

Parish of St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted

The Little Flower Messenger

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8th October 2023

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Mass book (P. 137)

1st Reading:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm: *The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.*

Philippians 4:6-9

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal – Harvest Collection at Masses this week: As a Catholic community we are called into putting our faith into action; this year CAFOD are calling us to educate our young people about the food crisis around our world. We are called to prayer, so let us all take the opportunity to give thanks for the food we have. Pope Francis reminds us that through prayer we reconnect ourselves to God; through charity we reconnect ourselves to each other; and through fasting we reconnect to ourselves.

Envelopes are located at the church entrance, or you can donate via the CAFOD website www.cafod.org.uk/

We pray for all those people around the world that do not have enough to eat. May God grant us the gift of compassion, that we might be moved to share our bread with the hungry, and work with all our strength to end food poverty. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The Synod: Bishop Alan has reminded us to pray for Pope Francis and everyone currently meeting in Rome for the SYNOD (For a Synodal Church - Communion, Participation, Mission). Pope Francis has published a new Apostolic Exhortation LAUDATE DEUM - 'To all people of good will on the climate crisis' - it is available online. Please continue to pray for the intentions and anxieties of the Holy Father and for the world in which we live that all peoples will turn to our God in Christ who is never outdone in generosity and gives us such great gifts to use for our common good.

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 this Sunday (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.



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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. 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.

8.30 am Sunday Mass: I have received a few requests to start this Mass. Do you know a parishioner who might benefit from this early Sunday Mass? Please let me know your views so that I may consider starting this Mass from the 4th of November 2023.

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.

The Parish Website: We have a beautiful website and I am very grateful to ALL who have assisted to develop and support it. It just shows we have a wonderful spirit of volunteering to support the parish. As I take responsibility for every bit of data and information on the website, administrative access to the website will be limited and controlled. Please send all the information to me to approve before I upload it on the website. Please use this email to send your requests: stansted@brcdt.org

The Parish Handing over file: I have noticed a few missing items in this file. 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: 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. Thank you.

First Holy Communion June 2024: Registering interest for the First Holy Communion Programme 2024 will close at midday on Sunday October 15th. Any applications after this will be considered for the 2025 programme.

There will be a mandatory meeting for the parents of First Holy Communion Children on **Wednesday October 18th at 7:30pm**. Please note, you will need to present the following paperwork at this meeting:

- Your child's baptism certificate/s (if your child was not baptised at St. Theresa of Lisieux, Stansted Mountfitchet).
- Your child's date of Baptism (if baptised in our Parish)



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- A letter from your Parish Priest to take part in our programme if you live outside of our Parish.

We look forward to meeting you on October 18th.

In the meantime, should you have any questions or require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Bernadette, the Parish Catechist, through the Parish email address stansted@brcdt.org

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: Further to the announcement in last week's newsletter, I would like to invite anyone in the Parish who is interested in flowers and becoming involved in a very informal flower group with the intention of coming together to create an arrangement or two in our beautiful church. Guidance lessons will be given in small groups in the afternoon in the Parish centre. A chance to meet old and new friends who have a love of flowers. For further information please contact me - sharoncatherineking@gmail.com or the Parish Administrator Clair via email stansted@brcdt.org or call on 01279 816 889.

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.

Wine Tasting Evening Saturday 14th October at St Theresa's Stansted 7pm for 7.30 pm: How does Climate Change effect the quality of the wines we drink and does an increase in alcoholic strength make a better wine? These are questions which we can explore together during the evening through sampling 6 wines, followed by a special mystery sample, to tickle your taste buds, to end the proceedings - all this for the price of £20. Bring your own food and join in on a friendly picnic atmosphere. Funds raised will go towards supporting CAFOD's Water Project in taking much needed fresh water to remote villages in Zimbabwe. Please contact John O'Brien on 07709245419 to book your place.

Offertory:

Date	Gift Aid Loose	Cash	Standing Orders	Total
01/10/2023	£160.00	£233.33	£495.63	£888.96

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.

Cleaning Rota: If you're able to assist with the cleaning of the church please mark you name and contact details on the sheet in the church entrance. Thank you.



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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Date	Mass Time	Intention
Saturday 7 th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	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
Wednesday 11 th October <i>Feria</i>	Mass: 12:30 pm <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Thursday 12 th October <i>St Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthberga</i>	Requiem Mass: 2.30 pm <i>Livestreamed</i>	Michael Lambe R.I.P.
Friday 13 th October <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	Mass: 10:00 am <i>Livestreamed</i>	Ted Clarke R.I.P. (C. Clarke)

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Date	Mass Time	Intention
Saturday 14 th October <i>Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Mass: 10.00 am <i>Livestreamed</i> Confessions: 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm Vigil Mass: 6:00 pm <i>Livestreamed</i>	Holy Souls (J&C Welsh)
Sunday 15 th October	Mass: 10:00 am <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish

New Parishioners: Today we welcome everyone, especially Nuno, Mariana and Sofia



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