

Parish of St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted

The Little Flower Messenger

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

6th August 2023

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Mass book (P. 173) -

1st Reading:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Daniel 7:9-10 Psalm: The Lord is king. Most high above all the earth.

2 Peter 1:16-19

Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him. 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. David, Fr. Robert 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

The Nativity of Our Lady: As you know there will be Holy Mass followed by a delightful supper and Birthday cake on the Evening of 8th September. To prepare for this event there will be a meeting this **Thursday (10th August) at 12.00 p.m.** in the Parish Centre to look for volunteers and to discuss the details for the evening. Should you wish to email ideas to Fr Clement before the meeting please do so, this will enable them to be discussed as a group. Our Lady will smile and pray for us as we venerate her by celebrating her nativity in union with the Nativity of her Divine Son and Saviour of the world on Christmas Day.

Wednesday Mass: Following the requests, the Wednesday early afternoon Mass will be back in September. If for any reason the priest were to be unavailable, the Eucharistic ministers will be requested to Celebrate a Solemn Service of the Word of God and offer Holy Communion to parishioners. So, hopefully the Wednesday Group and the whole parish will be happy to participate.

Walsingham: Fr. Clement will be in Walsingham for a few days following a request from the Shrine Administration. Fr. Clement feels honoured and blessed to be asked to go to Walsingham to celebrate the Pilgrim Mass and look after the needs of the Pilgrims on following dates: **Tuesday 15th August, Wednesday 16th August, Friday 18th August and Saturday 19th August.**

The Daily Sacramental Calendar is as follows: 9:30 am Mass in the Slipper Chapel, 11:00am Sacrament of reconciliation, 12 noon Pilgrim Mass in the Chapel of reconciliation, 3pm Devotions Holy Rosary and Benediction which can be led by the lay liturgical team without benediction. We pray for the intentions of the new Rector of the Shrine, Fr. Robert Billing, who will take up his new responsibilities from 1st September 2023.

Everyone is invited to join Fr. Clement at Walsingham if at all possible. There will be time to share a cup of tea!

Parish Office: The Parish office will be closed from Friday 4th August, reopening on Tuesday 15th August. There will no Newsletter next weekend (12th & 13th August). 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.

My Brother Matthew- an Independent Film by Simon Baker: Our son Simon Baker has made a film about his disabled brother Matthew which will be shown at South Mill Arts at 3.00p.m. on Sunday 10th September 2023. Matthew has limited mobility but likes to challenge himself and to raise money for different charities. The film shows Matthew and his struggles and frustrations but highlights his sense of humour and optimism. It focuses on the last challenge that Matthew



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accomplished by swimming a mile each week until he had swum the length of the English Channel. He raised over £3,000 for MS.

The exclusive screening will be followed by a Q & A session with Matthew and Simon. Tickets can be purchased directly from South Mill Arts with funds going to MS Society. For further information and tickets please visit [My Brother Matthew \(ticketsolve.com\)](http://ticketsolve.com).

Thank you, Helen and Peter.

Offertory:

Date	Gift Aid	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
30/07/2023	£122.00	£172.50	£503.12	£797.62

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.

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. Please refer to the [National Relics Tour 2023 August - Knights of St Columba \(ksc.org.uk\)](http://ksc.org.uk) for dates. thank you.

Diocesan Mass to celebrate Mission 2023: Fr. Patrick Daly, Diocesan Director for Missio, invites all Missio Red Box holders and supporters to a Diocesan Mass to celebrate Mission, followed by Mission Animation.

Date and Time: Saturday 16th September. 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Venue: Our Lady of Light and Saint Osyth Catholic Church, Church Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 6AG.

Please bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee and cakes will be provided. In order to help with planning and catering, please RSVP by email to redbox@missio.org.uk or telephone 07593 544622.

Stallholders needed for Christmas Craft & Gift Fair: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are seeking stallholders for their Christmas Craft and Gift Fair being held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 5th November from 10.30-4pm. Pitches are £30 and all profits made on the day are the stallholders' own. For further information please contact Damian: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308 000.

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,



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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/

Our World

New Lectionary to be launched from Advent 2024: The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has confirmed the approval by the Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales for the new Lectionary.

The Lectionary, which includes the scripture readings for Mass and the sacraments, will come into use in Catholic parishes in England and Wales from Advent 2024. Further details can be found on the CBCE&W website [New Lectionary to be launched in England and Wales for Advent 2024 - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

Mass Times and Intentions

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD – YEAR A		
Saturday 5th August	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Private Intention (M. Lynch)
Sunday 6th August	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Mary O’Regan R.I.P (J & S O’Regan)
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A		
Saturday 12th August	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Russell Wood R.I.P. & Lawrence McCreanor R.I.P. (S. Wood)
Sunday 13th August	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Private Intention (F. Roberts)
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A		
Saturday 19th August	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	James Braeckman R.I.P. (The Braeckman Family)
Sunday 20th August	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish

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