

# The Little Flower Messenger

Year B – ALL SAINTS 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Theresa of Lisieux

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## Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

*'Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven'*

**Mass book (P. 186)**

**Hymn No: 146**

**1st Reading:**

**Psalm 23:1-6:**

**2nd Reading:**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Communion Antiphon: (P. 188)**

**Hymn No: 263**

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass only**

*Apocalypse 7:2-4, 9-14*

*Such are the men who seek your face, O'Lord.*

*1 John 3:1-3*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!*

*Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.*

*Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.*

**Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass only**

## This Week's Good News

Dear Friends,

Today's Feast is transferred from the 1<sup>st</sup> November to this weekend. What we celebrate today and on Tuesday, the commemoration of all the faithful departed, is a feast for us all. Coming at the end of our Liturgical Year, they reflect on the past, the present, and the future. They consider the Church, the body of all believers, militant, suffering, and triumphant, and in doing so rehearse the mysteries of Easter. The first reading focuses us for today's solemnity. In the Book of Revelation, St. John the Divine reports "a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue." This is Good News. Salvation has come not only for Israel, but for the Gentiles as well. Here is the fulfilment of God's promise to Abraham, that by his seed all the nations of the world would bless themselves (see Genesis 22:18). The Church celebrates many famous Christians on their individual memorials, but today she praises God for all His "holy ones," His saints. That is the title St. Paul preferred when he addressed his congregations in his letters.

Made holy by Baptism, they were already "saints" by the grace of God (see Colossians 1:2). They awaited, however, the day when they could "share in the inheritance of the saints in light" (Colossians 1:12). And so do we, as the Scriptures give us reasons for celebration and hope. In our second reading, St. John tells us that to be "saints" means to be "children of God"—and then he adds: "so we are"! Note that he speaks in the present tense, not what we hope we will be in the future. Yet John also says that we are a work in progress, not the finished article. We are already God's children, but "what we shall be has not yet been revealed." Therefore, we work out our salvation: "Everyone who has



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this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure” (1 John 3:3). We do this as we share the life of Christ, who defined earthly beatitude for us. We are “blessed,” He says, when we are poor, when we mourn, when we are persecuted for His sake. It is then we should “Rejoice and be glad, for [our] reward will be great in heaven” (Matthew 5:12). Until then, we pray with the Psalmist: “Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.” Salvation has come through Abraham’s seed, but it belongs to all nations. For “the Lord’s are the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples” (Psalm 24:1).

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) 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



**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.

**Baptism Courses:** The next set of courses will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 15<sup>th</sup> December and one in the New Year on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022, all at 7:00 p.m. To enrol on the course, please email the Parish Office [stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto: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.



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

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 12 noon & Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of November 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.

**APF Red Boxes:** Please remember to return you APF Red Box this weekend 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, the moneys raised go to the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, a missionary society.

**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](mailto: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:

[Stansted-giftaid@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:Stansted-giftaid@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or speak to Clair in the office.



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## Mass Times and Intentions

ALL SAINTS		
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Confessions: <b>5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.</b> Mass: <b>6:00 p.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Sylvia Hills R.I.P.</b> (M. McGahan)
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Mass: <b>8:30 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>  Confessions: <b>9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.</b> Mass: <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>People of the Parish</b>  <b>Holy Souls</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Confessions: <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Mass: <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November <i>Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)</i>	Mass: <b>8:30 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>  Mass: <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>  Confessions: <b>7:15 p.m.</b> Latin Mass (EF): <b>8:00 p.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Holy Souls</b>  <b>For the Intentions of Brothers &amp; Family</b> (O.Salici)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Confessions: <b>12:00 p.m.</b> Mass: <b>12:30 p.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	Confessions: <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Mass: <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Confessions: <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Mass: <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>John Whiting R.I.P.</b> (K. Whiting)
THIRTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B		
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Confessions: <b>5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.</b> Mass: <b>6:00 p.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Michael Bambridge</b> (J. Bambridge)
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Mass: <b>8:30 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>  Confessions: <b>9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.</b> Mass: <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>  Mass (EF) (Latin): <b>12:00 p.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>People of the Parish</b>  <b>Eileen Barker R.I.P.</b> (L. Barker)



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



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