

Parish of St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted

The Little Flower Messenger

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd July 2023

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Mass book (P. 96) -

1st Reading:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

2 Kings 4:8-11 Psalm: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Alleluia!

The Feast of St. Thomas

The Feast of St. Thomas is celebrated on 3rd July. St Thomas, the Apostle who at first did not believe, has become for the Church one of the first witnesses to her faith. She is fond of appealing to his testimony and frequently puts in our mouths those simple words whereby he expressed the fervour of his regained faith: "My Lord and my God." It is known that St. Thomas preached the Gospel in Asia beyond the frontiers of the Roman Empire, probably in Persia and possibly as far afield as India. St. Thomas' feast was formerly celebrated on December 21.



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Our Parish

Fr Liam's collection: A big thank you to all Parishioners that kindly donated to Fr Liam's collection. We are pleased to confirm the sum of £711.10 will be transferred to CAFOD at his request. Thank you again.

Offertory:

Date	Gift Aid	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
25/06/2023	£ 142.00	£ 277.82	£493.75	£ 913.57

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.

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.

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.

Finance Assistant: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) is looking for a part time Finance Assistant to join the team working from their head office in Billericay High Street. Initially the role is for 10 hours per week, with potential to increase hours as training continues. A job specification and application form are available on their website at <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/>. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Fiona Reading freading@bccs.org.uk

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



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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 on 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

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!

Our World

Synod 'Instrumentum laboris': A document of some sixty pages that incorporates the experiences of local Churches in every region of the world has been published. Churches that are experiencing wars, climate change, economic systems that produce "exploitation, inequality, and 'waste'." Churches whose faithful suffer martyrdom, in countries where they are minorities or where they are coming to terms "with an increasingly driven, and sometimes aggressive, secularisation." Churches wounded by sexual abuse, or abuses of power and conscience," whether economic and institutional - wounds that demand answers and "conversion." Churches that are fearlessly confronting the challenges by engaging in the synodal discernment, without trying to "resolve them at all costs": "Only in this way can these tensions become sources of energy and not lapse into destructive polarisations."

Released last Tuesday morning, the document - known as the Instrumentum laboris - will be the basis for the work of the participants in the General Assembly of the Synod on Synodality, which begins in the Vatican in October 2023 and concludes with a second Assembly one year later.

Links to the document are available via our Website [synod-instrumentum-laboris.pdf \(sttheresastansted.org\)](http://synod-instrumentum-laboris.pdf (sttheresastansted.org))

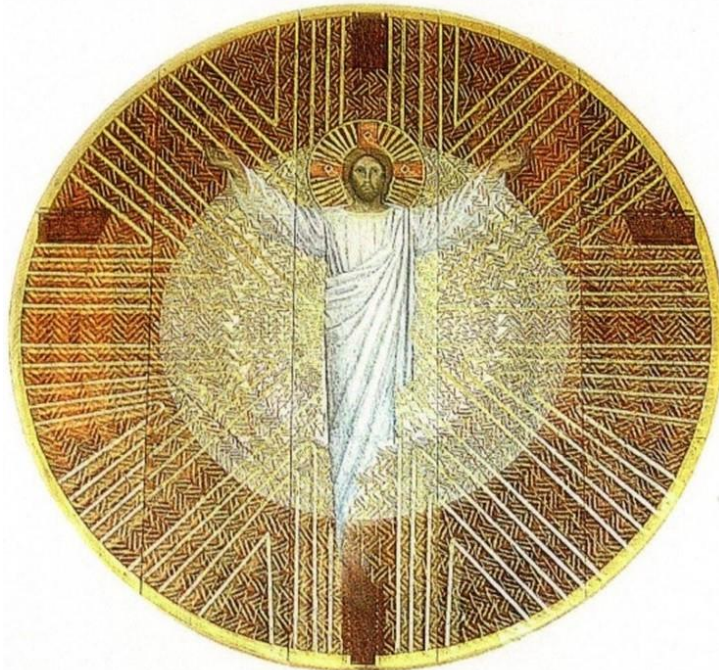


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Mass Times and Intentions

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
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Saturday 15 th July	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Maureen Fitzpatrick R.I.P. (The Horton Family)
Sunday 16 th July	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish

Thank you to Fr Paul and Fr Dominic for celebrating Mass with us this weekend.



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