

The Little Flower Messenger

Year B – THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24th October 2021

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

'Master, let me see again'

Mass book (P. 149)

Hymn No: 36

1st Reading:

Psalm 125:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Communion Antiphon: (P. 151)

Hymn No: 183

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass only

Jeremiah 31:7-9

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Hebrews 5:1-6

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

We will ring out joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass only

This Week's Good News

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel readings contains a profound irony, that a blind man, Bartimaeus, is the first person outside of the Apostles to recognise Jesus as the Messiah. And his healing is the last miracle Jesus performs before entering the holy city of Jerusalem for His last week on earth. The scene on the road from Jericho to Jerusalem reminds us of the joyful procession prophesied by Jeremiah in today's First Reading. In Jesus this prophecy is fulfilled. God, through the promised Messiah, is delivering His people from exile, bringing them back from the ends of the earth, with the blind and lame in their midst. Jesus, as Bartimaeus proclaims, is the long-awaited Son promised to David (see 2 Samuel 7:12–16; Isaiah 11:9; Jeremiah 23:5). Upon His triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, all will see that the everlasting kingdom of David has come (see Mark 11:9–10).

As we hear in today's second reading from the letter to the Hebrews, the Son of David was expected to be the Son of God (see Psalm 2:7). He was to be a priest-king like Melchizedek (see Psalm 110:4), who offered bread and wine to God Most High at the dawn of salvation history (see Genesis 14:18–20). In this reading Bartimaeus becomes a symbol of his people, the captive Zion of whom we read of in today's Psalm. His God has done great things for him. All his life has been sown in tears and weeping. Now, he reaps a new life. Bartimaeus, too, should be a sign for us. How often Christ passes us by in the person of the poor, and in the person we have grown to dislike or hate, and yet we often fail to see Him. Christ still calls to us through His Church, as Jesus sent His Apostles to call Bartimaeus. Yet how often are we found to be listening instead to the voices of the crowd, not hearing the words of His Church. Today Jesus asks



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us what He asks Bartimaeus: “What do you want me to do for you?” Rejoicing, let us ask the same thing of Him, what can we do for all that He has done for us?

Fr Lee

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 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 this 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 week 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.

This Week (25th October 2021): Please note there will be no weekday Masses this week as Fr Lee will be on annual leave. Also, the office will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday of this 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:

- 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.



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APF Red Boxes: Could we ask you to please return your APF Red Box next weekend (30th -31st October) for counting and to collect a new box. Should you wish to know how much your box contained please place your name and address on the bottom of the box.

If you don't currently have an APF Red Box please feel free to take one next weekend, the monies raised go to the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, a missionary society.

Private Prayer: Please note that the church will not be open for private prayer this week (25th October). From the following week, the church will be open for private prayer on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. All are welcome.

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 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.

Welcome to our Parish: We would like to take this opportunity to welcome new Parishioners to our Parish. Would anyone that has not yet contacted us about registration to the Parish please do so via email to stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org or contact Clair via the Parish Office telephone numbers above.

Gift Aid Envelopes 2021/2022: We still have a number of uncollected Gift Aid envelopes for the current financial year; should you wish to have them, please contact Clair in the office and she will arrange for them to be collected or delivered to you. Your continued support for our Parish is appreciated; we cannot thank you enough. If you are a tax payer and are donating to the Parish without a Gift Aid declaration in place, we are unable to claim the extra 25% from the government. Should you have any questions about Gift Aid, or wish to become a contributor, please contact us via email:

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Mass Times and Intentions

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Saturday 23rd October	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Michael Bambridge (J. Bambridge)
Sunday 24th 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)
Monday 25th October	No Mass	
Tuesday 26th October <i>St Cedd</i>	No Mass	
Wednesday 27th October	No Mass	
Thursday 28th October <i>St Simon & Jude</i>	No Mass	
Friday 29th October	No Mass	
ALL SAINTS – Year B		
Saturday 30th October	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Sylvia Hills R.I.P. (M. McGahan)
Sunday 31st 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



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



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