

Parish of St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted

The Little Flower Messenger

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER & PENTECOST SUNDAY

21st May & 28th May 2023

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Mass book (P. 275) - Gospel: John 17:1-11: *Father, glorify your Son.*

1st Reading: Acts 1:12-14

Psalms 26:1: *I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.*

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 4:13:16

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!*

A thought from Fr Liam...

THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN!!



ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate the beginning of *Laudato Si'* week this weekend, it is reported anew that our younger generation will be the first since the 1800s to be worse off than their parents. This eighth anniversary of *Laudato Si'*, the landmark encyclical of Pope Francis concerning *Care for Our Common Home*, sheds much needed light once again on the vulnerability of the world in which we are but guests, and pertinently asks how we understand and measure progress, if not success, during our short pilgrimage together on the earth.



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In this encyclical, that forms a key part of our Church's catholic social teaching - through which our Popes have consistently addressed the key social issues of the day through the lens of faith - Pope Francis poses this question concerning a new understanding of progress to every citizen on our planet. He invites us to deepen and develop our understanding of progress in light of our faith so that we might help to bring about renewed life and flourishing to all God's creation, including future generations, and thus ensure that no one is left behind.

As we look around our world and see the environmental damage and change in climate that expose beyond doubt the ecological crisis we face, it becomes clear that we have forgotten not only that this world is not our toy to be exploited for our own narrow gains, but that we have also forgotten that we as human beings are deeply interconnected with every creature and person on God's earth, not only here and now, but with the generations to come. As such each of our actions and the shape of our relationships have an impact not only on ourselves, and who we become, but also on our planet and each person with whom we share our common home, for as Pope Benedict reminded us 'the way humanity treats the environment influences the way it treats itself, and vice versa.' We need a serious review of our lifestyle, he concludes, not least a conversion concerning how we measure and value progress and success in our world.

I wonder then *what are the indicators that we use to measure success and progress in our own lives, in our communities and in our church? And how do these compare and contrast with the values of the gospel - the good news that we profess together each Sunday?*

Our faith calls us into a time of deep reflection and a deep-rooted recalibration of how we live our lives together, so that we might hear anew the 'cry of the earth and the cry of the poor' and recreate the face of the earth so that we leave this world in a better state than in which we found it. As Francis concludes it is time to *'live wisely, think generously and love deeply.'*

Wishing you and yours a blessed *Laudato Si'* week for these final days of Easter and a joyful celebration of Pentecost to come.

Liam

Our Parish

Offertory:

Date	Gift Aid	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
14/05/2023	£152.00	£208.21	£451.25	£811.46

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

Our Diocese

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE EASTER TALKS: Explore what it means to have an intimate friendship with Jesus Christ. The next talk, "Holiness in our local Saints and Martyrs", will be given by Fr Stewart Foster on Wednesday 24th May at St Francis of Assisi, Stratford, E15 1NS from 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. All very welcome.

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.



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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

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



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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**

'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>

Calais Light: Calais Light the refugee charity, invites you to join their 7-9th July convoy and help refugees directly by volunteering with the NGOs that support them. It's their 23rd trip and volunteers, experienced continental drivers (& cars) are urgently needed. Everything is booked for you - £95 all in. You'll never regret helping refugees. Especially now. To register: www.calaislight.com

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



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Mass Times and Intentions

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A		
Saturday 20 th May	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
Sunday 21 st May	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Gordon Barratt 102nd Bithday (T. Aldridge)
PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A		
Saturday 27 th May	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
Sunday 28 th May	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Michael Bambridge (J. Bambridge)

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Mass book (P. 288) - Gospel: John 20:19-23: *As the Father sent me, so am I sending you: receive the Holy Spirit*

1st Reading: *Acts 1:2-11*

Psalm 103:1: *Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.*

2nd Reading: *1 Corinthians 12:3-7*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle them the fire of your love. Alleluia!*

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Powerful God,

You hold us and everything you have made in your loving care.

You are in the whole universe and in every tiny creature.

Pour out on us, God, the power of your love.

And teach us to care for life and for beauty.

Fill us with peace, so that we do not harm others,
but love them all like sisters and brothers.

God, we know that people who are poor are very special to you
and you want us to love them too, so they are not forgotten.

We ask you to change us so that we protect your world, not destroy it.

Change the hearts of people who only care about themselves and money,
instead of caring about people and the Earth.

Show us how even small things matter,
help us see that we are all connected to each other and to the earth.

We thank you God for being with us each day, fill us up with wonder and light,
and help us to bring peace to our beautiful world. Amen.



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