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Date -2025 April	Time	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED Livestreamed (via YouTube or on our website)	LITURGY OF THE DAY Div. Off. Psalter Week 1	HOLY WEEK: The Church appeals to everyone to take part in the Liturgical Celebrations that mark the last week of Jesus. I will celebrate Mass on Monday at 6.00 pm and then go to Saffron Walden for Confessions. Holy Tuesday Mass will be at 9.00 am to be followed later with the Penitential Service at 7 pm, with Fr. David Clemens attending to help with Confessions. Holy Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at 9.00 am followed by a Chrism Mass in the Cathedral at 11.00 am. Everyone is invited. Holy Triduum: Now we come to the centre of our Faith. The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 7.00 pm. I will need 12 volunteers for the Washing of the Feet. Please let me know if you can volunteer. This is Our Lord's First Mass, when he instituted the Holy Eucharist, just before his crudest betrayal and arrest. This Maundy Thursday Mass ends in Silence and then we proceed for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Here, we keep vigil in memory and honour of the Lord Jesus when he was arrested and thrown into the dungeon (Pit/Cell) where he spent the whole night. Please stay for the Adoration for at least 15 minutes. Needless to say, all are expected to partake. Good Friday Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord at the Holy Hour, three O'clock, needs no explanation or invitation. The anniversary of the cruel death of Our Lord on the Cross is celebrated in solemn and deeply emotional service across the globe. We will venerate the Cross, pray for the salvation of the dead and also pray for the healing of our wounds and salvation. Easter Vigil Mass in the Holy Night is celebrated at 8.00 pm and this marks the summit of our Christian Faith – this is the holy Mass of the Resurrection of our Lord. I will share with you hot or cold drinks in the Hall after this Mass. Everyone is invited. <div>My heartfelt and prayerful thanks to one and all for all your help and support. During this solemn time, I thank you all on behalf of the parish for your time and help especially in volunteering to do different jobs for our parish.</div> Walsingham Jubilee Pilgrimage led by Bishop Alan on 24th May: Please sign your names in the Entrance. Thanks.											
Saturday 12 th	6.00 pm	For intentions of Diana and for Chris Bowers R.I.P	Palm Sunday Vigil												
Sunday 13 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	For the prayers and intentions of the Joy Family For Andy's intentions and prayers for his cousin Maggie	Palm Sunday												
Monday 14 th	6.00pm	Holy Mass for intentions of all Volunteers in the Parish	Holy Monday												
Tuesday 15 th	9.00 am 7.00 pm	For the sick and all who are struggling in any way Penitential Service	Holy Tuesday												
Wednesday 16 th	9.00 am	For the intentions of Michael and Sheena Cartin	Holy Wednesday												
Thursday 17 th	7.00 pm	For intentions & prayers of all our Eucharistic ministers	THE LORD'S SUPPER												
Friday 18 th	10.30 am 3.00 pm	Children-led Stations of the Cross CELEBRATING THE PASSION OF THE LORD	Stations of the Cross THE PASSION												
Saturday 19 th	All day 8.00 pm	Church is open for prayer and meditation & Confessions For all our deceased parishioners, family and friends	Holy Saturday Holy Easter Vigil												
Sunday 20 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	For the intentions and prayers of the people of the parish For all our deceased parishioners, family and friends	Easter Sunday-Year C												
Confessions Saturdays at 5.15 pm to 5.45pm			Our Website, Livestream and Other Parish IT Systems: On behalf of the parish, I sincerely thank most Joseph and Anel Zuniga Daly for looking after the Parish IT system systems – IT is normally their area of expertise and work life. For example, the Livestream has been working well without any hiccups at all since they started looking after it. Hopefully, another parishioner will join them to give them extra support in this area. If you would like any help with IT or if you would like to advertise any item on our parish website, subject to my approval, please use this email to contact them (church-website@zunigadaly.com).												
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 . <table><tr><td>Date</td><td>Gift Aid</td><td>Loose Cash</td><td>Standing Order</td><td>Total Collection</td></tr><tr><td>30/03/25</td><td>£66.00</td><td>£106.39</td><td>£444.00</td><td>£675.39</td></tr></table>						Date	Gift Aid	Loose Cash	Standing Order	Total Collection	30/03/25	£66.00	£106.39	£444.00	£675.39
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Charity Concert on Saturday 10th May at 7.30pm with the Stansted Mountfitchet U3A singers. This year we will be raising money for the local charity 'Grove Cottage'. Grove Cottage provides social and educational activities for people of all ages with learning disabilities and special additional needs; to help them develop their potential, avoid social isolation by supporting lifelong friendships, and to provide respite for their families. Tickets are, as usual, £5 and includes a glass of wine/soft drink. Please come and join with other parishioners supporting this very worthwhile cause. It is part of Mencap but could not survive without local support. Save the date!															

A new Church Boiler: We have now started a boiler fund and the target is £7000. We all know that the current economic crisis in the world is affecting many people with the cost of living being high. If you can give, your donations for the new boiler will be gratefully appreciated. Please use the bank details given above.

Please Save this Date: 29th June 2025 Parish Barbecue after Mass. Everyone is invited.

Please take Collection Envelopes (Boxes) available at the back of the Church for those who use them and especially for current Gift Aid donors. THANK YOU ALL for your continued help and support as we all face more bills and expenses.

Everyone is warmly welcomed & appreciated here: I have been so happy to see new parishioners and I thank God for everyone who comes to Mass here. I would like to welcome everyone to our parish especially those who are new or joined us recently. As a parish, we all hope to be friendly and welcoming – so do please come to the Parish Hall after Mass to meet fellow parishioners and share tea/coffee. May everyone feel warmly welcomed, valued and respected in this parish. Here, in the House of the Father, nobody is entitled to judge anyone for to do so is a sin – **(Do not Judge Matthew 7:1)**. Here, no one will question you about your personal or professional life. We are all equal and the same before God. As a parish family, we are all united in the Mission of Christ. We support each other and we pray for each other’s intentions and salvation. If you are new, please let me know your details/address for pastoral reasons.

Dear St Anne, mother of Mary and grandmother of Jesus. Pray for our families in every generation. Help our children and grandchildren to grow in faith and to live their lives in loving service to others and in gratitude and praise to God. Be with elderly members of our families who need comfort and courage as they face the problems and pains of old age. Be with parents as they try to do the best for their children in giving an example of faithfulness and true values. We ask your help for members of our family who are sick or in need at this time, and especially for those families who are broken and suffering. St Anne, mother, grandmother, friend, pray for us all. Amen. Hail Mary....

A Prayer to St Joseph: O

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. You protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the child Jesus as your Son, you rescued Him from the danger of death. Defend the Church, the household of God, purchased by the blood of Christ. Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of Victory. St Joseph, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen

Helping the poor in London:

Please do bring your items to the Church and we will send them to the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (*St Fidelis Friary, Killip Close, Canning Town, E16 1LX. Telephone 0207 4740766*). Using 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, toothpaste, shaving foam, toothbrushes, razors, Roll-on-deodorant), underwear (this is the only item that must be new). There are 90% men and 10% women. If possible, it would be lovely to help with monetary donation during the season of Lent for food purchases. I am so grateful to everyone for your help.

Holy Week Penitential Service Tuesday 15th at 7 pm:

Everyone is invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession during this Penitential Service. Fr. David Clemens will be attending to assist with the confessions. There will be a similar Penitential Service on Holy Monday at 7.00 pm in Saffron Walden where I will be also assisting with the Confessions

Assisted Suicide Bill: All our Catholic Bishops have written a pastoral letter asking us to contact our MPs asap before the next vote of the Bill in Parliament. Even if the Bill is now called Assisted Dying Bill or Terminally ill adults Bill or End of Life Bill, it remains, in fact, ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL. On this matter, we have a solemn duty to OPPOSE.

Helping the poor in East London: Today we welcome Fr. Charles Benoit Reche, one of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, who will celebrate Mass and talk to us regarding helping the poor and homeless in London. Please continue to do bring your items (mainly clothes) to the Church and we will send them to the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in London. There will be a Second Collection today for the poor and homeless to help with food purchases.

Blessed Carlo Acutis will be Canonised on 27th April 2025. Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo who is in charge of the Canonisation invites me and everyone to discover the life of Carlo Acutis and, if possible, to encourage the Youth to go on pilgrimage to Rome/ Assisi where the body of Carlo is laid beneath the altar. To this end, I will carry out a conversation with the Youth, especially the candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to figure out the possibility of going together on pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome. I think it is a beautiful idea if parents are able to expose their children to different aspects of our Catholic Faith and experiences – in this context, all young people are invited to discover the life of the teenager Carlo Acutis and what influenced his Faith before he died at the age 15 years. May Blessed Carlo Acutis pray for us and our children/youth.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock: In Holy Week Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 13th April 2025. £849.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights’ in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Live outdoor Passion Play at Ballintubber

		<p>Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com</p> <p>Bishop Alan invites us to Walsingham & Lourdes: For the Glory of God and for our Salvation, the Holy Father has inaugurated a Jubilee year for us and invited everyone to be a pilgrim of Hope as we all seek to obtain God’s Blessings and Graces. To this end, Bishop Alan will lead the people of our Diocese on pilgrimage to Walsingham on 24th May 2025 and to Lourdes Friday 18 to Friday 25 July- Those with medical needs will be supported. For further information, please 'phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours . <i><u>Please save the dates.</u></i> Please let me know if you would like to sponsor someone to pay for the flights to Lourdes and for the Coach to Walsingham. The date for Walsingham Pilgrimage is getting closer - <u>24/05/2025</u></p>
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