

Parish of St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted

The Little Flower Messenger

Year C – TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 9th October 2022

The Presbytery, High Lane, Stansted Mountfitchet, CM24 8LQ
Tel. 01279 814 349 • stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org • www.sttheresastansted.org
• Twitter: @StStansted • Instagram: sttheresastansted

Parish Priest: Fr. Liam Hayes frliamhayes@dioceseofbrentwood.org ☎ 01279 814 349

Parish Deacon: Rev. Des Connors desconnors@dioceseofbrentwood.org ☎ 07748 464 101

Parish Administrator: Clair Rava stansted@dioceseofbrentwood.org ☎ 01279 816 889/07734 273 969

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

'No one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.'

Mass book (P. 149)

1st Reading:

2 Kings 5:14-17

Psalm 97:1-4 r.2:

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

2nd Reading:

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: (P. 151)

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Thought from Fr Liam

Dear Friends

I trust that you and yours remain well and thank you once again to everyone who brought flowers to our Church last weekend for our parish feast day - they looked beautiful.

Unfortunately, I will be unable to celebrate mass with you this weekend as sadly I have tested positive for COVID. So in line with the guidelines, I shall be self-isolating for at least the next five days until I test negative. I would be grateful if you would keep me in your prayers and I will join you for mass online this Sunday. The Bishop's office is kindly trying to arrange a priest to celebrate mass with us this weekend.

Pope Francis reflected recently that sickness reminds us not only of our own vulnerability but also our innate need of each other – we are deeply interdependent and interconnected and can flourish most fully together.

With my prayers and best wishes for a blessed week ahead and I look forward to seeing you all again next weekend,

Liam



Please familiarise yourselves with the location of the fire exits, extinguishers, and assembly points at this church.

This Week's Good News

Dear Friends,

Today's readings contain the central theme of gratitude. In the first reading, we hear about the Syrian Military Commander, Naaman. He was an outcast because of his leprosy as well as also being a pagan. However, when he is cured of his leprosy, he returns to thank the Prophet Elisha for curing him, and in addition, becomes a follower of the God of Israel.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds Timothy that gratitude must be shown to God even during his physical sufferings and the danger he must face in bearing witness to Christ and the spreading of the word of God, because God is never absent and is always faithful to His people.

Today's Gospel tells of the curing of 10 lepers, with only one returning to show gratitude to Jesus. The one who returned was a 'Samaritan', an outcast in the eyes of the Jewish people, whilst the other 9 lepers were Jews and did not return to give thanks. All these accounts underline the link between faith and healing. Healing that can be both physical or spiritual. A Non-Jew like Naaman, showed great faith in deciding to submerge himself into the waters of the river Jordan and received his reward for that faith. These accounts also show us that God's love is for all peoples, as illustrated by the curing of a pagan as well as a Samaritan. No one is precluded.

These readings should remind us that we need to be thankful to God and to others for the blessings we have received in our lives. Far too often, we only focus on the woes that befall us, rather than giving thanks for the many things we have that we take for granted. We need to ensure that we trust in God completely and display our faith to everyone we encounter on life's journey. During those times when we struggle to understand why things happen to ourselves and others, it is then that we need to submerge ourselves into the river of trust and hope, knowing that ultimately God will never abandon us.

Deacon Des

Gospel Luke 17:11-19

No-one has come back to praise God, only this foreigner

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

Catholic Social Teaching – Thought for the Day

Helder Câmara preached for a church closer to the disfavoured people. He is quoted as having said:

"When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why they are poor, they call me a communist."

Helder Camara OFS was a Brazilian Catholic Archbishop. He spoke out regularly against the Military dictatorship in Brazil. He died in August 1999 and was declared a Servant of God in 2015. He was an advocate of liberation theology.

Deacon Des



Please familiarise yourselves with the location of the fire exits, extinguishers, and assembly points at this church.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – World Food Crisis Appeal : Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. As each day goes by, the situation worsens. As people of faith we must act. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a monthly gift to CAFOD. Use the envelope for located in the entrance and place them into our parish collection or go to www.cafod.org.uk/fastday



St Bernadette Relic Tour 2022

The relics of St Bernadette will come to the Brentwood Cathedral of St Mary and St Helen on 16th October at 10am and depart the following day at 12 noon. On 18th October, they will arrive at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead at 10am and will leave on 19th October at 9am.

The venues hosting St Bernadette's relics have a fixed capacity for visitors. To ensure the comfort and safety of pilgrims, visitors are asked to register their attendance, choosing a dedicated timeslot at a church or cathedral of their choice.

More details of the tour can be found on our website and on the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales website: www.cbcew.org.uk/st-bernadette-relic-tour-2022/



Parish News

Teams4U Christmas Shoeboxes for Deprived Children: For many years during October, we have been collecting small toys and school notebooks, pens, pencils, gloves, hats, soap, toothpaste and brushes etc to send to deprived children in Ukraine and other locations. These are packed into individual boxes and delivered by lorry through the charitable organisation Teams4 U.

Each box will cost £3 to send and we would be very grateful for any contributions you are able to make, either towards the costs or items for the children. You will find a poster in the porch and some leaflets with more information. You will also see a large red box where your donations can be placed.

Churches Together Harvest Supper: This year's Churches Together Harvest supper will take place in the Parish Centre on Sunday 16th October at 6:00p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance no later than this coming Monday (10th October). Tickets cost £10 and include a fish and chip supper. For tickets and further details please call 814 865, 813 579 or 816 293. Thank you.

Visions Group: We 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.

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



Please familiarise yourselves with the location of the fire exits, extinguishers, and assembly points at this church.

Mass Times and Intentions

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C		
Saturday 8 th October	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Sunday 9 th October	Mass: 8:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish Eamon McLoughlin R.I.P. (His Family & Friends)
Monday 10 th October	❖	
Tuesday 11 th October	❖	
Wednesday 12 th October <i>St Ethelburge, Hildelithe & Cuthberga</i>	❖	
Thursday 13 th October	❖	
Friday 14 th October	Mass: 9:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed.</i>	Ted Clarke R.I.P. (K. Clarke)
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C		
Saturday 15 th October	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Margaret Bennett R.I.P. (M. Dalzell)
Sunday 16 th October	Mass: 8:30 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish



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



Please familiarise yourselves with the location of the fire exits, extinguishers, and assembly points at this church.