

Parish of St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted

The Little Flower Messenger

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20th August 2023

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Mass book (P. 117) -

1st Reading:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 Psalm: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Romans 11:13-15

Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Greetings from Walsingham

I am thinking of you all and praying for your intentions here in England's Nazareth. I was delighted to be asked to supply and support Our Lady's Shrine here in Walsingham as we await the arrival of the New Rector in September, Fr. Robert Billing.

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, grieving, or struggling in any way. Please join me to pray for a couple of parishioners who are grieving and those who have confided in me about their life-threatening illnesses. 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.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Bishop Alan, Fr Euan 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

Our Parish

Genty Frostick R.I.P: A former parishioner here at St Theresa and tended to the gardens of the church for 15 years (2000 - 2015) has sadly died. Her funeral will be held at 2.00 p.m. on the 22nd August at The Holy Trinity Church, Takeley. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.



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Catherine McArthur R.I.P.: Catherine sadly died on 3rd August. Please pray for Catherine, her husband John, and her family during this sad time. The Funeral will take place on Wednesday 30th August at 11.00 a.m. at St Theresa's followed by a burial at Bishops Stortford Cemetery at 12.30 p.m. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Ruth Rawlinson R.I.P: Ruth died unexpectedly on 13th August. Please pray for Ruth and her family during this sad time. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

The Nativity of Our Lady 8th September 2023: Last week we had a meeting regarding arrangements to celebrate the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Conclusions:

- **Mass at 7pm** to allow more time for the sharing and celebration as a community.
- **Cake and drinks** after Mass. There will be cake, wine, juice, tea and coffee. Drink donations welcome.
- **Bring and Share Food.** David Morson has kindly volunteered to be at the back at the end of each Saturday/Sunday Mass with a list where people can write their name and what they are bringing.
- **Entertainment.** There will be a moment for a brief speech and cutting the cake to celebrate Our Lady and to welcome to Fr Clement. There will also be some live music provided by David M. Any adult or children wishing to sing, dance or perform would be very welcome.

More details or if you want to contribute in a specific way, please contact Anel on 0794 374 6522 or anel@zunigadaly.com

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 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 \(ticketsolve.com\)](https://ticketsolve.com) or call 01279 710 200.

Thank you, Helen and Peter.



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Offertory:

Date	Gift Aid	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
06/08/2023	£182.00	£250.61	£391.00	£823.61
13/08/2023	£139.00	£200.90	£391.00	£730.90

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

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.

Site Manager Epping: A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Site Manager at The Immaculate Conception, Epping. The post will be part-time (three hours per week – with a flexible working agreement to be agreed). Please send your CV and cover letter by email to admin@eppingparish.plus.com Job description: JD014_08 – Caretaker Cleaner – Epping Official V.2 (002)

Parish Administrator – St Joseph the Worker, Hutton: St Joseph the Worker, Hutton is looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community. The candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to manage their own workload. The post is for 12 hours a week, over two days (one must be a Friday). Closing date is noon on Friday 25 August 2023. Job description: [JD012_14 Parish Administrator – Hutton CV](#) and Covering letter required for application. For further information, please contact Fr Leslie Knight on 01277 221917 or email hutton@brcdt.org.

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, opportunities for climbing high ropes, archery, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged



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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

‘Artificial Intelligence and Peace’ theme of 57th World Day of Peace message: The Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development released a statement presenting the next Message of the World Day of Peace’s theme, which will touch on “Artificial Intelligence and Peace.”

The press release noted the “remarkable advances made in the field of artificial intelligence” and how they “are having a rapidly increasing impact on human activity, personal and social life, politics and the economy.”

In this context, Pope Francis will call “for an open dialogue on the meaning of these new technologies, endowed with disruptive possibilities and ambivalent effects.”

More details can be found via the CBCEW website: [‘Artificial Intelligence and Peace’ theme of 57th World Day of Peace message - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)

Mass Times and Intentions

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A		
Saturday 19 th 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 20 th August	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A		
Saturday 26 th August	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Sunday 27 th August	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A		
Saturday 2 nd September	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Michael Welby R.I.P. (C. Donnelly)
Sunday 3 rd September	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Brian & Eileen Quinn Diamond Wedding Anniversary (B. Quinn)

Thank you to Bishop Alan and Fr Euan for celebrating Mass with us this weekend.



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