

Parish of St. Theresa of Lisieux Stansted

The Little Flower Messenger

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15th October 2023

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Mass book (P. 140)

1st Reading:

2nd Reading:

Gospel Acclamation:

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Isaiah 25:6-10 Psalm: *In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever*

Philippians 4:12-14

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

World Mission Sunday 22nd October 2023: Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. If you use the donation envelopes to give by credit/debit card, please return the envelopes directly to Missio. Do not put them in the Church collection. Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit [Missio's website](#) to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

Tea and Coffee after Mass in the Hall: Thank you to one and all who were able to remain behind to spend a little more time together sharing tea or coffee every Sunday after Mass. No problem if you are unavailable because of other commitments but please do plan to share your time after Mass with fellow parishioners at least twice a month. I would like to appeal for more volunteers to help me with this endeavour. We need two volunteers per Sunday to help with the preparation. 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.

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. As we continue to pray the rosary regularly either 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 Picnic Mass 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



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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 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.

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. Holy Souls envelopes will be given out next Sunday for those who wish to book Mass intentions for the dead. Seven-day holy souls Candles will be available to purchase, and everyone will be invited to light them.

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. Many thanks to those who have written to me to express their ideas.

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.

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 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 met recently but did not have the whole picture. Many thanks to those who have responded already to this appeal, and who continue to support me.

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.

St Theresa's wallet/purse prayer card: St Theresa's prayer card which is meant to fit in your purse or wallet is available for you all. It is Fr. Clement's gift to everyone as we all try to rediscover this great Doctor of the Church who has been given to our Parish as our patron, protector and prayer-partner. Extra copies of these prayer cards and Our Lady's medals can be found in Fr. Clement's Basket in the Church porch.



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First Holy Communion June 2024: Registering interest for the First Holy Communion Programme 2024 will close at midday this 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 this **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)
- 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 Wednesday.

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

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.

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

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day appeal - Harvest Collection: Could all donation envelopes be returned to church no later than Sunday 22nd October 2023. Envelopes are located at the church entrance, or you can donate via the CAFOD website www.cafod.org.uk/. Thank you for your support.

Encounter: Next meeting takes place on Friday 20th October at the Parish Centre. Our theme is Pope Francis: What's in a name? Fr Richard Rohr OFM will be on DVD to aid discussion on 'Franciscan Spirituality', leading on to 'Laudate Sii'. 10.00am Coffee; 10.30am Talk & discussion; 12.30pm shared lunch; 2.00pm day ends. All are welcome to come for all or part of the day. Enquiries: BS 656482 or 652060.

Offertory:

Date	Gift Aid Loose	Cash	Standing Orders	Total
08/10/2023	£204.00	£188.93	£400.00	£792.93



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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:

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Date	Mass Time	Intention
Saturday 14 th October <i>Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</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
Wednesday 18 th October <i>St Luke</i>	Mass: 12:30 pm <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Thursday 19 th October <i>Feria</i>	Mass: 10.00 am <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Friday 20 th October <i>Feria</i>	Mass: 9:30 am <i>Livestreamed</i>	

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Date	Mass Time	Intention
Saturday 21 st October	Mass: 9.00 am <i>Livestreamed</i> Confessions: 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm Vigil Mass: 6:00 pm <i>Livestreamed</i>	
Sunday 22 nd October <i>World Mission Day</i>	Mass: 10:00 am <i>Livestreamed</i>	People of the Parish



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