

# The Little Flower Messenger

Year C – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Theresa of Lisieux

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**Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

*'Who is my neighbour?'*

**Mass book (P. 108)**

**1st Reading:**

*Deuteronomy 30:10-14*

**Psalm 68:14:**

*Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and your hearts will revive.*

**2nd Reading:**

*Colossians 1:15-20*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!*

**Communion Antiphon: (P. 111)**

*The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.*

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## This Week's Good News

Dear Friends,

The first reading, taken from Deuteronomy, reminds us that God not only gives us His Commandments in Holy Scriptures, but that they are also written in our hearts so that we may obey them and inherit eternal life with God. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the Colossians, and us, that just as Christ Jesus is the “visible image of the invisible God,” so our neighbours are the visible image of Christ living in our midst. In today’s Gospel, a scribe asks Jesus a very basic religious question: “What should I do to inherit eternal life?” In answer to the question, Jesus directs the scribe’s attention to the Sacred Scriptures. The Scriptural answer is, “love God and express it by loving your neighbour.” However, to the scribe the word “neighbour” means another scribe or Pharisee – never a Samaritan or a Gentile. Hence, the scribe insists on clarification of the word “neighbour.” So, Jesus tells him the parable of the Good Samaritan. The parable clearly indicates that a “neighbour” is anyone who needs help. Thus, the correct approach is not to ask, “Who is my neighbour?” but rather to ask, “Am I a good neighbour to others?” Jesus, the Heavenly Good Samaritan, gives us a final commandment during the Last Supper, “Love one another as I have loved you,” because the invisible God dwells in every human being.

This parable that Jesus told was shocking. Shocking because the idea of a Samaritan demonstrating how the Scribe should live his life was beyond comprehension. The sad aspect of this parable is that it revealed the true nature of the so-called religious leaders of Jesus’ time. Love for neighbour and concern for the troubles that people encountered in their daily lives did not register on their radar. Rather, acting piously and observing the rituals and laws were much more important than helping and loving people. This is a lesson for us all today.



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It matters not how many times we attend Mass and recite prayers. This is not the test of how faithful we are to the Gospel of Christ. What matters is how much we love, genuinely love. Not just being polite to people but all the time inside despising them but loving them. Going out of our way to help those in need who lie bleeding and bruised by the side of life's road. The parable of the Good Samaritan is as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago.

Deacon Des

## **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/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/st-bernadette-relic-tour-2022/)

## **Parish News**

**Clergy Moves:** Please note the following moves in the Diocese as announced by Bishop Alan. The clergy moves will take effect at the beginning of September.

### **Parish Priests**

**Fr Matthew Bemand-Qureshi** from Newbury Park to Upminster.

**Fr Tibor Borovsky** from Holy Cross, Parsons Green to Waltham Abbey.

**Fr Martin Hardy** from Grays to Chelmsford, Our Lady Immaculate, Holy Name and Springfield.

**Fr Liam Hayes** to Stansted. Fr Liam will continue with his responsibilities at the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology in Cambridge.

**Fr Jean-Laurent Marie** to Dagenham, Holy Family. Fr Jean-Laurent will be assisted by members of the Community of Grace.

**Fr Stephen Myers** from Dagenham, Holy Family to Grays.

**Fr David Pearce** from Basildon, St Basil the Great [also on loan to Chingford], to Newbury Park.

**Fr Celestine Onwuekwe** from Waltham Abbey to Great Bardfield.

### **Assistant Priests**

**Fr Jigo George** from Springfield to Chingford, Our Lady of Grace & St Teresa of Avila.

**Fr Oliver Tham OFM** from Malaysia to Chelmsford, Our Lady Immaculate, Holy Name and Springfield.

**Fr Damien Wade** Newly Ordained to Chelmsford, Our Lady Immaculate, Holy Name and Springfield.

### **Brentwood Catholic Youth Service**

**Frs Michael Barwick and Paschal Uche** will be released from their parish commitments for one day per week to assist with the BCYS Chaplaincy.

**Thank you:** Fr Lee would like to say a huge thank you for all of the kind messages and comments after the announcement of his move to the Diocese of Shrewsbury.

**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](mailto:stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org) . Thank you.



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**Baptism Course:** The next baptism course takes place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July; at 7:00 p.m. To enrol on the course, please email the Parish Office [stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto: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.

**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, 28<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

**Gift Aid:** If you pay tax on your income and would like to donate using envelopes, please email Angelo at [stansted-giftaid@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:stansted-giftaid@dioceseofbrentwood.org) for details.

Donating through Gift Aid means we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra.

If you are a Gift Aid donor and your circumstances have changed, such that you no longer wish to donate via the Gift Aid scheme, please let Angelo know (using the same email account above) so that we can reallocate your envelope.

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.

The Visions group will be having a summer break during August, with the last session taking place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022, returning on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022.



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## Mass Times and Intentions

<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C</b>		
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Confessions: <b>5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.</b> Mass: <b>6:00 p.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	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>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Martin Fitzpatrick R.I.P.</b> (Horton Family)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ronnie Jackson R.I.P.</b> (Jackson Family)</p>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July <i>St Benedict</i>	Confessions: <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Mass: <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July <i>St John Gualberti</i>	Confessions: <b>7:15 p.m.</b> Mass (Latin): <b>8:00 p.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Fr Henry</b> (O. Salici)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Confessions: <b>12:00 p.m.</b> Mass: <b>12:30 p.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Intentions for Bridget Cudd</b> (F. Christy)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Confessions: <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Mass: <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Mick Rogers R.I.P.</b> (The O'Regan Family)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July <i>St Bonaventure</i>	Confessions: <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Mass: <b>9:30 a.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	
<b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C</b>		
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Confessions: <b>5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.</b> Mass: <b>6:00 p.m.</b> <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Intentions for the Joy Family</b> (P.Meadley)
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	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>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maureen Fitzpatrick R.I.P.</b> (Horton Family)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>People of the Parish</b></p>



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