

Parish of St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted

The Little Flower Messenger

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7th May 2023

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Mass book (P. 265)

1st Reading:

Psalm 32:1-2:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Acts 6:1-7

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

1 Peter 2:4-9

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

A thought from Fr Liam...

THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN!



Dear Friends,

So much has been written these past few weeks about the celebration of the Coronation this weekend, that it can almost seem as though there is little left to be said, save than through the solemnity of the ritual itself, that provided perhaps the most eloquent 'oratory' and elegant 'reflection'. Yet at the very outset of the finely crafted coronation liturgy, the most powerful and poignant words that were uttered by the soon to be anointed Charles, could easily have been lost amidst the grandeur of the pageantry,

'in his name, and after his example, I come not to be served, but to serve.'

All that is to be said, all that is to be done, is to be carried out in the name of Christ, the King of Kings, and moreover is to be carried out after his example, that of humble service. 'As children of the Kingdom of God, we welcome you in the name of the King of Kings.'



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As the fighting and violence in Sudan continue to build, amidst fragile commitments to peace, let us remain united together in prayer this week, praying not only for peace, but for the justice that will forge and sustain the peace.

Wishing you and yours a blessed and peace filled fifth week of Easter.

Liam

PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of refuge, the rock in whom we trust,
watch over our sisters and brothers in Sudan.

Bring comfort to those who grieve,
shelter to those who are homeless,
and sustenance to those who hunger and thirst.

God of mercy, open our hearts to your grace,
so that we are filled with compassion and a generosity of spirit,
and inspire us to take action.

Spirit of love, pour out your peace like a healing balm,
which brings hope in place of despair.

Amen.

Catherine Gorman/CAFOD

Our Parish

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, 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 this weekend (6th/7th May) and every weekend up to the event. 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/yourplace)

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
23/04/2023	£77.00	£244.23	£406.25	£727.48
30/04/2023	£285.00	£221.46	£406.25	£912.71

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



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Our Diocese

Do you know someone who no longer comes to Mass?



*Maybe it's a friend or family, neighbour or colleague,
or maybe its you?*



+ Bishop Alan from Brentwood would love to hear from you +

- Many Catholics have for one reason or another lost interest in the Church
- Others may still be interested and attracted to the Church, but don't have time for Sunday Mass
- Many others may not have returned to the Church since the Covid pandemic.
- Others may feel alienated from the Church because it's harmed or rejected them in some way.

This survey provides a space for the story and experience of you, your family and friends to be shared and heard, and seriously listened to by me as your Bishop and our wider diocesan Church.

Click on the link, or snap the QR code – it should take no more than 10-15 mins to complete



https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Gn08WXvvKfwJts



PLEASE ASK your friends or family, your neighbours and colleagues who no longer come to Church to complete the survey so that we might hear from as many people as possible.

*"Thank you for taking the time to share your story and experience,
and allowing me the chance to listen once more."* **Bishop Alan**

Fundraising and Partnerships Manager: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is looking for a Fundraising and Partnerships Manager to join their team. This is an excellent opportunity for an enthusiastic and motivated individual to gain valuable experience in fundraising for an established and expanding charity. The Fundraising and Partnership Manager will be required to generate income from new and existing fundraising activities and to develop and manage relationships across key support audiences. Applicants must have excellent organisational skills and be proficient at managing their time and priorities effectively, working independently and creatively. Read the full Job Description and Person Specification at <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us> Applications should be returned to Julie Abbott, Head of Voluntary Income at jabbott@bccs.org.uk before the application deadline of **Friday 12th May at midday**.

Hospitality Manager at Walsingham House: Walsingham House are seeking to appoint a friendly, reliable and trustworthy Hospitality Manager. The postholder will be responsible for welcoming groups wishing to use the retreat centre, being a point of contact and managing the practicalities of the day. For more information please see www.bcys.net or email Claire Bailey for more information (clairebailey@brcdt.org) The closing date for applications is midday on Friday 12th May 2023.

World Youth Day: World Youth Day is a truly amazing opportunity to deepen and grow in faith, in the company of other young adults from across the world. If there is someone in your school/parish who would benefit from this, please do encourage them. As these are last-minute,



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regrettably the time to apply for a WYD visa has passed, and so we can only take people with a British or EU passport. Their passport should have an expiry date of at least 10th February 2024 (i.e. 6 months after our return date). They will need to be 17-27 years old, and able to deal with large crowds and the heat of a Portuguese summer. They will undoubtedly have much to share in the parish/school when they return. First come, first served!

Mass for the altar servers of the diocese of Brentwood: A Mass for the altar servers of the diocese of Brentwood, with The Right Reverend Alan Williams Bishop of Brentwood, takes place on Saturday 10th June 2023 at 2:00pm at the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood. All Altar servers and their parents are invited to attend. Should you wish to attend please confirm your details to Fr Liam or Clair by 31st May 2023. Thank you.

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 \(tangey-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours (tangey-tours.com))

Mass Times and Intentions

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A		
Saturday 6 th May	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	The Meadley Family (P. Meadley)
Sunday 7 th May	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A		
Saturday 13 th May	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
Sunday 14 th May	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Wednesday Club Thanksgiving (B&E Quinn)



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