

Parish of St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted

## *The Little Flower Messenger*

### TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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**Mass book (P. 128) Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20**

**1st Reading:** *Ecclesiasticus 27-30- Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.*

**2nd Reading:** *Romans 14:7-9*

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!*

#### Fr Clement's Notices

**Holy Baptism:** Pope Francis advises that no one who requests to be baptised should be turned away. The Holy Father has in his mind the teaching of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (ccc) which states that the only ordinary means, that the Church knows of, by which a person is to be saved is via the Sacrament of Baptism (ccc1257), holy Baptism being the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which give access to other Sacraments (ccc1213).

With this in mind, I would like to welcome with joy everyone who asks to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. Please talk to me after Mass and I will give you a baptismal form on which to fill in the relevant details. On behalf of the parish, a couple of parishioners will accompany me to help you prepare well to celebrate this Holy Sacrament.

**The First Holy Communion:** After receiving holy baptism, candidates (including children who are seven years and above) are invited to participate in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and reception of Holy Communion. The holy Mass is the greatest gift that our Lord gave his apostles when on that evening of Holy Thursday, He commanded his apostles to celebrate the Mass by saying: *Do this in memory of me*. The apostolic Church shall in perpetuity treasure the celebration of the Holy Eucharistic, and after the Vatican II Council, the Church recommends a daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist besides the Sunday Obligation. The Church calls the Eucharist as the Source and Summit of the Christian Life (ccc1324). This means that every Christian spirituality flows from the Eucharistic and that all Christian activities should be directed towards the Eucharistic.

The celebrations of all other Sacraments and all other liturgical Services are to be linked to the Eucharistic. Given the above, let us support all those who will come forward during this time as Candidates to prepare for their First Holy Communion. This invitation is not limited to children



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only. Every young person or adult who, for whatever reason, has not been able to receive Holy Communion, is invited to talk to me after Mass, please. As a Parish Christian Community, we will be happy to discern and prepare with you to celebrate the Sacraments. If you are the prospective candidate, please speak to me after Mass and I shall give you the First Holy Communion Form to fill in the details. We are hoping to start the preparatory Lessons in October.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation:** The fullness of Christian initiation is completed by the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Every baptised person should receive the Sacrament of Confirmation which is the way the Candidate's relationship to God the Father is deepened by the powerful grace of the Holy Spirit: "...the Sacrament of Confirmation confers upon the candidate an outpouring of the Holy Spirit with his sevenfold gifts and impresses upon the soul of the candidate an indelible character..." (ccc1285-1321). Please let me know if you know anybody in our parish who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Within our parish context, we are happy to present three Candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 1st October at 10.00 am Mass, which will be presided by Bishop Alan. The Confirmation Candidates Anthony Dellow, Abigail Ayaso and Isabel Nwako have been doing Catechetical Lessons and I am grateful to David Morson for being the lead Catechist. Please pray for the intentions of our candidates and their families.

**Mass Intentions:** As one of the ways of having a personal touch with you and getting to know you, it may be helpful if you personally give me your Mass intentions. You can speak with me about this before or after Mass. Mass intentions envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Hopefully with time, I will know each one of you by name! I think I already know about 10 parishioners by name.

**We welcome Fr. Charles Lwanga of Bethlehem Abbey Cistercian Monastery** in Ireland, who will be celebrating Mass for us next Sunday 23rd/24th September. As Abbot emeritus of this monastery, he will tell us more about the journey of his monastic vocation.

**Tea and Coffee after Mass:** It would be lovely if we were able as a parish to spend a little more time together sharing tea or coffee every Sunday after Mass. I would like to appeal for volunteers to help me with this endeavour as from 1st October, our patronal feast day of St Theresa of Lisieux. I need two volunteers per Sunday to help with the preparation. Clair and I will volunteer on 8th October. Please have a look at the Rota in the entrance to see when you are able to volunteer. The more the merrier! Thank you for your help.

**The Parish Handing over file:** I have noticed a few missing items in this file. May I gently remind the person who is keeping the login details of the parish website to hand them to me as soon as possible? For security and insurance purposes, can I please have all the names of the persons with a key to the Church and the Parish Hall? Please get in touch with Clair in the Office to inform her. The Parish Finance Committee will be meeting soon and will examine this File.

## Our Parish

**Church Benches:** We are looking to move the benches back to the original layout pre COVID. If you are able to volunteer and assist, please come to Church this Tuesday (19<sup>th</sup> September) at 10:00a.m. Thank you.



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**Christmas Child Quiz Evening:** Taking place in the Parish Centre on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 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:** Encounter group meet next Friday, 22 September at St Theresa's, Stansted. 'Peter, James & Paul & the emerging church' led by David Morson. 10.00am Coffee; 10.30am meeting opens; 12.30pm shared lunch, (please bring lunch to share); 2.00pm day ends. All welcome; Enquiries: BS 652060 or 816916.

**Offertory:**

Date	Gift Aid	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
10/09/2023	£152.00	£166.64	£495.63	£814.27

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

### **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) Child and Family Counselling Service:**

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their centre in Billericay. Their CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists working in specially adapted therapy rooms. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Donna Booth [dbooth@bccs.org.uk](mailto:dbooth@bccs.org.uk) who will outline the type of support that will be provided for them or their child. There is a charge for this service, but they urge any families needing support to contact them. More information is available on their website:

[www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk)

**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)

**Caretaker/Cleaner, Epping:** A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Caretaker at The Immaculate Conception, Epping. The post will be part-time (three hours per week - with a flexible working agreement to be agreed). Closing date is noon on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023, please send your CV by email to [admin@eppingparish.plus.com](mailto:admin@eppingparish.plus.com) Job description: [JD014\\_08 - Caretaker Cleaner - Epping Official V.2 \(002\)](#)

## Our World

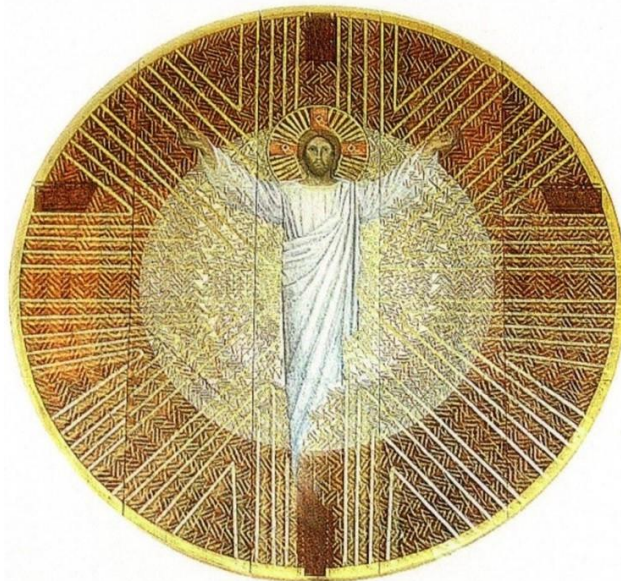
**Evangelii Gaudium Sunday in England and Wales:** Please find enclosed information, produced by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, details information around Evangelii Sunday. There is a mandated Second Collection for this work (as it supersedes Home Mission Sunday) this weekend.



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## Mass Times and Intentions

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A		
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>Evangelii Gaudium Day</i>	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Wednesday Club</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b> (B & E Quinn)
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b> <i>St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon &amp; Paul Chong Ha-Sang &amp; Comps</i>	Liturgy of the Word & Communion: 12:30 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A		
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Bridget McCreanor R.I.P.</b> (S. Wood)
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A		
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Confessions: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Mass: 6:00 p.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>Kevin McLoughlin R.I.P.</b> <b>Margaret McLoughlin R.I.P.</b> <b>Eammon McLoughlin R.I.P.</b> (SP. Whiter)
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Mass: 10:00 a.m. <i>Livestreamed</i>	<b>People of the Parish</b>



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