the restrictions and until then 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 this Wednesday (14th July) at 7:00 p.m. in the church. There will be no course during the month of August, the next course after that will be Wednesday 15th September at 7:00 p.m. 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.

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 via the Parish Office numbers above.

St. Therese of Lisieux - Wood Carved Statue: A huge thank you to all those who have been so generous in donating towards the statue, the response had been tremendous. A Mass will be offered for all benefactors on the feast day of St Therese of Lisieux on Friday 1st October 2021. There is still time to make a donation 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 post it through the Presbytery letter box or place it into the donation trays at the exit. All dedications will be listed in a memorial book.

Cashless Donations: We are pleased to confirm that we are now able to offer you the option of making cashless donations via our new QR codes system. The codes have been placed by the exit of the church, next to the donation baskets. This system allows you to make payments via your mobile phone directly into our account for one of the set amounts or an amount of your choice. Please remember to gift aid the payment if you are eligible, it can make a big difference to the parish. Thank you.

“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



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Mass Times and Intentions

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B		
Saturday 10 th July	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Bill Spencer R.I.P. (Fr. Lee)
Sunday 11 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>	People of the Parish Michael Bambridge (J. Bambridge)
Monday 12 th July	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Bill Blythe R.I.P. (H. Bennett)
Tuesday 13 th July	Mass of Requiem: 2:30 p.m. Confessions: 7:15 p.m. Latin Mass (EF): 8:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Bill Spencer R.I.P. Christopher Barker (I. Barker)
Wednesday 14 th July	Confessions: 12:00 p.m. Mass: 12:30 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Robbie Moser R.I.P. (Moser Family)
Thursday 15 th July <i>St Bonaventure</i>	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Apolnea & Roman Babula R.I.P. (Moser Family)
Friday 16 th 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>	Danuta Kowlska R.I.P. (Moser Family)
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B		
Saturday 17 th July	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Russell Wood R.I.P. (S. Wood)
Sunday 18 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>	Martin Fitzpatrick R.I.P. (B. Horton) People of the Parish

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



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