

The Little Flower Messenger

Year C – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 3rd July 2022

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

'Your peace will rest on that man.'

Mass book (P. 105)

1st Reading:

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalm 65:1-7:

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

2nd Reading:

Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: (P. 107)

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

This Week's Good News

Dear Friends,

Jesus has a vision in this week's Gospel: Satan falling like lightning from the sky, the enemy vanquished by the missionary preaching of His Church. Sent out by Jesus to begin gathering the nations into the harvest of divine judgment (see Isaiah 27:12-13; Joel 4:13), the seventy-two can be seen as a sign of the continuing mission of the Church. Carrying out the work of the seventy-two, the Church today proclaims the coming of God's kingdom. She offers His blessings of peace and mercy to every household on earth, "every town and place He himself was to visit." Their commission to bestow peace on others does not rest on any personal quality of theirs but is part of a spiritual gift, a link with heaven. Like Jesus words on appearing in the upper room following his resurrection from the dead were "Peace be with you", so the first words that they are to utter are a prayer of peace. Those of goodwill, with a heart open to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, will receive this precious gift of God's saving presence. This is precisely the biblical concept of shalom, not just an absence of strife, or a calm outlook on life, but a radical principle of life, a mode of being, a participation in God's life-giving nature.

Our Lord's tone is solemn today, for in the preaching of the Church "the kingdom of God is very near to you," the time of decision has come for every person. Those who do not receive His messengers will be doomed like Sodom. We are reminded that we are the messengers and also, we are the recipients of his message too. We should not reject that which has been proclaimed to us. But those who believe will find peace and mercy, protection and nourishment in the bosom of the Church, the Mother Zion we celebrate in this week's beautiful First Reading, the "Israel of God" Paul blesses in this week's Epistle. The Church is a new family of faith (see Galatians 6:10) in which we receive a new name that will endure forever (see Isaiah 66:22), a name written in heaven. In this week's Psalm, we sing of God's "tremendous deeds among men" throughout salvation history. But of all the works of God, none has been greater than



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what He has wrought by the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Changing the sea into dry land was but an anticipation and preparation for our passing over, for what Paul calls the “new creation.” And as the people of Israel during the Exodus period was protected in a wilderness of serpents and scorpions (see Deuteronomy 8:15), He has given His Church power now over “the full force of the enemy.” Nothing will harm us as we make our way through the wilderness of this world, awaiting the Master of the harvest, awaiting the day when all on earth will shout joyfully to the Lord and sing praise to the glory of His name.

Fr Lee

St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This very special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes, in a church or cathedral. More details of the tour can be found on the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales website: www.cbcew.org.uk/st-bernadette-relic-tour-2022/

Parish News

Clergy Moves: It is to be announced at all Masses this weekend that Fr Lee will be leaving the Parish to undertake Pastoral duties in the Diocese of Shrewsbury, in order to be closer to his family in the north.

He is to be replaced by Fr Liam Hayes who currently has responsibilities at the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology in Cambridge. He will continue with this role as well as being Parish Priest here in Stansted.

The moves will take affect from the 3rd/4th September 2022. Fr Lee’s final Mass in the Parish will be on Sunday 7th August so that he can have time for a break and to move.

Do please pray for Fr Lee and his family and be assured of his prayers for all of you. Pray too for Fr Liam as he prepares to start his ministry in this Parish.

Volunteering: We would welcome anyone that wishes to start volunteering as a greeter, server, reader, collector, counter or can offer any other skill/assistance you can give to support the Parish; to make themselves known to Fr Lee or Deacon Des, Alternatively you can email the parish office at stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org . Thank you.

Baptism Course: The next baptism course takes place on Wednesday 20th July; at 7:00 p.m. To enrol on the course, please email the Parish Office stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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.

Sacrament of Marriage: People who wish to be married in the Catholic Church must approach Fr. Lee / Deacon Des, at least 6 months prior to the intended date of their wedding, and before setting a wedding date.



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First Holy Communion Programme 2022/2023: Should you wish your child to be registered for the First Holy Communion programme commencing around September 2022, please contact Clair by email or phone (details above) no later than noon on **Thursday, 28th July 2022**. (Late registration may mean your child will be registered for the 2023-2024 programme). Your child will need to be in Year 3 or above from September 1st, 2022. The workshops dates and an administration meeting with the new group and parents will be arranged in due course. Please look out for further details.



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During these difficult times, we recognise that the financial impact on some parishioners can be significant. Your continued support for our Parish is appreciated.



Visions Group: The Visions Group would like to invite anyone who wishes to share and grow their faith to join us every Monday at 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. All are welcome. Visit the parish website calendar or contact Isobel for details.



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Mass Times and Intentions

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C		
Saturday 2 nd July	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Rene Warren R.I.P. (M. Oakes)
Sunday 3 rd July	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> Mass (Latin): 12:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish Holy Souls (J&C Welsh) Suzy Reindorp (L. Barker)
Monday 4 th July	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Tuesday 5 th July <i>St Anthony Mary Zaccaria</i>	Confessions: 7:15 p.m. Mass (Latin): 8:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	The Parish (O. Salici)
Wednesday 7 th July	Confessions: 12:00 p.m. Mass: 12:30 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Thursday 8 th July	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Friday 9 th July	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C		
Saturday 10 th July	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
Sunday 11 th July	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>	Martin Fitzpatrick R.I.P. (Horton Family) Ronnie Jackson R.I.P. (Jackson Family)



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