

The Little Flower Messenger

Year B – TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17th October 2021

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

'The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many'

Mass book (P. 146)

Hymn No: 455

1st Reading:

Psalm 32:4-3:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Communion Antiphon: (P. 148)

Hymn No: 403

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass only

Isaiah 53:10-11

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Hebrews 4:14-16

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; no one can come to the Father except through me.

Alleluia!

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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This Week's Good News

Dear Friends,

The Gospel today deals with the question of ambition once again. For the third time in Mark's Gospel Jesus speaks about his forthcoming passion and death but once again his closest companions fail to understand what he is referring to.

The request by James and John underlines their belief that they still see Jesus as a revolutionary and that the Messiah will be a political force who will free Israel from oppression by force. They therefore ask Jesus to let them be first and second in the coming kingdom. They were seeking personal honour and their request reveals a lack of understanding about the true meaning of leadership. They seek power and prestige and fail to understand the things they have learned from Jesus, that it is not about where one sits in the hierarchy but rather how one serves that is important.

Jesus asks them if they are ready to undergo the same as what He is about to endure and failing to grasp the enormity of what this means they readily say that they are.

Naturally, the request of James and John angered the other disciples. They were upset that James and John had tried to gain some advantage over them. So, Jesus called them all together to give them yet another lecture on real leadership in the kingdom of God. Jesus further explains that to sit on his right hand and on his left "*is not Mine to give*", for these places are reserved for those for whom they are prepared by his Father.



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According to Jesus, greatness consists not in what we have, nor in what we can get from others but in what we give to others. The test of greatness in the reign of God is not how many people are in one's service but how one may serve the many. Jesus thus overturns all our values, teaching us that true greatness consists in loving, humble, and sacrificial service. Jesus has identified authority with selfless service and loving sacrifice. For Jesus, true service means putting one's gifts at the disposal of others. Service is sacrifice extending a helping hand to those in need translates love into meaningful deeds. Jesus clearly teaches that when power and authority are used in selfish ways, for personal gain, pleasure, or advantage, instead of on behalf of others, they cease to be Christian, and those who make this error become "like the leaders of the Gentiles." St. Paul, in Rom 1:1, says: "*From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus.*" No wonder the official title of the popes down through the centuries has been, "*Servant of the servants of God*"! For our contemporary, St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), greatness lay in the giving of her whole self to the very lowest, treating them as brothers and sisters and living close to them.

This is an important reminder to all of us what is required of us to be true disciples of Christ.

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

Commemoration of all the faithful departed (All Souls) 2nd November: This is the day the Church sets aside to pray for all the faithful departed. The Church gives us the opportunity to offer three Masses on that day, we will offer Mass at 8:30a.m., 9:30 a.m., and the evening Mass in the Extraordinary Form (Latin) at 8:00p.m. During these Masses we will pray for our dear departed loved ones, and all those who have died and who have no one to pray for them. The whole month of November is the month of Holy Souls, so as in previous years we offer sheets for you to write the names of your departed loved ones that will be kept in a casket by the altar at every Mass of every day during November.

We also offer the chance to purchase a candle to be lit in loving memory of our departed loved ones, each candle will have a printed label with the names of your departed loved ones on it. This year we have obtained larger candles that can remain lit for seven days. The sheet to "book" a candle is inserted in this week's newsletter and will be available on the table as you come into/out of Church. There is also an envelope should you wish to make a Mass offering for the Masses offered for the Holy Souls throughout the month of November. Could we ask that those who wish to book a candle, please fill in this sheet, and return to Fr Lee at the Presbytery by Friday 29th October. This allows time for the labels to be printed, and the candles arranged in Church and lit after the Mass of All Saints on 1st November. Thank you; Fr Lee.

Deacon Des: Deacon Des will be away from the Parish for the next two weeks studying in Belgium. He will pick up emails whilst away but not phone calls. Therefore, there will be no Rosary, Exposition of the Sacrament & Benediction until Friday 5th November.

Week Commencing 25th October 2021: Please note there will be no weekday Masses during half term week as Fr Lee will be on annual leave. Also, the office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday of that week.

T4U Annual Shoe Box Appeal 2021: www.teams4u.com We are again sending 'Love in a box' this Christmas and would be very grateful for any suitable items to send. There will be a large plastic box in the Entrance Hall of the church for any of the following items you are able to give:



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- Toothbrush,-paste, soap etc
- Stationery and pens, pencils, small colouring books, crayons, sharpeners, rubbers etc.
- Small games, skipping ropes, puppets, dolls, craft sets, toy vehicles, socks, sweets, (use by date from June)
- For older children, makeup, bath products, hair-gel, - bands, jewellery, gloves etc.

The Wednesday Club will be filling the boxes with all the donated items on the 27th October 2021. Last year we made up over 100 boxes. You can see children's beaming faces online or @teams4Utube. Leaflets are available. There is a poster on the Notice Board with our phone numbers if you have any questions. Eileen, Brian and Helen.

T4U Annual Shoe Box Appeal 2021 Quiz: On the 23rd October 2021 at the Free Church Hall, Chapel Hill, Stansted, 7:00 p.m. to raise funds to send the boxes, which cost £2.50 each. Tickets are £5, bring your own refreshments. David Morson will be the Quiz Master - so you know you will have a lot of fun as well! Please see Helen Baker for tickets. More Details on Notice Board.

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.

Private Prayer: The church will be open for private prayer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. All are welcome. However, please note that the church will not be open during the week commencing 25th October.

Baptism Courses: The next set of courses will take place on Wednesday 17th November, 15th December and one in the New Year on 12th January 2022, all at 7:00 p.m. To enrol on the course, please email 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 presentation in the Parish Centre:

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.

Visions Group: The meetings are restarting on a new schedule. We would like to invite anyone who wishes to share and grow their faith to join us on the 14th, 21st and 28th of October at 7.30 p.m.. We are initially restarting in zoom (online) modality until the Parish centre reopens.

- Zoom meeting ID: 822 2687 8791 +
- Passcode: visionst.

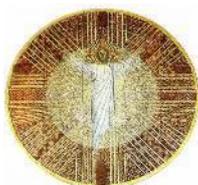
For a direct link visit the parish website calendar or contact Isobel.



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Mass Times and Intentions

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B		
Saturday 16 th October	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Lawrence McCreanor R.I.P (S. Wood)
Sunday 17 th October	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
Monday 18 th October <i>St Luke</i>	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Tuesday 19 th October <i>St Peter of Alcantara</i>	Confessions: 7:15 p.m. Latin Mass (EF): 8:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	For the Intentions of Mah Jouba (Sofia) (O.Salici)
Wednesday 20 th October	Confessions: 12:00 p.m. Mass: 12:30 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Thursday 21 st October	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Liam Clarke R.I.P 1st Anniversary (D. Clarke)
Friday 22 nd October	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B		
Saturday 23 rd October	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Michael Bambridge (J. Bambridge)
Sunday 24 th October <i>World Mission Day</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>	People of the Parish Robbie Moser R.I.P. (The Moser Family)



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