

The Little Flower Messenger

Year B – THIRTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7th November 2021

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

'This poor widow has put in more than all'

Mass book (P. 154)

1st Reading:

1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalms 145:7-10:

My soul, give praise to the Lord

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: (P. 157)

The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

This Week's Good News

Dear Friends,

The context for today's Gospel is the worsening situation between Jesus and the Jewish authorities. The first part of the Gospel today sees Jesus warn the crowds not to be like the hypocritical scribes in seeking honour and attention from others. Jesus denounces their hypocrisy of their false religious piety and warns that they will face a severe punishment.

Mark tells us that Jesus taught these things whilst in the vicinity of the Temple in Jerusalem. Jesus is seated opposite the treasury and watches as the people make their contributions to the temple treasury. The pilgrims visiting the Temple in Jerusalem would make offerings of prayer and sacrifice but were also expected to contribute financially to the temple treasury.

Jesus observes how the wealthy put into the treasury great sums whilst those less well-off made smaller contributions. Jesus then brings to the attention of those with him the contribution of a poor widow, two small coins of very little worth to others but to her, all that she had. The widow put in all that she had, whilst the wealthy put in what they had spare. Jesus commends the offering of the widow because hers was an act of profound generosity, giving from her livelihood rather than her surplus.

This showed a tremendous faith in God on the part of the widow. She gave all that she had trusting that God would provide for her. It is not about how much money we have or can give or spare. What matters to God is that we give with love and faith. This can be financial, or it may be our time.

Very often, when we ask ourselves how strong our faith is, we probably say that we have a strong faith. However, when tough times arrive, we then find that our faith is perhaps not as strong as we thought. We



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need to trust in God, we need to give everything we have in His service and trust that he will provide for us in good times and in bad. The treasury of faith will always be more valuable than any earthly treasury.

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

Month of Holy Souls: November is the month of prayer for Holy Souls, when we pray for all the faithful departed, those known and dear to us, and those too, who have no one to pray for them. Should you wish, please write the names of departed loved ones on a piece of paper and once completed post through the Presbytery letter box. The names on the sheets will be kept on the altar for the month of November and will be remembered at the Masses during November. A Mass stipend can also be placed in this envelope.

Confirmation Course 2021/2022: This is the last call for any young adults who wish to be confirmed and be part of the 2021/2022 course. The first session takes place on Monday 22nd November at 7:00pm. Candidates should be in Year 10 or above. Please contact Clair in the Parish office via email or phone by 11:00am on Thursday 19th November. Thank you.

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 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 this week:

Wednesday 10th 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. Please come along, feel free to bring family and friends, all are welcome.

Visions Group: We would like to invite anyone who wishes to share and grow their faith to join us every Monday from the 15th November at 3:45 p.m.

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

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



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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: Stansted-giftaid@dioceseofbrentwood.org or speak to Clair in the office.



Holy Souls

As the weather grows colder and the nights begin to draw in, it is natural that our thoughts turn to those whom we have loved who are no longer with us. How appropriate, then, that the Catholic Church offers us November as the Month of prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

In recent years, perhaps no Catholic doctrine has been more misunderstood even by Catholics ourselves than the doctrine of Purgatory. Consequently, we tend to downplay it, even seem a little embarrassed by it, and it is the Holy Souls who suffer because of our discomfort with the doctrine.

Purgatory is not, as many people think, one last trial; all of those who make it to Purgatory will one day be in Heaven. Purgatory is where those who have died in grace, but who have not fully atoned for the temporal punishments resulting from their sins, go to finish their atonement before entering Heaven. A soul in Purgatory may suffer, but they have the assurance that they will ultimately enter Heaven when their punishment is complete. Catholics believe Purgatory is an expression of God's love, His desire to cleanse our souls of all that might keep us from experiencing the fullness of joy in Heaven.

As Christians, we don't travel through this world alone. Our salvation is wrapped up with the salvation of others, and charity requires us to come to their aid. The same is true of the Holy Souls. In their time in Purgatory, they can pray for us, and we should pray for the faithful departed that they may be freed from the punishment for their sins and enter into Heaven.

We should pray for the dead throughout the year, especially on the anniversary of their death, but in this Month of the Holy Souls, we should devote some time every day to prayer for the dead. We should start with those closest to us—our mothers and fathers, for instance—but we should also offer prayers for all the souls, and especially for those most forsaken.

We believe that those Holy Souls for whom we pray will continue to pray for us after they have been released from Purgatory. If we live Christian lives, we too will likely find ourselves in Purgatory someday, and our acts of charity toward the Holy Souls there now will ensure that they remember us before the throne of God when we are most in need of prayers. It's a comforting thought, and one that should encourage us, especially in this month of November, to offer our prayers for the Holy Souls.



Mass Times and Intentions

THIRTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B		
Saturday 6th November	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Michael Bambridge (J. Bambridge)
Sunday 7th November	Mass: 8:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
<i>V Sunday remaining after Epiphany II</i>	Confessions: 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Mary Shevlane R.I.P. (M. Michelson)
Monday 8th November	Mass (EF) (Latin): 12:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Eileen Barker R.I.P. (L. Barker)
Tuesday 9th November <i>Dedication of the Archbasilica of the Saviour</i>	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Holy Souls (C. Welsh)
Tuesday 9th November <i>Dedication of the Archbasilica of the Saviour</i>	Confessions: 7:15 p.m. Latin Mass (EF): 8:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Lucia & Giovanni Maria (O.Salici)
Wednesday 10th November <i>St Leo the Great</i>	Confessions: 12:00 p.m. Mass: 12:30 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Deceased members of the Quinn & Walsh Families (B&E Quinn)
Thursday 11th November <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Those who have Fallen in Battle in Two World Wars and subsequent battles and conflicts
Friday 12th November <i>St Josephat</i>	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Holy Souls
THIRTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – Year B		
Saturday 13th November	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	James McCreanor R.I.P. (S. Wood)
Sunday 14th November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	Mass: 8:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
	Confessions: 9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Roman Babula R.I.P. (Moser Family)



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