

The Little Flower Messenger

Year B – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19th September 2021

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

'The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.'

Mass book (P. 135)

Hymn No: 66

1st Reading:

Psalm 53:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Communion Antiphon: (P. 137)

Hymn No: 342

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass only

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The Lord upholds my life

James 3:16-4:3

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass only

This Week's Good News

Dear Friends,

Today's readings reveal to us what being a disciple of Christ requires. If we want to become great in the sight of God, then we must put away all personal ambition and surrender our lives to Him in the service of others.

In the first reading we find a messianic prophecy of Jesus' fate at the hands of Jesus' own people; Jesus as the 'suffering servant.' This passage refers to a righteous sufferer. It points to the way that Jesus will suffer and his crucifixion. It outlines how the world often ill-treats those who strive to live justly and do God's will.

In the second reading, James is emphatic about the contrast between spiritual wisdom and earthly wisdom. The conflicts and disputes in which we embroil ourselves come from worldly desires, selfish ambition, and concern for what we want to possess in this world. This leads directly into today's Gospel when the apostles argue about who will be highest in the Kingdom of God. It is a very human trait that we find in this Gospel account - arguments about who is the greatest, the best, the most valuable. Jesus also teaches the apostles that only child-like humility and selfless service make one great in the eyes of God.

To be viewed as great by God is to serve others humbly. Jesus presents a child before the apostles and explains that one who wishes to be first among them must be a servant to all. This service is for others and never about us. It requires the ability to see and respond to the needs of others and requires compassion and sympathy.



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It is the essence of ministry in the Church and especially relevant to Deacons. Jesus tells us that the truly great person is a *diakonos* – a deacon – a servant – a person who devotes their time to others in service. This is an important message for us all. If we want to be first, we must be last. We are all supposed to be serving, whatever our position or role in society or family or in the Church may be, because true greatness lies in being like Jesus, the servant or slave 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

Back to Church Sunday: In a number of church communities, this Sunday has been designated as “Back to Church Sunday”; we may be able to see the relevance of this initiative after the events of the past eighteen months. We do not really have anything like this in the Catholic Church, even though we too have seen a significant drop in the number of people coming to Mass on a regular basis during this pandemic. We do, of course, have Holy Days of Obligation, this includes every Sunday, but as we know this has been temporarily suspended by the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales and will hopefully be reintroduced on the 1st Sunday of Advent – 28th November 2021. This does not mean that we have to wait until then to return to Mass. Every Sunday is an opportunity for those who have lapsed or strayed, or just got into the habit of not coming to Mass or have opted to stay at home and watch the Mass on the Livestream, to return to the Church, and the Sacraments. Some people may need the encouragement of a personal invitation to return to Mass, and to know that in spite of their absence they will indeed be welcome to ‘come home’. For those not attending Mass in person, but are reading this message, please accept this as your personal invitation to come back to Mass in person. We are the poorer without you, you are greatly missed, and you are welcome back to Mass in person! Fr. Lee & Deacon Des.

Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham: Mass on Friday (24th September) at 9:30 a.m. will be using the rite of the Ordinariate, Divine Worship. This is a major Solemnity for the Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham, of which Fr Lee is a member. All are welcome at this Mass.

Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction: Please note there will be no Rosary, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction this coming Friday 24th September. This will return the following week (1st October). Thank you.

Confirmation Course 2021/2022: We are pleased to invite young adults who wish to be confirmed to register for the 2021/2022 course. Should we have enough interest we are planning to start the course after the October Half term break. Candidates should be in Year 10 or above. Please contact Clair in the Parish office via email or phone to be added to the waiting list. Thank you.

RCIA: Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Are you a member of a different church and are looking to come into full communion with the Catholic Church? We are looking to run a Right of Christian Initiation of Adults course from October through to Easter. All are welcome to attend this course. If this is of interest and you want to know more, please speak with Deacon Des or Fr. Lee. To register please contact Clair in the Parish Office. Thank you.



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Baptism Courses: The courses will take place on Wednesday 13th October, 17th November, 15th December and one in the New Year on the 12th January 2022 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.

Catholic Social Teaching - Parish Lectures: Deacon Des will be holding the following presentations in the Parish Centre:

Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 12 noon and Thursday 7th October 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Session 1: History & Background of Catholic Social Teaching. "From Rerum Novarum to today."

This session will focus on the historical aspects of CST beginning with Pope Leo XIII and his encyclical 'Rerum Novarum,' examining the socio-economic landscape of the day and how subsequent papal encyclicals have continued this theme. The session will also examine the basic principles of CST.

Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 12 noon & Thursday 11th November at 7:00 p.m.

Session 2: Just War & The Gospel.

This session will examine the doctrine of the Just War theory from Greco-Roman times, how this developed through St. Augustine and St. Thomas Aquinas, and discuss how or if this conflicts with the Gospel message of peace.

This pattern of monthly lectures will be held at 12 noon on the first date and will be repeated at 7:00 p.m. on the second date. Do please put these dates in your diary and come along. Please feel free to bring family and friends.

Living Laudato Si – Online Retreat – 15th – 18th October 2021: Open to all, this retreat will help personal prayer and reflection, and parish action, on the critical issue of care for God's creation. Bishop Alan will open the retreat, which will be led by expert speakers. For more information see the poster at the church entrance or email laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Christmas Cards: Its nearly that time of year again. You will be pleased to hear that a collection of Christmas Cards will be available to purchase from the repository very soon. We will let you know once they arrive.

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.

Welcome to our Parish: We would like to take this opportunity to welcome new Parishioners to our Parish. Anyone who 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.



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Mass Times and Intentions

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B		
Saturday 18th September	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
Sunday 19th September	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>	Our First Holy Communion Candidates and Families (Fr Lee) Bill Spencer R.I.P. (R. Spencer)
Monday 20th September <i>St. Andrew Kim Taegon & Companions Martyrs</i>	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Deceased members of the Spencer & Grace Families R.I.P (R. Spencer)
Tuesday 21st September <i>St. Matthew</i>	Confessions: 7:15 p.m. Latin Mass (EF): 8:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Wednesday 22nd September	Confessions: 12:00 p.m. Mass: 12:30 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Michael Bambridge (J. Bambridge)
Thursday 23rd September <i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Dennis O’Neil R.I.P. (R. Spencer)
Friday 24th September <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass (Divine Worship; The Missal): 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Spencer & Grace Families (R. Spencer)
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B		
Saturday 25th September	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 26th September	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

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



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