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Third Easter Sunday (Weekday Readings Proper) Eucharist Prayer II Memorial Acclamation –2

The Gospel today is on the theme of Light and Darkness. The disciples toil all night, in the darkness, but they catch absolutely nothing - any venture undertaken in darkness will end in futility. **Darkness:** alienated or cut off from God

Date -2025 May	Time	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED Livestreamed (via YouTube or on our website)	LITURGY OF THE DAY
Saturday 3 rd	6.00 pm	For repose of Tony Green R.I.P & Cecilia Collins R.I.P	Div. Off. Psalter Week 3 3rd Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 4 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	For the intentions and prayers of Monica Jacobs For the intentions and prayers of the people of the parish	3rd Easter Sunday Year C
Monday 5 th		a	Easter Feria
Tuesday 6 th	7.30 pm	For the intentions and prayers for Maria Lawson	Easter Feria
Wednesday 7 th	12.30 pm	For the intentions and prayers for Michael Cartin	Easter Feria
Thursday 8 th	10.00am	For the intentions and prayers for Maria Jackson	Easter Feria
Friday 9 th	11.00 am 12.00 pm	ADORATION: HOLY HOUR & CONFESSIONS For the intentions and prayers for the Joy Family	Easter Feria
Saturday 10 th	9.00 am 6.00 pm	For the intentions of Coryn and Mike For Holy Souls, those in our parish, our family & friends	Easter Feria 4 th Easter Sunday Vigil
Sunday 11 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	For the intentions and prayers for the Joy Family For the intentions and prayers of the people of the parish	4 th Easter Sunday- Year C

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.

DateGift AidLoose CashStanding OrderTotal Collection03/05/25£91.30£140.58£444.00£675.88

Charity Concert TODAY Saturday 10th May at 7.15pm 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 worthwhile cause. It is part of Mencap but could not survive without local support.

Confirmation Lessons have now resumed as follows:

Time: 4 pm. Place: Church/Hall Dates: 3rd May, 24th May, 31st May, 7th June. **All are required to attend.**

Infant Baptism: Today we welcome **Alfred Dellow** into the Church of Christ through the Rite of Baptism. We pray for his welfare and the intentions of his parents Anthony and Abigail, and his extended family.

SECOND COLLECTION for our Diocesan Charities NEXT Sunday, for those who may not be prepared today. We usually have one second collection per month on the first Sunday of the month. Thank you.

A big thank-you to one and all for your generous and gracious contributions for the New Boiler. I was pleasantly surprised and deeply touched by parishioners who contacted me during the week to clear the remaining balance of our Target- a new boiler will be installed. May God Bless you all.

Altar Servers training next Sunday after 10.00 am Mass and **Eucharistic Minister Training** after 6.00 pm Mass on 17th May.

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....

Bishop Alan invites us to Walsingham & Lourdes: The Theme of the Jubilee Year is "be a pilgrim of Hope" – we are all invited to be witnesses/signs of hope to those around us. To this end, Bishop Alan will lead the people of our Diocese on pilgrimage to Walsingham on 24th May 2025 and to Lourdes on Friday 18 to Friday 25 July- those with medical needs will be supported. The Date for Walsingham Pilgrimage is so close but we haven't enough numbers to book a Coach – so, given the limited numbers, travel will be by private means. Those who wish to go to Lourdes Pilgrimage, the average cost is £1100 including Flights. Please google Tangney Tours to see the cost or visit their website/link: https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-brentwood/departures/

(I intend to travel to Lourdes)

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.

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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

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 IT.

Jesus asks Thomas: "Do you believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

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 Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

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.