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St Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Parish Stansted

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Third Sunday of Advent (Weekday Readings Proper)
Eucharist Prayer II Memorial Acclamation -1

In the month of December we welcome the Advent Season with a special attention to the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady: O Mary Conceived without Sin prayer for us who have recourse to thee. Amen.

Date -2024	Time	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED	LITURGY OF THE DAY
December		Livestreamed	Div. Off. Psalter Week 3
Saturday 14 th	6.00 pm	For Ronnie Jackson (by the Jackson Family)	3 rd Advent Sunday Vigil
Sunday 15 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	For Paul Porter's intentions and healing (by Frances S.) For departed souls, those on your November death list	3rd Advent Sunday
Monday 16 th			Advent Feria Third Week
Tuesday 17 th	7.30 pm	For the sick and all who are struggling in any way	17 th December Advent
Wednesday 18 th	12.30pm	For Arthur Kemp R.I.P	18 th December Advent
Thursday 19 th	10.00 am	For the for intentions of Catherine Flanagan who is ill	19 th December Advent
Friday 20 th	11.00 am 12.00pm	Holy Hour of ADORATION – Everyone is invited For Fr. Jeremy Davies R.I.P	CONFESSIONS 20th December Advent
Saturday 21 st	9.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Souls especially those in our November dead list For Ken Matthews R.I.P and Doreen Frost R.I.P	21 st December Advent 4 th Advent Sunday Vigil
Sunday 22 nd	8.30 am 10.00 am	For the prayers & intentions of Sylvia Lawson and family For the intentions and prayers of the people of the parish	4th Advent Sunday

Christmas Carols NEXT SUNDAY at 3.00 pm: Please invite your family and friends. It is hoped people of all ages, all faiths or none will enjoy the singing. Mulled wine, mince pies and biscuits will be served in the Hall after the Carol Service. **EVERYONE IS INVITED.**

Helping the Poor: Advent is a time of GIVING in gratitude for what God has done to us, the many blessings we have received, and above all, the gift of His incarnate Son, Jesus, to the whole world. Much as we try to help the poor in other countries, it is still vital to also help the poor and the needy who live close to us here at home, within our parish and our country. The visit of Fr. Charles from Canning Town was shocking in the way he revealed the reality of poverty in London. **The following are the relevant details** and please note that the number of the poor people they are helping is 90% men and 10 % women- we do not want to have too many items for women. In the measurements of M, L, XL and XXL: Socks, T-shirts, Jeans, bottom Tracksuits, Sweaters, shoes (only trainers and walking boots), Jackets, Small Toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, tooth paste, tooth brushes, razers, shaving foam, Rollin deodorant), underwear (this is the only item that must be new). **Address:** Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, St Fidelis Friary, Killip Close, Canning Town, E16 1LX. Telephone 0207 4740766. We need volunteers to deliver the items.

Jubilee Year 2025 Theme: Pilgrims of Hope. Every 25 Years the Church celebrates a Jubilee Year, also called Holy Year. Pope Francis has said this Jubilee year will start on Christmas Eve 2024 until 6th of January 2026. Everyone is invited to do something special as a witness and pilgrim of HOPE in this world. A number of parish events will take place to celebrate the Jubilee Year. For instance, I am inviting everyone to join me and our Bishop Alan on a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes that takes place during the last week of July 2025. As a reminder that we are all pilgrims passing through this world, we are encouraged to do a Retreat, go on a Pilgrimage to special places and do Works of Mercy. Pope Francis has said: "Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for the meaning in life. A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life."

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 Therasas**. For online donations, our parish Account Number: **41017519**, Sort Code: **401322**, and account name: **Catholic Church Stansted St Therasas**.

Date	Gift Aid	Loose Cash	Standing Order	Total Collection
15/12/24	£75.00	£146.91	£444.00	£665.91

A Collection for Christmas Flowers next Sunday. Please be generous as Flowers are expensive this time of the year. Thank you.

Sacramental Preparations: Please note that the new dates for the preparatory lessons will be announced in the new year 2025.

Have you celebrated the Sacrament of Confession? God sent Jesus into the world to save sinners, i.e all of us. We approach the Sacrament of Confession with humility so celebrate the Sacrament of Confession every Saturday before the Vigil Mass as from 5.15 pm or every Friday between 11 am and 12 pm, or any time by appointment.

Thank you for your Christmas Offering:

I am very touched by the gifts and Christmas Cards I have receive. The tradition in the diocese is that the Christmas offering is treated as a gift given to the priest in gratitude for his services and it is the main source of his income. Thank you all for your help.

Times for Christmas Services:

1. Christmas Carols for everyone on Sunday 22nd December at 3.00 pm.
2. Christmas Eve 24th December 4.30 pm Vigil Mass for Children and families
3. Christmas Midnight Mass at 11.30 pm
4. Christmas Day early Mass at 8.30 am
5. Christmas Day Mass at 10.00 am

You are all in my thoughts and prayers as I wish you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

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