

# Parish of St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted

## *The Little Flower Messenger*

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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Mass book (P. 120) -

1st Reading:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

*Isaiah 22:19-23 Psalm: Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.*

*Romans 11:33-36*

*Alleluia, alleluia! God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. Alleluia!*

### Our Parish

**Genty Frostick 1932 - 2023:** Genty was a very special lady, a great friend of Fr Joe's and an honorary member of the Wednesday Club. John Latham, who donated and executed the planting in our beautiful church grounds and employed her for most of her life, described her as the best worker ever. Together they planted all the trees, shrubs and bulbs in our grounds. The first day she dug 750 holes and John planted, finishing in the dark, late into the night. The second day she rang him up early, "I know you are tired so I will take someone else and finish the job", she did - another 210. Thereafter, she looked after the huge plot, weeding and mowing for another 15 years, well into her eighties. Thank you Genty.

**The Nativity of Our Lady 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023:** Arrangements to celebrate the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary are below:

- **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](mailto:anel@zunigadaly.com)

**Can you sing or play an instrument?** For the Nativity of Our Lady, we would very much like people who can sing and/or play an instrument to join our musical liturgy for this special feast



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and to welcome Fr. Clement to our parish. Fr Clement is very keen that everyone to join in so please contact Frances on 01279 850 460 or speak to her after the 10am Sunday Mass.

**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, 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Encounter Group:** Our monthly meetings begin again on Friday 22nd September. Please pick up a programme for the coming 'year' from the information area at the back of the church. All are welcome.!

**Parish Office:** The Parish office will be closed from Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August, reopening on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. There will no Newsletter next weekend (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> September). Thank you.

**Offertory:**

Date	Gift Aid	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
20/08/2023	£157.04	£225.08	£391.00	£773.12

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](mailto:stansted-giftaid@brcdt.org) for details.

## Our Diocese

**The Dedication of a Church:** The next Gidea Park Faith Talk is due to take place at 7 pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September in the hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Parish priest and liturgical scholar, Fr David Manson, will be speaking about 'the Dedication of a Church', explaining how this rare ceremony takes place, and pointing to its deeper significance. All are welcome. Tea and coffee will be available from 6.30 pm. The event can also be viewed online simply by going to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:hutton@brcdt.org).



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**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](mailto:ddillon@bccs.org.uk) / 07912 308 000.

**BCYS Youth Gather, 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> 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/](http://www.bcys.net/events/yg23/)

## Our World

**Pope Francis writing a second part of Laudato si':** Speaking off-the-cuff to a delegation of lawyers from member countries of the Council of Europe on Monday, Pope Francis said he was writing a second part of his Laudato si' encyclical to update it to "current issues".

The Pope was expressing his appreciation for the attorneys' commitment to developing a legal framework aimed at protecting the environment.

"We must never forget that the younger generations have the right to receive a beautiful and livable world from us, and that this implies that we have a grave responsibility towards creation which we have received from the generous hands of God," said the Pope. "Thank you for your contribution."

In a later statement, the Director of the Holy See Press Office, Matteo Bruni, explained that the new updated version of Laudato si' will focus in particular on the most recent extreme weather events and catastrophes affecting people across five continents.

Laudato si' is Pope Francis' second encyclical letter. It was published on 18 June 2015, and bears the date 24 May of the same year, the Solemnity of Pentecost.

The document on the "care of the common home" draws its title from the incipit of St. Francis' Canticle of Creatures and opens with these words: "'LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore' - 'Praise be to you, my Lord'. In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. 'Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs'".

For more information please refer to the CBCEW website: [Pope Francis writing a second part of Laudato si' - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://www.cbcew.org.uk)



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## Mass Times and Intentions

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	Requiem Mass: 11:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Catherine McArthur R.I.P.</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Funeral: 2:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Ruth Rawlinson R.I.P.</b>
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Michael Welby R.I.P.</b> (C. Donnelly)
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Brian &amp; Eileen Quinn Diamond Wedding Anniversary</b> (B. Quinn)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Mass: 7:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>John Whiting Anniversary R.I. P.</b> (K. Whiting)
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>The Guild Family</b> (The Dodd Family)
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>People of the Parish</b>

**Thank you to Fr Stewart, Fr Dominic and Fr Frank for celebrating our Masses with us.**



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