

Parish of St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted

The Little Flower Messenger

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th September 2023

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Mass book (P. 125) -

1st Reading:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Ezekiel 33:7-9 Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Romans 13:8-10

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Greetings from Fr Clement

My dear people,

I am very grateful to Bishop Alan for entrusting me with the responsibilities of pastor, to look after your spiritual welfare. Please pray for me so that I may rely on the grace of God in carrying out my pastoral duties.

What an amazing choice of the Gospel today (23rd Sunday of the Year-A). The Gospel reveals to us the unique Mission of Christ of reconciliation in our ordinary lives. Each one of us has been called to speak, to practice, and to spread reconciliation.

The vice of gossip and spitefulness are the complete opposites to the Gospel we have heard today, the Gospel of humility and courtesy: "*Go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves*". I can recall when I have given way to my pride and entitlement by not only keeping away from the person who has wronged me but also by asking others to judge and condemn the same person.

Our work or mission is cut out for us: By the grace of God, we will call out gossip by its name and ensure that there is none in our parish. The Gospel simply asks us to talk directly with each other. Pope Francis has spoken many times about the vice of gossip. He calls it a cancer, a plague that is worse than Covid, and a tool of the devil to divide the Church. Let us ask St. Theresa's, Our Lady's, and St. Joseph's prayers so that we may successfully overcome this demon of gossip.

My hope is that you, each one of you, are all my family and there is no doubt we shall share wonderful and happy times as Christ literally walks with us and supports us. My hope is that we would rather talk directly with each other than gossip or walk away.

Challenge mission: Who are you going to phone this week and arrange for a one-to-one chat rather than using emails or social media platforms?



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Our Parish

Wednesday Mass: Wednesday Mass will start again this Wednesday (13th September) at 12.30 p.m. 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.

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: Thank you to everyone that has shown interest in our First Holy Communion programme this year. Now that Fr Clement has joined us, he will be looking at the programme. 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.

Christmas Child Quiz Evening: Taking place in the Parish Centre on Saturday 30th September, 7pm for 7.30pm Start. Please bring your own food and drink. Entrance £5. Raffle. All funds go to transporting a Christmas Box to Romania costing £5 a box. For More information Contact David Morson 01279 850209.

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.!

Offertory:

Date	Gift Aid	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
27/08/2023	£107.00	£198.28	£391.00	£696.28
03/09/2023	£100.00	£210.42	£391.00	£701.42

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 Dedication of a Church: The next Gidea Park Faith Talk is due to take place at 7 pm on Wednesday 20th 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

Headteacher Ursuline Catholic Preparatory School, Ilford: Dedicated Headteacher required from 1st January 2024 Ursuline L10 – L17 comparable to Group 1: (starting salary based on experience). NOR: 104. The Governors of The Ursuline Preparatory School, Ilford are seeking to appoint an



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inspirational and dedicated Headteacher from January 2024. The Ursuline Prep is a caring, friendly school and community where our Catholic Ethos is central to all that we do. Our new Headteacher will work with governors to shape the strategic direction of the school, and will be responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of The Ursuline Prep. We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our school, please speak with the School Business Manager Amina Ayankogbe. Further information and application packs are available online from the school website www.urspsi.org.uk or from HR at hr@urspsi.org.uk and completed applications should be sent to this address.

Headteacher St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Dovercourt, Harwich: This is an exciting opportunity to lead our school which was recently described by Ofsted as "a school full of happiness". St Joseph's is part of the Rosary Trust and is situated close to the seafront in Dovercourt. We are seeking a new Headteacher from January 2024. The closing date for applications is 12:00 noon, 26th September. For further information please contact our Business Administrator Mrs Gill Colley admin@st-josephs-dovercourt.essex.sch.uk. The advert can also be viewed online at www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk

Property Administrator - Cathedral House: The successful applicant will provide comprehensive, effective, and efficient administration support. Full Job description is attached. Hours: 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 September 2023.

Love The Stranger: Earlier this year the Bishops of England and Wales produced a document on Migrants and Refugees, entitled 'Love the Stranger: A Catholic Response to Migrants and Refugees'. Liam Allmark, who works at the Bishops' Conference, will present the document at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) on Saturday 7th October from 11 a.m. Refreshments will be available from 10.30. Ample parking available and local eateries. Five minutes' walk from the Elizabeth Line. This free event is both in-person and live-stream. Please go to www.whatgoodnews.org for details. A recording of the study day will be made available on the website.

Our World

Season of Creation: The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation was celebrated on 1st September, marking the start of the *Season of Creation*, a time of sustained prayer and action which lasts a month and four days. During this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

More details can be found on the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales website: [Season of Creation - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://SeasonofCreation-CatholicBishops'Conference(cbcew.org.uk))



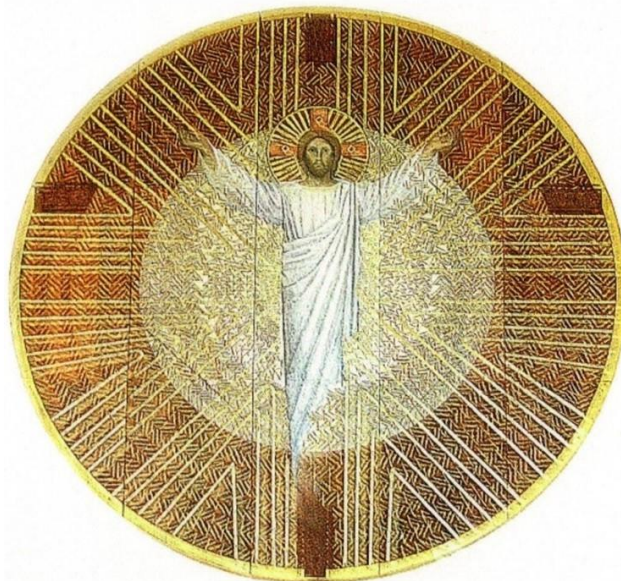
**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023



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Mass Times and Intentions

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A		
Saturday 9 th September	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	The Guild Family (The Dodd Family)
Sunday 10 th September <i>Education Day</i>	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
Wednesday 13 th September <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	Confessions: 12:00 p.m. Mass: 12:30 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Micheal Bambridge (J. Bambridge)
Thursday 14 th September <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Mass: 7:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A		
Saturday 16 th September	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
Sunday 17 th September <i>Evangelii Gaudium Day</i>	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	Wednesday Club Thanksgiving (B & E Quinn)
Wednesday 20 th September <i>St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon & Paul</i> <i>Chong Ha-Sang & Comps</i>	Confessions: 12:00 p.m. Mass: 12:30 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	



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