

Parish of St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted

The Little Flower Messenger

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25th June 2023

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Mass book (P. 93) -

1st Reading:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Jeremiah 20:10-13 Psalm: In your great love, answer me, O God.

Romans 5:12-13

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

A thought from Fr Liam...

Dear Friends,

It is with sadness that I say farewell this weekend, but I am truly confident that the Risen Lord will continue to shine through each and all of you in St Theresa's through your witness of love and care for each other and your witness of love and care for our neighbours across our world as you strive to help the kingdom of God burst through.

May the Risen Lord continue to bless us all as we witness to him and do his work, and bring about his kingdom, and fill the world with his justice, and bring to each other his tenderness and love. I thank you most deeply for your prayers and for your kindness and I leave you with a prayer that puts into words what I want to say. It was written by Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw, for a homily by Cardinal John Dearden at a celebration of departed priests in 1979. The words of the prayer are often attributed to Saint Oscar Romero.

It helps, now and then, to step back and take the long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete,
which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the Church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about.



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We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realising that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.
Amen.

I wish you and yours every blessing and joy of the Risen Lord,

Liam

Our Parish

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Relay 100 – Tuesday 13th June: We are pleased to announce that six parishioners completed the walk on Tuesday. Between us we walked 58 miles and completed the whole walk twice over. Our anonymous trail blazer walked 19 miles in 3 stints. Sue and Peter walked 9 miles each. Josie walked 7 miles (but is determined to walk the remaining 4 miles soon.) and Rosina walked 7 miles. I walked 7 miles but in 2 stints.

Thank you if you have already sponsored or donated. Should you still wish to donate, you can still do so via the following JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/bccs-relay100>. Please be sure to note the name of the person walking and name of the walk (Saffron Walden to Stansted).

Should you wish to make you donation another way (cheque made out to BCCS or cash) I shall be outside Church at the end of Mass on Sunday (25th June) wearing a Hi Vis jacket for identification. Should you wish to Gift Aid your donation I will have a declaration form to hand for you to complete. Thank you all for your support.

Patrick O'Brien.

Offertory:

Date	Gift Aid	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
11/06/2023	£132.00	£403.07	£493.75	£1028.82
18/06/2023	£107.00	£329.62	£493.75	£930.37

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

If you pay tax and would like any donations you make to our Parish to be Gift Aided, please email Angelo at stansted-giftaid@brcdt.org for details.



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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

Property Assistant - Cathedral House: The successful applicant will provide comprehensive, effective, and efficient administration support. Full Job description is attached. 35 hours per week, office based. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to recruitment@brcdt.org. Closing date for applications is 15th July 2023.

'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>

BCYS Monthly Youth Mass: Celebrated on the first Thursday of the Month At Brentwood Cathedral. Each month, on the first Thursday, we invite young people, Youth Groups, Confirmation Groups, School Groups and anyone who wishes to join us to celebrate Mass together with other young Catholics from all around the Diocese. The evening will begin with something to eat in the Parish Hall at 6pm (as we know many of you will come from work, school or far corners of the Diocese!) which will be followed by an hour of different input each month. This may include speakers, workshops, prayer and worship, Reconciliation or more! We will of course then finish the evening with Youth Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30pm and refreshments back in the Parish Hall, where the evening should finish no later than 9pm.



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

Year 13 Retreat at Walsingham House: Made for a purpose. Will you be in Yr13 in September 2023? Are you currently making decisions about your next steps? Would you like some time to step back, reflect, pray and think about the different pathways ahead of you? Then if so, the Yr13 retreat at Walsingham House is just the opportunity to do that. There will be two retreats on offer, either 13th-15th Sept or 22nd-24th Sept. The cost is £35 and there is more information on the website www.bcys.net/events/ or email clairebailey@brcdt.org



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BCYS Youth Gather, 21st – 22nd October: Youth Gather is back for 2023 and the BCYS are absolutely thrilled to be joined by the fantastic Adenike, semi-finalist on the voice, who many of you will have seen perform and heard from at Flame back in March. Taking place at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island, there is cabin accommodation and a brilliant range of outward bound activities, opportunities for climbing high ropes, archery, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, plus performances, input and workshops from Adenike and the SVP! All meals are included, plus two Mersea activities, 2 BCYS workshops, accommodation and travel to and from Mersea Island – all of this for just £70! The event is open to those in school year 9 and above, including opportunities for young leaders (age 18 and above) in the Brentwood Diocese. Apply now at www.bcys.net/events/yg23/

Catechist Training and Resources Day, Saturday 4th November: The BCYS will host our Annual Catechist Training and Resources Day once again this November at Sacred Heart of Mary School in Upminster!

With a number of incredible workshops, input, networking and welcoming back the fantastic David Wells as keynote speaker, this is a day not to miss if you are a Confirmation Catechist, First Holy Communion Catechist, Children's Liturgy or Youth leader in the Diocese of Brentwood! Visit www.bcys.net/events/catechistday23/ for details on how to book your place now!

Mass Times and Intentions

TWELTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A		
Saturday 24 th June	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
Sunday 25 th June	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Rebecca R.I.P. (E. Cassidy-Jones)
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A		
Saturday 1 st July	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
Sunday 2 nd July	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Ronnie Jackson R.I.P. (Jackson Family)
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A		
Saturday 8 th July	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Martin Fitzpatrick R.I.P. (The Horton Family)
Sunday 9 th July <i>Sea Sunday</i>	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish



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