

Parish of St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted

The Little Flower Messenger

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER & THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Mass book (P. 258)

1st Reading:

Psalm 15:1-2:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35: *They recognised him at the breaking of bread.*

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

1 Peter 1:17-21

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

A thought from Fr Liam...



CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Dear Friends,

It has been deeply moving, sobering and inspiring through these early days of Easter to remember the signing of the Good Friday agreement twenty-five years ago in April 1998 - an agreement that ushered in a peaceful settlement to end the conflict that had caused so much 'untold pain' to everyone. Listening to the stories of the young and the old reminds us, not only of the pain suffered, but also the generosity and courage of all people that paved the way to the forging and sustaining of the peace over this generation.

Peace, we are reminded through the teaching of Vatican II, is not only an absence of conflict, war and violence, but a making present of justice through love, by all peoples for all peoples



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across the generations - it is for this that we continue to pray and give thanks amidst the fragility of the peace before us.

As we continue our Easter celebrations, immersed in the journey to Emmaus this weekend, we recall anew that the resurrection of Jesus unfolds through listening and sharing, breaking and blessing together on this our common journey - practices and actions that are integral to the pathway of peace and justice that shape and form our witness to the Risen Lord.

Wishing you and yours a blessed and joyful third week of Easter.

Liam

Prayer of the week from CAFOD

Risen Lord,

shed your light on those who live in the shadow of death
and warm the hearts of those who have lost hope,
that they who daily bear the cross of hunger
may find your Promised Land, and move from slavery to freedom.

As we proclaim your Easter song
help us to die to greed and rise to justice, to abandon apathy and take up action,
that rich and poor together may travel the road to freedom,
and be restored to your resurrection life. Amen.

Annabel Shilson-Thomas/CAFOD

Our Parish

Congratulations and Welcome: Congratulations to both Melissa and Grace who were both baptised into the Church during Easter Week - we give thanks to God for the new life that they bring to our parish and wider Church and pray that the Risen Lord may continue to bless them throughout their lives.

Also, to both Maxi and Helen who were received into the Church during our Easter Vigil - may the Risen Lord continue to bless and guide them as they enrich our community and continue on their journey of faith.

Vicki Lloyd R.I.P: Please pray for Vicki Lloyd who died recently, and also for her family and friends during these difficult days. Vicki's funeral mass will be celebrated here at St. Theresa's on Wednesday 26th April at 12.30 pm to which all are welcome. May the Risen Lord welcome Vicki into his Kingdom. *Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace. Amen.*

Pope Francis has appointed His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía as Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain. Commenting on the news, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster and President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, said: "I welcome the appointment of Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía as Papal Nuncio to Great Britain. On behalf of our Bishops' Conference, I assure him not only of our warm welcome but also of our full cooperation when he takes up these new responsibilities."

YourPlace: Our Parish is working to raise funds for YourPlace (Caritas Anchor House) in our Diocese in the London Borough of Newham. YourPlace is a registered charity that works to assist the homeless move from homelessness to sheltered accommodation. Particular emphasis is put on subsidiarity and providing each person with the tools to access shelter and from that,



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opportunities for employment. Homelessness is increasing, particularly in London, and every penny raised goes towards trying to improve the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves.

As part of this fund raising our Parish Visions Group is organising a Musical Evening in our Parish Centre on 20th May. Last year this event raised £1,400. It would be lovely if we could better that this year. We shall start selling tickets on the 6th May but in the meantime please put the date in your diary. This is our Parish Charity and a Just Giving page linked to the YourPlace has been set up so should you be unable to attend the event (or even if you can) please feel free to leave a donation. All funds are passed directly to YourPlace, the page can be found via our Parish website: [St Theresa Church Stansted is fundraising for Your Place \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/St-Theresa-Church-Stansted)

The Retreat at Clare Priory: The Retreat at Clare Priory "Ways of Silence; Based on the poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins" is on Tuesday 16th May starting with Mass at 10am. Bring own refreshments and packed lunch. All welcome.

Offertory:

Date	Gift Aid	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
09/04/2023	£468.00	£881.76	£391.25	£1,741.01
16/04/2023	£167.00	£155.93	£391.25	£714.18

Thank you very much for your generous financial support for our parish.

A reflection from Tony Aldridge: Deacon Des's last Mass on Easter Sunday, April 9th, was extended due to the inclusion of the Baptism of Melissa. It was therefore 11.30 before parishioners started to gather in the Parish Centre. Tea and sandwiches were available while we waited for proceedings to begin. With the microphone in place, Fr Liam introduced Tony Aldridge to say a few words. However, his speech took the shape of People and Events in the Parish over the past 20 years. He congratulated Jane Connors on her recent promotion to Deputy Chief Constable, Police Scotland, and wished Deacon Des, every success in his new Parish. At the end, Tony presented Des with an Album of Photos covering his time in the Parish. A bouquet of flowers was then presented to both Jane and Laura Connors.

Fr Liam then expressed his sincere thanks to Deacon Des and wished him well for the future. Next came the gifts from the Parish, presented by Anel Zuniga-Daly. The main item was a giant wooden based cross with a silver figure of Our Blessed Lord. In addition, he was given some money and a leaflet in French, which advised him that the Statue of St Theresa of Lisieux, previously ordered, was held up in French Customs and still awaiting delivery. At the end of this time, a bouquet of flowers was presented to Anel for all her hard work in co-ordinating the gifts. Des then thanked a number of people present in the Parish Hall, after which he was able to make individual good-byes. "Big Thank You", must also be given to the "Team of Ladies", who were responsible for the refreshments. Good luck, Des.

Our Diocese

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.



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You are kindly invited to attend in person to celebrate the significant contribution made by migrants to the life of our Dioceses."

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

'The Priests' Charity Concert: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio **'The Priests'** will be performing a second charity concert on Friday 30th June 2023 at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite and are £30 per person plus booking fee: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567>

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24th to Saturday 29th 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 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A		
Saturday 22 nd April	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
Sunday 23 rd April	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Thanksgiving (M. Barton)
Wednesday 26 th April	Funeral Mass: 12:30 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Vicki Lloyd R.I.P.
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A		
Saturday 29 th April	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
Sunday 30 th April	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Rita Morson 1 st Anniversary R.I.P. (D. Morson)

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A) – 30th April 2023

Mass book (P. 262)

Gospel: John 14:1-12: *I am the Way, the Truth and the life*

1st Reading:

Acts 6:1-7

Psalm 32:

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

2nd Reading:

1 Peter 2:-9

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me'. Alleluia!



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