

Parish of St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted

The Little Flower Messenger

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass book (P. 134)

1st Reading:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Ezekiel 18:25-28 Psalm: Remember your Mercy, Lord.

Philippians 2:1-11

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Congratulations to our Parishioners Anthony Dellow, Abigail Ayaso and Isabel Nwako who will receive the holy Sacrament of Confirmation during the Mass today. We pray for their intentions and wish them God's blessings as they go out to witness the Christian Faith to the world especially at their places where they live and work. On behalf of the parish, I am very grateful to everyone who has supported these candidates in their preparatory lessons, especially David Morson for being our lead Catechist. Particular thanks and welcome to Bishop Alan for coming to preside at this special Mass. Everyone is welcome to the Parish Hall after the Mass for a celebratory Coffee/Tea.

Our Parish's Patronal Feast: We acknowledge and honour what God has done through the life and witness of St Theresa of Lisieux, who has been given to us as our parish protector and patron. As Pope, Saint John Paul II named her a universal doctor of the Church, that is: her life, words and teachings are free from error and they shed more light and deeper understanding of the mysteries of the Faith and Christ's mystery (see Homily of Pope John Paul II on Mission Sunday 19th October 1997). We are so grateful to the Church for inviting us to pray and celebrate the holy Mass at our parish of St Theresa. Here below is one of the prayers to use in union with St Theresa.

One of the prayers to St Theresa:

O Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, see what confidence I have in you, and welcome my intentions. Intercede for me with the Blessed Virgin Mary, who came to smile on you when you were suffering. Look on all those undergoing distress and trials and also on all those who pray to you: I unite myself them as my brothers and sisters. Through the graces we desire, if it be the Lord's will, make us stronger in Faith, Hope and Love on the road to life. May we be assisted at the moment of death so that we may pass from this world into the peace of the Father and know the eternal joy of the children of God. Amen. Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, remember thy promise to do good upon earth, shower down thy roses on those who invoke thee, and obtain for us from God the graces we hope for from His infinite goodness. Amen.



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A Prayer to St Michael:

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God thrust down to hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary: The Church dedicates the month of October to the Holy Rosary and makes a solemn appeal to all the Faithful to pray the Rosary. The Feast of the Holy Rosary is celebrated worldwide during this month (7th of October) and we will celebrate Mass on this day, **Saturday 7th October, at 10.00 am**. Whilst we will continue to pray the rosary regularly as individuals or as a group, it would be lovely to pray the Rosary as a parish at least once during this month of the holy Rosary. Therefore, I would like to invite everyone to pray the Rosary together as a parish before Mass **on Saturday 28th October at 5.40 pm** and **Sunday 29th October at 9.40am**. Thank you.

Children's Mass and picnic lunch on Saturday 4th November at 11.30 am: I would like to invite fathers and mothers with young children to come for Mass on this day followed by a picnic lunch. This will give me the opportunity to interact with the children and also consult with their parents about our parish matters especially on the kind of preparations we need to have for the Christmas Eve Children's Mass. Whilst confirming to attend this Mass, would parents please email me and share their views at frclementorango@brcdt.org

The Month of Holy Souls: In November, the Church invites us to pray for the departed souls including, but not limited to, our departed parishioners and relatives. Please send me your ideas on how to honour and pray for our departed souls during the month of November.

Mass Intentions: As a personal touch with you, and getting to know you individually, 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.

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 more 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 Centre? 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.

Holy Baptism: Pope Francis advises that no one who requests Baptism 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



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prepare well to celebrate this Holy Sacrament. Please hand your completed forms to Fr Clement. Thank you.

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 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 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. Please would the prospective candidates say Jambo (greetings) to me as they personally hand over their completed forms. Thank you.

Michael Lambe R.I.P: Michael died on Thursday 14th September. Please pray for Michael's happy repose and for his family during this sad time. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. His Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 12th October 2023 at 2.30pm.

Thank you: On behalf of the Parish, I would like to sincerely thank Francis, Brian, John and Angelo for moving the benches back to pre-COVID layout. It is good for me to know how the Church layout looked like before my arrival.

Miraculous Medal: After experiencing a beautiful spiritual moment at the Chapel of the Miraculous Medal in Paris, I brought some Miraculous Medals for you all. They are available next to the Newsletters in the church entrance; please do take one along with the explanatory leaflet. They have been blessed.

Church Flowers: I met with Sharon King, one of our parishioners, who kindly agreed to prepare the flower rota and invite as many parishioners as possible to arrange the flowers for the purpose of enhancing our Liturgical prayers and worship. On behalf of the Parish, I am very grateful to Sharon and all who are willing to support the parish in this way.

Christmas Shoeboxes with Teams4u: We are sending Love in a Box again this Christmas to the Ukraine/adjoining camps by lorry and would be very grateful for any suitable items to send. Everything must fit into a shoebox. There will be a large box in the entrance hall for any of the following items you are able to give: - Toothbrushes, paste, soap etc. stationery and pens, pencils, crayons, sharpeners, colouring books, small games, skipping ropes, puppets, dolls, craft sets, toy cars, socks, sweets. For older children, notebooks, biros, maths sets, makeup, bath products, hair gel, bands, jewellery, gloves etc. The Wednesday Club will be filling the boxes with all the donated items on the 1st November from 2.30pm onwards. Normally we fill over 100 boxes, and then take them to the central pick-up point in Loughton. You can see the children's beaming faces online or @teams4Utube. There is a poster on the Notice Board with our phone number if you have any questions. Eileen and Brian Quinn



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Offertory:

Date	Gift Aid	Loose Cash	Standing Orders	Total
24/09/2023	£152.00	£199.45	£495.63	£847.08

Thank you very much for your generous financial support for our parish and the special collection.

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.

Everyone is invited to the Celebration of the holy Mass this week as per the schedule here below:

Mass Times and Intentions

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Saturday 30 th September	Confessions: 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm Mass: 6:00 pm <i>Livestreamed</i>	Kevin McLoughlin R.I.P. Margaret McLoughlin R.I.P. Eammon McLoughlin R.I.P. (P. Whiter)
Sunday 1 st October	Mass: 10:00 am <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish
Wednesday 4 th October <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	Mass: 12:30 pm <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Thursday 5 th October	Mass: 10:00 am <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Friday 6 th October	First Friday Adoration: 6.00 pm Mass: 7.30pm <i>Livestreamed</i>	
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A		
Saturday 7 th October	Our Lady of the Rosary Mass: 10.00 am <i>Livestreamed</i> Confessions: 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm Vigil Mass: 6:00 pm <i>Livestreamed</i>	Elizabeth Cassidy R.I.P. (E. Cassidy-Jones)
Sunday 8 th October	Mass: 10:00 am <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish



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