

The Little Flower Messenger

Year C – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 17th July 2022

Welcome to our Parish Community of St. Theresa of Lisieux

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Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

'Martha welcomed Jesus into her house. Mary has chosen the better part.'

Mass book (P. 111)

1st Reading:

Genesis 18:1-10

Psalm 14:2-5:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

2nd Reading:

Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: (P. 114)

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

This Week's Good News

Dear Friends,

Today's first reading describes how Abraham and Sarah's hospitality to angels in the guise of strangers was rewarded by God, who blessed them with a son in their old age. The refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 15) *He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord*, reminds us of our intended final destination. In the second reading, Paul declares that he was commissioned by God to minister to the Church, as the revealer of the mystery of salvation and the preacher of the word in its fullness (v. 25). He invites believers to open their hearts and minds and to show their hospitality to the mystery of Christ which he preaches. Paul also challenges us to cultivate that quality of hospitality which welcomes all others in Christ. Today's Gospel passage describes how Martha, a genuine child of Abraham, wanted to extend the traditional generous hospitality of her people to Jesus, the true Messiah, by preparing an elaborate meal for him (while her sister Mary spent her time in talking to Jesus and listening to him; It invites us to serve others with Martha's diligence after recharging our spiritual batteries every day by prayer – listening to God and talking to God – as Mary did. We can minister truly to the needs of others only after welcoming God's Word into in our hearts and minds. We need to recharge our spiritual batteries: We should put aside the work we do for the Lord in serving others and just spend some time being with Him, talking to Him and listening to Him, fully aware of His holy presence in our souls. We may also recharge our spiritual energy by means of our personal and family prayers, our meditative reading of the Bible and our participation in the celebration of the Holy Mass. We need listening Marys and serving Marys: Martha has become a symbol of action-oriented, responsible people who get the job done. Our world and our parish churches need such dynamic and generous men, women, boys, and girls. We need them to sing in the choir, to help in the Church, to teach in the children's liturgies, to visit the sick and the shut-ins and to serve in all other ministries of the parish community. We need to be good listeners, like Mary, at home and in the workplace. Active and busy as we are, we must find time every day to listen to God, to our spouse, children, and neighbours. Listening and quiet caring are essential for



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the success of married life, of family life and of the rearing of children with love, affection, and a gentle, firm discipline. Human love begins at home, and it begins with listening

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/

Parish News

Dear All,

As you know, Fr Lee will be leaving us at the end of August to take up pastoral duties in the diocese of Shrewsbury. In order to mark his three years as our priest, a collection will be held after each of the masses for those who would like to contribute towards a farewell gift from the parish. The collections will be held after each of the masses this weekend (16/17th July) and next weekend (23/24th July).

Thank you, Deacon Des.

Fr Lee: It has been confirmed that Fr Lee is taking up the role of Parochial Administrator in the parishes of St Thomas Aquinas and St Stephen Harding, Market Drayton and St Peter and St Paul, Newport. Both are in North Shropshire in the Diocese of Shrewsbury.

Masses: Fr Lee's last weekend with us will be 6th/7th August. Following this date there will be no weekday Masses, however, weekend Masses will continue. Cover will be provided as follows:

Saturday 13th August: Fr Stewart Foster

Saturday 20th August: Fr Stewart Foster

Saturday 27th August: Fr Michael Halsall

Sunday 14th August: Fr Stewart Foster

Sunday 21st August: Bishop Alan Williams SM

Sunday 28th August: Fr Michael Halsall

Please continue to check the Newsletter, website, and Facebook page for any last-minute changes. Thank you.

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.

Baptism Course: The next baptism course takes place this 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.



Gift Aid: If you pay tax on your income and would like to donate using envelopes, please email Angelo at 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 25th July 2022, returning on Monday 5th September 2022.



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Mass Times and Intentions

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C		
Saturday 16th July	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Intentions for the Joy Family (P.Meadley)
Sunday 17th 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>	Maureen Fitzpatrick R.I.P. (Horton Family) People of the Parish
Monday 18th July	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Tuesday 19th July <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	Confessions: 7:15 p.m. Mass (Latin): 8:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Fr Serafino (O. Salici)
Wednesday 20th July	Confessions: 12:00 p.m. Mass: 12:30 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Thursday 21st July	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Friday 22nd July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	Confessions: 9:00 a.m. Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C		
Saturday 23rd July	Confessions: 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Bambridge Family (J Bambridge)
Sunday 24th July <i>World Day for Grandparents & Elderly</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>	For the intentions of Pat Maher. (P. Simons) People of the Parish



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