

Parish of St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted

The Little Flower Messenger

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30th July 2023

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Mass book (P. 108) -

1st Reading:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

1 Kings 3:5, 7-2 Psalm: Lord, how I love your law!

Romans 8:28-30

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Greetings from Fr Clement

I was overjoyed to visit the parish as I met Fr. Liam and some of the parishioners for the first time. It was a blessing to see you and I am very grateful for the chat I had with you and the initial views you all expressed to me. It was vital for me to listen to Fr. Liam and hear straight from the horse's mouth about details of his experiences as your parish priest. Thank you all for your faith and for every support you continue to give the parish. Your help is very much appreciated.

During this holiday season, we pray for each other's welfare and wish safe travels and peaceful and happy holidays for those who will be away. We pray especially for those who are sick or struggling in any way. Please join me to pray for a couple of parishioners who have confided in me about their life-threatening illness. We turn to Our Lady asking for her intercession since the Church has given her this title: **Health of the Sick**. Following the many plagues that inflicted Europe and many parts of the world, the Church always turned to Our Lady asking for her powerful intercession.

Everyone is invited to a special Mass on the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady on **Friday 8th of September at 7.30 pm**. This will be my first Mass with you as I join you in the Parish for the purpose of working together as pilgrims of the same destination and united by the Risen Lord. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre and I would welcome volunteers to help with the preparations, please.

Finally, I trust any urgent pastoral need will be attended to as soon as possible. However, other things or requests will have to wait until September.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Fr. Stewart, Fr. Greg and all priests who continue to celebrate Mass during this time when we do not have a priest in residence. We especially express our thanks to them with sincere prayers for their intentions.

Should any of you wish to contact me please send me an email via my Diocesan email address: FrClementOrango@brcdt.org

Please remember me in your prayers and I will do the same for you in mine.

Fr. Clement



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Our Parish

Nativity of Our Lady Friday 8th of September at 7.30 pm: Please join us to celebrate the Birthday of Our Lady and for Fr Clement's first Mass here at St Theresa's. Refreshments will follow after Mass in the Parish Centre. We are looking for volunteers to help with the preparations, if you can help please let Clair know by email stansted@brcdt.org Thank you.

Mass Intentions: Should you wish to book a Mass Intention please either post your request via the Intentions post box in the entrance of the church or contact Clair. Thank you.

First Holy Communion Programme 2023/2024: Should you wish your child to be registered for the First Holy Communion programme commencing around September/October 2023, please contact Clair by email or phone no later than **Thursday, 31st August 2023**. (Late registration may mean your child will be registered for the 2024-2025 programme). Your child will need to be in Year 3 or above from September 1st, 2023. The workshops dates and an administration meeting with the new group and parents will be arranged in due course. Please look out for further details.

Repository: We have a small collection of new items for sale, including candles and prayer cards, all at a very reasonable price, so please pop in and take a look.

Offertory:

Date	Gift Aid	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
23/07/2023	£88.00	£244.86	£503.12	£835.98

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.

March for Life UK: March for Life UK happens in London on Saturday 2nd September 2023. Many are concerned about the restrictions of freedom. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live. It also leaves many women and men deeply hurting. Join us at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Event starts with a Mass at Westminster Cathedral. Full details at marchforlife.co.uk or contact Anel 0794 374 6522

Our Diocese

The Knights of Saint Columba National Relic Tour 2023: We are delighted to announce that the Diocese of Brentwood will be graced with the presence of esteemed relics during the Knights of Saint Columba National Relic Tour 2023. From July 30th to August 12th, we welcome you to witness and venerate the sacred relics of St. Columba of Iona, St. Andrew the Apostle, and St. Margaret of Scotland.

These relics, rich in spiritual significance, offer a unique opportunity for personal reflection and communion with these revered saints. Join us in this profound spiritual journey as we celebrate their enduring legacies. Please see the timetable with dates, times and places the Relics can be viewed throughout the Diocese - thank you.



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Date:	Church:	Time of Arrival:	Timings of Events while Relics are in situation:				Date and Time of Departure:
Sunday 30 th July	St Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch RM12 4TF	3pm	Sunday: 3pm – 5pm Welcoming Service and Veneration	Monday: 9am – 11am Mass and Veneration	Tuesday: 9am -11am Mass and Veneration	Wednesday: 9am – 11am Veneration and Departure Service	Wednesday 2 nd August 11:15am
Wednesday 2 nd August	St Anthony of Padua, Forest Gate E7 9QB	12 Noon	Wednesday: 12:30pm – 6pm Welcoming Service and Veneration	Thursday: 8am – 12 Noon Mass and Veneration	Friday: 8am – 12 Noon Mass, Veneration and Departure Service		Friday 4 th August 12:15pm
Friday 4 th August	Sacred Heart of Jesus, Southend on Sea SS1 2QB	2:15pm	Friday: 3pm – 5pm Welcoming Service and Veneration	Saturday: 10am – 12 Noon Veneration 4:30pm – 7pm Mass and Veneration	Sunday: 8:30am – 12:30pm Two Masses and Veneration		Sunday 6 th August 1pm
Sunday 6 th August	St Margaret of Scotland, Dodinghurst CM15 0QJ	2pm	Sunday: 2:30pm – 4:30pm Veneration				Sunday 6 th August 5pm
Sunday 6 th August	Cathedral of St Mary and St Helen Brentwood CM15 8AT	5:30pm	Sunday: 6pm – 8pm Welcoming Mass and Veneration	Monday: 7am – 8pm Mass and Veneration	Tuesday: 7am -10:30am Mass, Veneration and Departure Service		Tuesday 8 th August 11am
Tuesday 8 th August	Our Lady Immaculate Chelmsford CM2 0RG	12 Noon	Tuesday: 12:30pm – 3pm Welcoming Mass and Veneration	Wednesday: 8:30am – 11:30am Mass and Veneration	Thursday: 8:30am – 10:30am Veneration and Departure Service		Thursday 10 th August 11am
Thursday 10 th August	St Peters Chapel Bradwell CM0 7PN	12:30pm	Thursday: 1:30pm – 3:30pm Processed from car park to Chapel Service and Veneration				Thursday 10 th August 4pm
Thursday 10 th August	St Andrew's Anglican Church Greenstead, Colchester CO4 3XH	5pm	Thursday: 5pm – 7pm Welcoming Service and Veneration	Friday: 11am – 12:30pm Processed from St Andrews to St James the Less and St Helens			Friday 11 th August 11am
Friday 11 th August	St James the Less and St Helen Colchester CO1 2QB	12:45pm	Friday: 1pm – 12 Midnight Welcome Mass and Veneration	Saturday: 12 Midnight – 1:30pm Veneration and Departure Mass			Saturday 12 th August 2pm Leaves the Province / Diocese

World Youth Day at home: World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with Pope Francis, taking place in Lisbon this summer. If you can't attend the main event, why not join **WYD in London** run by the Religious of the Assumption - a day celebration on **Saturday 5th August 2023** from 11am-5pm in the church by **Leicester Square**.

Programme: music • prayer • talks • activities • Mass, bringing together a young community of different nationalities in one faith! Venue: Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX. Donations only. **To register** a group or individually, fill in the form: [//bit.ly/wydlondon](https://bit.ly/wydlondon)

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



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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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A		
Saturday 29 th July	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	David Guild R.I.P. (The Dodd family)
Sunday 30 th July	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD – YEAR A		
Saturday 5 th August	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Private Intention (M. Lynch)
Sunday 6 th August	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A		
Saturday 12 th August	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Sunday 13 th August	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish

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