

Parish of St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted

The Little Flower Messenger

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
& THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
9th April/16th April 2023

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Mass book (P. 251)

1st Reading:

Psalm 117:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel: John 20:1-9: *He must rise from the dead.*

Acts 10:34, 37-43

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Colossians 3:1-4

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!



CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Dear Friends,

After the despair and desolation of the cross and the loss of their beloved friend, the disciples are engulfed in bewilderment and confusion as they encounter the empty tomb – sentiments with which we can readily empathise this Easter. All around us our own world appears engulfed in such confusion, even chaos, as we try and make some sense of our lives in a post Covid world that seems predominantly defined by war and violence, division and hatred.

Yet it is precisely in the midst of such darkness and bewilderment that we proclaim the light and joy of the Risen Lord who has conquered death once and for all in his Resurrection. It is



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precisely in the midst of such confusion that we as an Easter people of hope are called to confidently proclaim the triumph of good over evil - through our lives, our relationships, and our actions - and then, as sure as night follows day, we and our world will begin to see light rather than darkness, hope in the face of despair, goodness and kindness, care and justice blossoming all around us in the goodness of humanity fully alive.

The words on the last pages of the gospels are not the end of this extraordinary story of resurrection, but rather the end of the beginning as they say - for it is through our lives, with God's grace - that the gospel continues as the resurrection unfolds in our service of each and all in our vulnerable and fragile world, such that no-one is left behind.

After many years of service in the parish, this Easter Sunday we say farewell to Deacon Des who is heading onto pastures new. We give many thanks for Des' ministry and service and ask the Risen Lord to continue to bless him in the years to come. Please come and say farewell to Des in the Parish Hall this Easter Sunday after our morning mass and join him for tea and cakes.

I wish you and yours a blessed and joyful Easter - Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Liam

Prayer of the week from CAFOD - Resurrection Light

Risen Christ,

when darkness overwhelms us - may your dawn beckon.
when fear paralyses us - may your touch release us.
when grief torments us - may your peace enfold us.
when memories haunt us - may your presence heal us.
when justice fails us - may your anger ignite us.
when apathy stagnates us - may your challenge renew us.
when courage leaves us - may your spirit inspire us.
when despair grips us - may your hope restore us.
and when death threatens us - may your resurrection light lead us.

Amen.

Annabel Shilson-Thomas/CAFOD

Easter Wisdom from Dorothy Day

'The greatest challenge of the day is: how to bring about a revolution of the heart, a revolution which has to start with each one of us? When we begin to take the lowest place, to wash the feet of others, to love our brothers with that burning love, that passion, which led to the Cross, then we can truly say, "Now I have begun."

Our Parish

Farewell tea and cake for Deacon Des: Easter Sunday is Des' last Sunday in our parish. After 17 years in this parish, his time to move on has arrived and he would like to meet you in the Parish Hall for tea and cake after the Easter Sunday Mass.



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This would be a great chance to say goodbye and thank him for all his work over the years. We hope to see you there.

Christian Aid Hunger Lunch : Next Saturday 15th April from 12-2pm at the Free Church Hall. Fresh tasty homemade soup- 814865

Encounter: The next meeting takes place on Friday 21st April at St Joseph's WCC from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The talk and discussion topic is '**Six women from the Bible**' with Fr Denis McBride. We shall be exploring the stories from St Matthew's Gospel of **Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Uriah's wife, & Mary, the mother of Jesus**. Followed by a shared Lunch at 12.30p.m. All welcome for all or part of the event.

Offertory 2nd April 2023: Thank you very much for your generous financial support for our parish.

Gift Aided	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
£185.00	£285.24	£391.25	£ 861.49

Parish Office: Please note the parish office is now closed and will reopen on Tuesday 18th April. Thank you.

Our Diocese

Primary School Link Adviser: The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a Primary School Link Adviser who is a practising Catholic, to support the Diocesan Board of Education and its family of schools. This is likely to be a part-time post of either 3 or 4 days a week, however, consideration will also be given to applicants who are seeking a full-time or secondment opportunity. The Primary Link Adviser will report to the Diocesan Director of Education and Deputy Director. Further details and an application form can be obtained via the website: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/primary-link-adviser-vacancy/>. The closing date for applications is midday on Friday 28th April 2023, interviews will be held on Tuesday 2nd May 2023.

There are also a range of other vacancies for staff in our parish schools across the diocese. Please find further information by visiting the diocese website <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

Mass for Migrants with Bishop Alan - 1st May 2023: "The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to a celebration of the annual Mass for Migrants on Monday, 1st May 2023, at 12pm. Banner bearers are invited to gather at St Bonaventure's Secondary School at 11:15am for refreshments and preparations ready for the banner procession at 12pm.

The Mass will be hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood at St Antony of Padua Church, Forest Gate E7 9QB with **Bishop Alan Williams, sm** as celebrant and Fr Dominic Howarth preaching. You are kindly invited to attend in person to celebrate the significant contribution made by migrants to the life of our Dioceses."

Jumbulance: Jumbulance are running a holiday to Norfolk from Monday May 1st to Friday 5th May 2023. Staying in beautifully adapted barn accommodation. This will be a joint trip with Arundel and Brighton Diocese, with a visit to Walsingham and Norfolk interests. £570 per head, please contact Caroline Southgate, Trustee, for info at info@jumbulance.org.uk (fully accessible travel with helpers, full board).



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Interested in the Catholic response to homelessness, welcoming refugees and migrants, assisting with the Cost of Living Crisis, or tackling the causes and effects of climate change? Come to the first Caritas Brentwood networking day, **Saturday 10th June, 10am - 2.30pm, at Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster** (on C2C & District lines, close to M25 & A127). Hear national speaker **Raymond Friel, OBE**, Chief Executive of the Catholic Social Action network. This day is a chance to be sustained, share ideas and good practices with people from parishes across Essex and East London and hear about charities and resources available. Details and Registration (free!) at www.caritasbrentwood.org/network

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 Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours \(tangney-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours (tangney-tours.com))

Mass Times and Intentions

THE EASTER TRIDUUM- YEAR A		
Saturday 8 th April <i>Holy Saturday</i>	The Office of Readings & Morning Prayer: 10.00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i> Celebration of the Easter Vigil & first Mass of Easter: 8.00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Deacon Des (F. Margaret)
THE SEASON OF EASTER - YEAR A		
Sunday 9 th April <i>Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord</i>	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
Wednesday 12 th April <i>Octave of Easter</i>	Mass: 12:30 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A		
Saturday 15 th April	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
Sunday 16 th April	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Wednesday Club Thanksgiving (B&E Quinn)

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A) - 16th April 2023

Mass book (P. 255)

Gospel: John 20:19-31: *Eight days later, Jesus came*

1st Reading:

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 117:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

2nd Reading:

1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe. Alleluia!'



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