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St Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Parish Stansted

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Thirty-Fourth Sunday (Weekday Readings 34th Week)
Eucharist Prayer II Memorial Acclamation -1

November is the month dedicated for the Holy Souls.
 Because of the common condition of sin and need of redemption that we all share, the Church appeals to all of us to pray for the salvation of our departed sisters and brothers.

Date -2024	Time	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED Livestreamed	LITURGY OF THE DAY
November			Div. Off. Psalter Week 2
Saturday 23 rd	6.00 pm	For Mrs Margaret Aldridge R.I.P (offered by Tony)	34 th Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday 24 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	For Mike Baxter R.I.P (By Dalzell & Bennett families) For departed souls-those in our November death list	Christ is the King
Monday 25 th			Feria
Tuesday 26 th			Feria
Wed 27 th	12.30 am	A Celebration of Word and Sacrament	Feria
Thursday 28 th	10.00 am	For departed Souls (Those on your November dead list)	Presentation of Our Lady
Friday 29 th	11.00 am 12.00 pm	ADORATION (Holy Hour) – Everyone is invited For the intentions and prayers of Stephen Jacobs	CONFESSIONS Sacred Heart - Votive
Saturday 30 th	9.00 am 6.00 pm	For departed Souls (Those on your November dead list) For departed souls- those in your November dead list	St Andrew - FEAST 1 st Advent Sunday Vigil
Sunday 1 st	8.30 am 10.00 am	For Stuart Gibby R.I.P For holy souls: Anne, Antonio & Paul Cattano R.I.P	1st Advent Sunday

THANK YOU- On behalf of the Parish, I would like to sincerely thank all members of the parish social committee for welcoming the Clergy who visited our parish to Celebrate Mass for the deceased clergy which was followed by a Deanery Meeting and a sit-down hot Lunch. Special thanks to Fr. David Clemens for cooking the meal. We thank our social committee for working so hard to make our parish more welcoming.

We welcome Fr. Robert Verrill, the Prior of the Dominican Community in Cambridge, who will celebrate Mass today at 6.00 pm. I am so grateful to him and his community for their support.

Children and Youth Mass This Sunday at 10.00 am:
 Nationally, the last Sunday of the liturgical year is dedicated to the children and the youth. We join the Church and prays for the protection and welfare of all our children and the youth.

Quiz Night: Please come along to our Parish Quiz on Saturday 7th December at 7pm. Teams of 4. You can bring friends from outside of the Parish. Entrance £5. Bring your own food and drink or order Fish & Chips from Churchills for an extra £12.50. Please fill in the Quiz Forms in the Foyer of the Church. All orders must be made by 30th November. Please support our parish.

Our Parish Liturgy Committee: I have asked a few members of our parish to join this committee as a consultative body that will, on behalf of the parish, assist me in planning various liturgical celebrations. The proposed first meeting will be held NEXT Saturday after 6.00 pm Vigil Mass so that we may discuss some of the details of the new Liturgical year 2025.

Parish Hall Committee: Although Uttlesford Council is still taking time to approve my application for a license to hold some events in our parish centre, I have asked a few parishioners to form a Parish Hall Committee so that we can discuss how to run the Hall in a professional manner - for example, users of the hall will not be allowed to store their items in the Hall. Subject to confirmation, the First inaugural meeting will be held this week.

Confessions Saturdays at 5.15 pm to 5.45pm

Offertory: Thank you very much for your generous support. Cheques are made payable to: **Catholic Church Stansted St Theresas.** For online donations, our parish Account Number: **41017519**, Sort Code: **401322**, and account name: **Catholic Church Stansted St Theresas.**

Date	Gift Aid	Loose Cash	Standing Order	Total Collection
17/10/24	£140.00	£147.08	£444.00	£731.08

CALLING ALL CHILDREN! Would you like to do something really special this Christmas Eve and take part in our Children's Christmas Mass? Have you always wanted to carry up the offertory, read out a prayer or perhaps dress up as a shepherd or an angel? Well, this is your chance! We are looking for child volunteers to help act out the Gospel, readers, greeters, collectors and more! All ages of children welcome to join in. Please contact Leanne on 07754194929 or leanne.daly@hotmail.com for more information.

The Funeral Mass for Simon Latham this Friday here in our Church on 29th November at 2.00 pm. Please pray for Simon's happy repose and for the peace and consolation of his family. Simon was one of our local farmers who supported our parish as a committed Catholic. All invited.

Children Liturgy will be held on the First Sunday of every month during the 10am Mass in St Theresa's Room once Fr. Clement has met with the volunteers. We invite the children to come together to learn about the Gospel in a child-friendly way. Would you like to help our children by joining our rota of children's Liturgy volunteers? No previous experience is required but a DBS check will be carried out. Please contact Leanne on 07754194929 or leanne.daly@hotmail.com for details.

Study/Training Days: I will be travelling to the Cathedral for the New Lectionary on Monday, Marriage on Tuesday & Safeguarding on Wednesday.

Sacramental Preparations: The next Communion lesson will be on Saturday 14th December at 10.30 am. A second special lesson takes place on the same dates at 2.00 pm with Fr. Clement.

Dates for the First Holy Communion Lessons taking place on Saturdays at 10.30 am as follows: (a) 09/11/2024, (b) 23/11/2024, (c) 14/12/2024 and (d) 21/12/24. The dates for 2025 meetings will be given later. A second lesson takes place on the same dates at 2.00 pm with Fr. Clement for those with unique situations. The lessons are led by Fr Clement and attendance is mandatory. We need your prayers.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church Teaches(CCC):

All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture. From the beginning, the Church has honoured the memory of the **dead and** offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead. Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them (CCC 1030-1032).