

Parish of St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted

The Little Flower Messenger

Year A - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 29th January 2023

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Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

'How happy are the poor in spirit.'

Mass book (P. 130)

1st Reading:

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

Psalm 145:7-10:

How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

2nd Reading:

1 Corrinthians 1:26-31

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

A thought from Fr Liam...in remembrance and solidarity

Dear Friends

This past Friday 27th January we have marked Holocaust Memorial Day. It is a day that rightfully reminds us each year that the dignity and well-being of each human person is not only God's concern but our concern as followers of Christ, and the concern moreover of all humanity. This annual remembrance once again starkly brings into focus that it only takes 'good people to do nothing for evil to flourish' - and brings into sharper focus that our response of active solidarity in response to such evil and all injustice is an integral dimension of our faith, for solidarity as John Paul II underlined 'is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all.'

Let us stand together in prayers of remembrance and solidarity with our Jewish sisters and brothers:

*Lord forgive us when we give space
to fear, negativity and hatred.*

*Through our prayers and actions,
help us to stand together with those who suffer.*

Let light banish all darkness.

Let love prevail over hate.

Let Good triumph over evil.



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Eternal God you hold all our days in your hands.

Sustain us as we seek the light of your life.

*Where brightness shines like the very glow of heaven
as we humbly work together to create a world of justice, peace and love,
where all may be secure and enfolded in your embrace.*

I wish you and yours a blessed and peaceful week

Liam

**Prayer for the week from CAFOD
As we break bread together**

Generous God,
your Spirit hovered over the waters,
you breathed life into the earth
and created a world of plenty.

Look on us here as we break bread together,
and guide us to take only what we need
so that all your people may have enough.

Father of all,
there are many among us who go hungry.
Help us to listen and respond as one family,
so that, as we break bread together,
we may glimpse your Kingdom here on earth –
a Kingdom of welcome and plenty for all. Amen.

(Catherine Gorman/CAFOD)

Our Parish

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated between 5.00 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. every Saturday evening and also by appointment with Fr Liam. All are very welcome.

Association for the Propagation of Faith - Missio Red Boxes: Many of you have the traditional Red boxes at home which have not been collected for some time.

Can you please bring in your Red Box if you have one over the weekends 4th/5th February and 11th/12th February and collect an empty one in it's place. If you do not have a Red box already please feel free to take one. Missio's website <https://missio.org.uk/about-missio/> says:

"Proud to be the Pope's charity for world mission. Missio ignites God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief.

Sometimes this need might be very specific: a motorbike for a Priest to celebrate Mass in remote villages; a simple community hall so people can gather together; vaccinations to protect vulnerable children. Whatever our missionaries need to help them share the joy of the Gospel, Missio strives to provide it. By supporting Missio, you play a vital part in creating a vibrant Catholic Church for the future."



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Finally, John Richardson has been organising and collating the Red boxes for many years now, if anyone out there would like to take over from him please contact Annette Richardson on 07984 402 677.

Parish Anniversaries: Thank you to Tony Aldridge for sharing details of the anniversaries in January:

- ❖ Jan 19th - Anniv. of Mgr David Donnolly, Secretary to Bishop Wall St Theresa's, October 1958
- ❖ Jan 20th - Anniv. of Fr John Meehan, 4th P.P. of St Theresa's
- ❖ Jan 21st - Anniv. of Bishop Ward, 1st Bishop of Brentwood, 1917-1920
- ❖ Jan 23rd - Anniv. of Bishop Doubleday, 2nd Bishop of Brentwood, 1920-1951
- ❖ Blessed St Anthony's Chapel, Henham, September 1933
- ❖ Jan 23rd - 21st Birthday of the St Theresa's "Wednesday Club"
- ❖ Jan 26th - Anniv. of Bishop Patrick Casey, 1969-1979 Converted St Theresa's into a separate Parish, September 1970

Offertory 22nd January 2023: Thank you very much for your generous financial support for our parish.

Gift Aided	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
£117.00	£283.19	£ 380.63	£780.82

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 for details.

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)



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BCY February Youth Mass: Taking place next Thursday (2nd 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 is available on the notice board in the church foyer.

Our Wider Community

Racial Justice Sunday 5th February 2023: Racial Justice Sunday is the day the church focuses on the need to oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

The theme for Racial Justice Sunday is: "All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together".

It reflects the role each of us must play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church. This was inspired by conversations around last year's Racial Justice Sunday and Pope Francis' visit to Canada in July 2022 when he spoke about looking towards a future of 'Justice, healing and reconciliation'.

Visit the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales website for more information:

www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/

Flame 2023, OVO Arena, Wembley, on Saturday 4th 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.

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 31st 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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Saturday 28 th January	Reconciliation: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	John Paul Loughlin 9 th Anniversary R.I.P. (J. Loughlin)
Sunday 29 th January	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Saturday 4 th February	Reconciliation: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Thanksgiving for the Joy Family (Joy Family)
Sunday 5 th February <i>Racial Justice Day</i>	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish



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