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Second Advent Sunday (Weekday Reading proper) **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.

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Date -2025	Time	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED	LITURGY OF THE DAY
Dec		Livestreamed (via YouTube or on our website)	Div. Off. Psalter Week 2
Saturday 6 th	6.00 pm	For Fr. John McClosky R.I.P (Michael Cartin's cousin)	2 nd Advent Sunday Vigil
Sunday 7 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	Private Intentions and prayers for the Griffin's family Michelle Dujardin-O'Gorman 2 nd Anniversary R.I.P	2ndAdvent Sunday Year A
Monday 8th			Immaculate Conception
Tuesday 9th	7.30 pm	For Fr. Clement's intentions and prayers	Advent Feria
Wednesday 10 th	11.00 pm	For the intentions of & prayers for the Wednesday Group	Advent Feria
Thursday 11 th	9.00 am	The recovery and intentions of Ozric Armstrong	Advent Feria
Friday 12 th	11.00 am 12.00 pm	Holy Hour: ADORATION & CONFESSIONS For the happy Repose of Sabina Uche R.I.P	HOLY HOUR Adent Feria
Saturday 13 th	9.00 am 6.00 pm	Intentions and prayers for Coryn Nixon and family Holy souls: our departed parishioners, family and friends	Saint Lucy 3 rd Advent Sunday
Sunday 14 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	Intentions & prayers for St Charles Lwanga Jumuia Happy repose of Ronnie Jackson R.I.P (By Maria)	3 rd 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 Theresas. For online donations, our parish Account Number: 41017519, Sort Code: 401322, and account name: Catholic Church Stansted St Theresas.

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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.

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.

Bonus Ball: Would all Officials of St Theresa's Bonus Ball Competition **get in touch with me urgently** for a meeting. The Bonus Ball is an Independent Registered Charity **No.234092.** I have seen neither any Returns nor Minutes of any meeting.

Carol Service on Sunday 21st December at 3.00 pm: Please invite your family and friends to this service. Refreshments, mulled wine and mince pies will be served. To some, this is their only Christmas Service.

New Loop System to be installed this Thursday at 9.30am at a cost of £ 1452.93 plus VAT. This will be done by Dee Couchman of www.scanaudio.co.uk. He said there is a possibility of further costs once he examines the entire system in Church. I am sincerely grateful to those who have been able to donate. I am keen to improve the quality of our audio system. Any further donations will be gratefully received. Thank you so much.

The Memorial Mass for Sabina Uche on Wednesday 17th **December at 7.00 pm,** as repatriation of her body to Nigeria takes place the following day from Heathrow airport. Please visit our website to read Sabina's story that I have written. We need to raise £4400 towards the repatriation costs. If you wish to donate, please make a bank transfer via our Parish Account. For online donations, our parish Account Number is: 41017519, Sort Code: 401322, and account name: Catholic Church Stansted St Theresas. If you wish to write a cheque, please make it payable to: Catholic Church Stansted St Theresas. Thank you so much.

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

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE £1 per Ticket: Please buy the tickets and you stand a chance to win 1st Prize £50, 2nd Prize Christmas Hamper, 3rd Prize Small Christmas Hamper, plus lots of more prizes to be won- Draw at Christmas Concert on 21st December. **Donations of Good Raffle prizes most welcome. Thank you.**

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

- a) 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.
- b) 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).

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.

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

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....

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

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? Christ is All and is in All (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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