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St Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Parish Stansted
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 Part of a Registered Charity No. 234092 (BRCDT)

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First Advent Sunday (34th Week of Ordinary Time) Year 1
Eucharist Prayer II Memorial Acclamation –2
The Fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Kindness, Forbearance, Goodness, Faithfulness, and Self-Control (Gal 5:22-23). We pray for each other and for the whole world so that the fruits of the Holy Spirit may be found in all peoples.

Date -2025 Nov/Dec	Time	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED Livestreamed (via YouTube or on our website)	LITURGY OF THE DAY Div. Off. Psalter Week 1
Saturday 29 th	6.00 pm	Holy souls: our departed parishioners, family and friends	1 st Advent Sunday Vigil
Sunday 30 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	Holy souls: our departed parishioners, family and friends For the Sick and all who are struggling in our parish	1st Advent Sunday Year A
Monday 1 st			Advent Feria
Tuesday 2 nd	7.30 pm	Holy souls, our departed parishioners, family and friends	Advent Feria
Wednesday 3 rd	12.30 pm	Holy souls: our departed parishioners, family and friends	Saint Francis Xavier
Thursday 4 th	9.00 am	Holy Souls: William, Kathleen, Patricia, William Stafford	Advent Feria
Friday 5 th	11.00 am 12.00 pm	Holy Hour: ADORATION & CONFESSIONS Holy souls: our departed parishioners, family and friends	HOLY HOUR Adent Feria
Saturday 6 th	9.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy souls: our departed parishioners, family and friends Holy souls: our departed parishioners, family and friends	Advent Feria 2 nd Advent Sunday
Sunday 7 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	The private intentions of the Griffiths Family Michelle Dujardin-O’Gorman 2 nd Anniversary R.I.P	2nd Advent Sunday Year A

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
23/11/25	£43.00	£183.73	£450.00	£716.73

Helping the poor in London: Please 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. Thank you so much for your support.

Please bring Food Bank items and we will distribute them to the needy within our community. Thank you.

Christmas/Music Quiz NEXT
 Saturday 6th of December at 7.00 pm.
 More tickets available after Mass.
 Please support this parish event.

Fr. Clement's Christmas Lunch with ALL on Sunday 14th December at 12.00 pm:
 A couple of parishioners who are Professional Chefs have offered to help me give everyone a hot meal on this day.
MENU: Main Course - Chicken Tikka Masala, Dal Todka (Veg), Rice, Garlic Naan. **Pudding** – Gulab Jamun (Ice cream). There is no charge but there is a voluntary donation box. **We need to know the numbers please.**

Bishop Alan will visit our parish on 27th September 2026 (confirmation & Lunch)- please put this date in your dairy

Repatriation of Sabina Uche's mortal remains to Nigeria: As we could not find Sabina's passport, we managed to obtain an Emergency Travel Document (ETD) from the Nigerian Embassy. Sabina's body can be repatriated now. The cost of the Repatriation given by the local funeral directors is £7500. We then found other providers asking for about £4500. I contacted a friend who runs **Chris Meynell & Family Funeral directors** from my last parish, who said they can do it at cost price which is £3800. All these prices do not include transport from a Nigerian airport to Sabina's village. As a parish, we do not have a hardship fund within our parish accounts which is why I am appealing to everyone to help me raise £4000 for repatriation of our fellow parishioner. For many years, Sabina was a committed Catholic in this parish. Her life, contexts and death have touched us all. Sabina's body was nearly getting disposed of via direct cremation by Uttlesford Environmental Services as no one was coming forward to claim her for a month. Our Tribute in her memory is the prayers for her happy repose as we offer our donations to pay for the repatriation costs. If you wish to help, please give/ send your donation marked Sabina, and you can use our parish bank details, on the left alongside.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN! Would you like to do something really special this Christmas Eve and take part in our Children's Christmas Mass? We are looking for child volunteers to help act out the gospel, readers, greeters, collectors and more! All ages of children welcome. Please contact Leanne on 07754194929 or leanne.daly@hotmail.com

Encounter meet next Friday 5th December in St Theresa's Parish Hall, Stansted. **'Reflection on the readings for the Second Sunday of Advent; bring favourite seasonal pictures/ artwork, poems & prayers to share'** . 10am coffee 10.30 meeting opens 12.30 Shared ADVENT LUNCH 2pm day ends. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: 01279 656482 or 01799 542385

First Holy Communion Candidates (children) will be presented next Sunday. They will lead the bidding prayers.

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. . 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. Hail Mary A quote from Carlo Acutis- to be canonised 7th September - I never fail to keep the most gracious appointment of the day: Recitation of the Holy Rosary. Praying the Rosary is my shortest ladder to heaven. The Rosary takes us to Jesus through Mary to Heaven. - I love you Jesus, come right in, and make yourself at home in my heart (Carlo would solemnly kneel and say this prayer after receiving holy Communion). The private intentions of the Griffiths Family	Preparation to receive Holy Preparation of the Sacraments is now underway – First Holy Communion and Confirmation Lessons have started. There is a small window to invite more candidates but the closing date will be 28th September 2025. People of all ages are welcome to join. Please speak to me after Mass. I would like to ask everyone to pray for the intentions of all our candidates 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....	PLEASE GIVE A MASS INTENTION: Please speak to the priest before or after Mass if you wish to offer him a Mass intention to dedicate on a Sunday during Mass or during the weekday Masses here in our parish Church. Thank you. HALL BOOKINGS: – So that I can take FULL responsibility in case of any intended or unintended consequences, please send me an email directly so that I can make a decision to book your event if at all possible. I thought it is time we started to remind ourselves of some basic guidelines. Please do not assume that the Hall is booked for your event until I have given you a written permission via relevant hall forms. Devotion to the Sacred Heart: Would you like Christ to heal your home, heal your relationships, your marriage, your illnesses and your children? Would you like Christ to help you with family differences and tensions? Would your like Christ to help you financially and holistically? Would you like Christ to Protect you against internal and exterior attacks from the enemy? <u>Christ is All and is in All</u> (Col 3:11). Our Saviour, Christ the Lord, has the answer and the hope we need in every situation of our lives. The Sacred Heart Devotion is a beautiful way to encounter Our Lord. The Sanctuary of the Sacred Heart at Paray-Le-Monial, France, has prepared a 12-steps presentation on the meaning of the Devotion to the Sacred Heart. I recommend this presentation to everyone. Please visit our website to read this presentation: https://www.sttheresastansted.org/sacred-heart-devotion/ Jesus revealed to Saint Margaret Mary the secrets of His Heart and the wonders of His love. This is a grace we can ask for as well. It is the grace received by Saint Margaret Mary, the grace that thousands of pilgrims have received, the grace of the Heart of Jesus: to encounter the personal love of Jesus for me. Jesus affirms that His love is for all humanity, and for each one of us in particular. It is as if Jesus is saying: My Heart remains restless until what I have done for all humanity takes on a personal shape and a particular rooting in your life. At Paray-le-Monial, Jesus tells us that the love He has for all humanity, the salvation He works for all humanity, His presence that He maintains with all humanity.....He wants this to take on a wholly personal reality in each of our lives. Please read the twelve steps on our website – You may choose to read two steps daily and think about them. ...
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