

# Parish of St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted

## *The Little Flower Messenger*

Year A - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023

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### **Gospel: Matthew 4:12-17**

*'He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.'*

**Mass book (P. 127)**

**1st Reading:**

*Isaiah 8:23b-9:3*

**Psalms 26:1. 4. 13-14 r. 1:**

*The Lord is my light and my help.*

**2nd Reading:**

*1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!*

### **A thought from Fr Liam...bearing witness together in the Lord**

Dear Friends

This week we join together more deeply with our fellow Christians in prayer and action for Christian unity in our shared witness to the risen Lord. We are called to continue to journey together as fellow pilgrims in our shared baptismal vocation to bring good news to the poor, to set the downtrodden free and open our own eyes to the goodness and wisdom across all our Christian churches. Let us pray together that we may indeed 'be one' and journey as strangers no longer in mission and service to God's world, embracing this beautiful blessing that concludes the service for Christian unity this year:

*May God bless you with discomfort  
at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,  
so that you may live deep within your heart.*

*May God bless you with anger  
at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people,  
so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.*

*May God bless you with tears  
to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war,  
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them  
and turn their pain into joy.*



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*And may God bless you with enough foolishness  
to believe that you can make a difference in the world,  
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done  
to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.  
Amen.*

I wish you and yours a blessed and peaceful week.

Liam

### Prayer for the week from CAFOD

God who cannot be bound  
Flow into our hearts and minds  
Wear down our resistance to your love  
And refresh us with the spirit of your compassion.

Today, as we commit ourselves once more to your work  
We ask you to show us how to hold the needs of your world  
At the heart of our lives  
And to celebrate your many gifts with joy.

May your power transform our lives,  
May your Spirit set us free,  
And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Be with us all now and for ever. Amen.

Linda Jones (CAFOD)

### Our Parish

**Bishop's Stortford Catenians Burns Night Celebration:** This year's Burns Night celebration is open to all. Taking place this coming Friday (27th January) at 7.00pm, with dinner at 8pm at the Great Hadham Golf Club. Tickets cost £32 per person and the dress code is Black Tie or Kilts. To book or if you have any queries, please contact Bertie via email at [bertie@dentistry19.co.uk](mailto:bertie@dentistry19.co.uk).

**Offertory 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023:** Thank you very much for your generous financial support for our parish

Gift Aided	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
£82.10	£275.80	£380.63	£738.53

If you pay tax and would like any donations you make to our Parish to be Gift Aided, please email Angelo at [stansted-giftaid@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:stansted-giftaid@dioceseofbrentwood.org) for details.



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**Visions Group:** We would like to invite anyone who wishes to share and grow their faith to join us every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre. All are welcome. Visit the parish website calendar or contact Isobel for details.

## Our Diocese

**Emergency Winter Appeal:** Bishop Alan has written to parishes asking for their support of the Ukrainian Emergency Winter Appeal.

Ukrainians remain resilient despite the circumstances of the war, but they are in the throes of a harsh winter. For that reason, a new Emergency Winter Appeal has been launched to provide food packages for the most vulnerable on the frontlines and in recently liberated regions in East and South Ukraine which is suffering from a severe humanitarian crisis.

Funds can be remitted to:

**Account Name: Ukrainian Catholic Church Central Fund**

**Account Number: 20927317**

**Sort Code: 20-92-60**

Or by cheques made payable to **Ukrainian Catholic Church** referencing *Winter Appeal* in both cases. The address for cheques is Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Britain, 22 Binney Street, London, W1K 5BQ.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023:** Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24 to Saturday 29 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours ([tangney-tours.com](http://tangney-tours.com))

**BCY February Youth Mass:** Taking place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.30pm in Brentwood Cathedral with some fantastic speakers from the Southend SVP and Caritas Diocese of Brentwood to help inspire charitable giving as we prepare for the season of Lent. A poster with more details available on the notice board in the church foyer.



## Our Wider Community

**Safe Spaces/First Light:** Safe Spaces, now operating under First Light, offer a confidential, personal, and safe space for anyone who has been abused through their relationship with either the Church of England, The Church in Wales or The Catholic Church in England and Wales, regardless of disability, age, gender, or sexual orientation. Safe Spaces can be contacted via their website: [www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk](http://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk)

**Flame 2023, OVO Arena, Wembley, on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March:** Just before Christmas it was announced that **Cardinal Tagle** will be amongst the speakers at Flame. He has spoken to many, many thousands of young people all over the world, and he will be sure to inspire your young people.



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He joins the **President of the Australian Bishops Conference, Salesian Archbishop of Melbourne, Tim Costelloe, SDB.**

Amongst the musicians are MOBO and Urban Music Award winner **Guvna B**, rising star **Faith Child**, Catholic band **One Hope Project** and soloist **Adenike**.

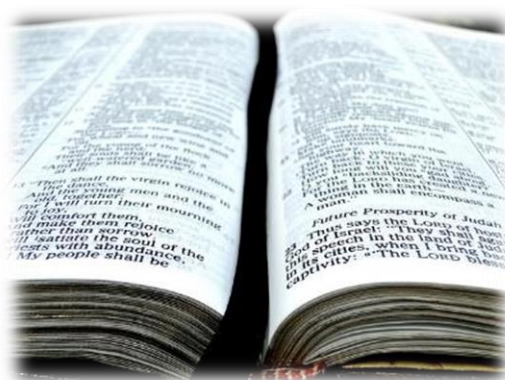
Flame Passes cost just £24/person if you book before 31<sup>st</sup> January. Right next to Wembley Stadium, the OVO Arena Wembley is wonderfully accessible by road, train and tube.

If you have any questions regarding Flame or would like a ticket, please speak with Fr Liam.



### Mass Times and Intentions

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of the Wee Family (E.Ngeh)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m.	John Paul Loughlin 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary R.I.P. (J. Loughlin)
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish



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