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St Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Parish Stansted

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Fifth Sunday of Lent -Weekday Readings Cycle 1
Eucharist Prayer II Memorial Acclamation -3

Today's Gospel Message: Christ who is himself the resurrection and the life, assures us of eternal happiness in the world to come. Death is a transition from the limitations of this passing life to something unimaginably greater.

Date 2026 March	Time	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED Livestreamed (via YouTube or on our website)	LITURGY OF THE DAY
Saturday 21 st	6.00 pm	For Hazel's private intentions and prayers	Div. Off. Psalter Week 1 5 th Sunday of Lent
Sunday 22 nd	8.30 am 10.00 am	Betty Hall & Arthur Hall R.I.P (Kath's mum & brother) For the intentions and prayers of the people of the parish	Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A
Monday 23 rd			Lent Feria
Tuesday 24 th	7.30 pm	For the intentions and prayers for Chantal Armstrong	Lent Feria - St Patrick
Wednesday 25 th	10.00 am	For the intentions and prayers of all people of the parish	THE ANNUNCIATION
Thursday 26 th	10.00am	For the sick and housebound of our parish	Lent Feria
Friday 27 th	6.30 pm 7.00 pm	PRAYERS OF STATIONS OF THE CROSS Mass for the intentions and prayers of Angela Green	Stations of the Cross Lent Feria
Saturday 28 th	9.00 am 6.00 pm	For the intentions and protection of our children/youth For the intentions of Michael, Sheena and Corrine	Lent Feria Passion Sunday Vigil
Sunday 29 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	Aubrey Thurgood R.I.P Mary's husband 1 st Anniversary For the intentions and prayers of all people of the parish	Passion Sunday Year A

Confessions now available 30 minutes before every Mass.

I will be available before every Mass if you wish to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. The Holy Father is making a passionate appeal to all of us to go to Confession as a way to prepare ourselves for Easter. If you find it difficult to come to Confession, please just come for a Blessing.

Advance notice of Easter Mass times – Please note that it is essential for Catholics to attend and partake in the Holy Triduum Celebrations, namely: Holy Thursday Mass at 7pm, Good Friday Passion Service at 3pm and the Easter Vigil Mass at 7 pm (see below numbers 1, 3 & 5) - please attend all the services.

- 1. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** on Maundy Thursday on 2nd April at 7.00 pm
- Stations of the Cross for Children and Families on 3rd April at 10.30 am
- 3. Good Friday:** The Solemn Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on 3rd April at 3.00 pm
- Morning Prayer followed by Confessions on Holy Saturday 4th April at 9.00 am
- 5. Solemn Easter Vigil Mass** in the Holy Night on 4th April at 7.00 pm
- Mass of Easter Day at 8.30 am and 10.00 am

The Radio Maria England Youth (RMEY) team at St Mary's Catholic School would like to share their 'Growing in Grace' programme with you - 'Wisdom'. The programme will air on **Friday, 20th of March at 5pm**, with a repeat on **Sunday 22nd March at 8pm**. The RMEY team reflect on God's wisdom, and how the Bible can help us listen to God for wisdom at a time of decision making and doubt. The programme also features a speech by Christabel, who was runner-up at the Catenian Public Speaking Competition held earlier this year at St Edmund's College. You can access the programme on DAB+ radio and on the **Radio Maria England** app, or simply by typing <https://radiomariaengland.uk/> into your browser

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
08/03/26	£117.05	£163.92	£534.75	£814.97

A Prayer to St Joseph: (His Feast day 19th March)

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....

Find the 9-letter word.

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(Last week's solution: MOTHERING)

Volunteers for Teas/Coffees after 10.00 am Mass:

Please volunteer to make the teas/coffees after Mass. This is one of the ways to support your parish and meet fellow parishioners. The more the merrier. Please give me your name and contact.

Please observe solemn SILENCE in Church before Mass. Thank You.

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. THANK YOU.

A Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes:

O ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, Health of the Sick, Refuge of Sinners, Comfort of the Afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; cast upon me a look of mercy. By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make a privileged sanctuary, from which you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the granting of my requests. I will endeavour to imitate your virtues that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity. Amen. Hail Mary....

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 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.

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....

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Please receive MY HEARTFELT THANKS for responding so positively to my appeal to consider increasing the amount of money you give every week as the Sunday Collection. Thank you so much for supporting our parish in spite of the current difficult times and the cost-of-living crisis affecting so many people. Your support is an expression of your faith and love of our Church

Second Collection for the Diocesan Charities this weekend.

Brentwood Catholic Children Society and Pilgrimage to Lourdes Sick and Helpers Fund are two of the Diocesan Charities to help in February and March. A list of all the Diocesan Charities will be on the Noticeboard. Please be generous and THANK YOU.

Bethlehem Nativity Group:

If anyone is in need of the carvings of holy items such as rosaries and statues, you can place an order online directly from them at www.tbng.co.uk or call 07780065473.

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 you 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

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).

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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**

Confirmation Lessons take place on Saturdays at 4pm as follows: 28 February, 21 March, 18 April, 2 May, 23 May, 13 June, 4 July, 18 July, 29 August, 19 September. Bishop Alan will celebrate the Confirmation Mass on 27 September at 10am. The Lessons have now started and new entrants will wait for the next Group

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