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**St Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Parish Stansted**

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** -Weekday Readings Proper  
**Eucharist Prayer II** Memorial Acclamation -3

**Today's Gospel Message:** Three sheep metaphors - We are God's sheep as long as we trust the Shepherd. Jesus is the Lamb of God, and we can be the sheep that gets lost only to be found by the shepherd. What sheep are you?

Date 2026	Time	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED Livestreamed (via YouTube or on our website)	LITURGY OF THE DAY
April			Div. Off. Psalter Week 4
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	For Arthur Kemp R.I.P & Rita Morson R.I.P	4 <sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday Vigil
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am 10.00 am	For the intentions of Sarah and all the Joy Family For the intentions of Pete & Helen Baker and family	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday Year A</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>			Easter Feria
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>			Easter Feria
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 pm	A Celebration of Word and Sacrament	St Catherine of Siena
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>		House Mass at David Morson's home at 7.00 pm	Easter Feria
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>11.00am 12.00pm</b>	<b>Adoration of the Holy Sacrament &amp; CONFESSIONS</b> For the intentions & prayers for Sylvia Lawson's healing	<b>ADORATION</b> St Joseph the Worker
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00 pm	For Chris Fry R.I.P (Jeanie Bambridge's brother)	St Athanasius 5 <sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday Vigil
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30 am 10.00 am	For intentions & prayers of the people of the parish For Rita Morson R.I.P and Holy Souls	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday Year A</b>

**The Wedding of Corinne Sellers & Jamie Chilvers on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026:**

Having done the required legal and pastoral preparations, I am happy to announce that I will celebrate the holy Sacrament of Matrimony by Corinne and Jamie taking place at home in Takeley. Please pray for the intentions of this couple especially for Corinne who is poorly. **Other Weddings taking place in our Church this year:** Janis Keith & Wilhelm Michael on 09/06/2026, Evalyne Githinji & Osaze Ogie on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2026 followed by a wedding reception in our Parish Hall, Oleksandra Pavliuchenko and Kian Donnelly on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2026 - wedding reception at their home in Elsenham. We pray for all these couples' intentions and for their happy and lifelong marriages.

**Everyone is warmly welcomed & appreciated here:**

Annabelle, a new parishioner, wrote to me:  
*"Hello Father Clement. After attending Mass at St Theresa's for a couple of weeks, I have finally got round to making it official. I am one of your new parishioners. I moved from St Theresa's of Lisieux in Colchester (she's obviously looking down on me) where I was an active member of the SVP, and still have a current DBS. It is something I enjoyed doing and would like to be connected again."*

I am 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 including fellow Kenyans who have joined our parish community. As a parish, we all wish to be friendly and welcoming - so do please come to the Parish Hall after Mass to meet fellow parishioners and share tea/coffee. I pray that everyone feels 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 - for what matters is our common faith. 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.

**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
19/04/26	£160.00	£149.44	£534.75	<b>£843.29</b>

**VISIT OF STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be visiting the Cathedrals of England & Wales from May 2025 to October 2026, accompanied by relics of Saints Francisco and Jacinta. This devotional pilgrimage will be coming to Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2026- the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary [Patronal Feast of the Society of Mary. Please take note of this special rare spiritual event.

**First holy Communion Cake sale on 17<sup>th</sup> May after 10 am Mass. Please come and support our candidates. Thanks.**

Find the 9-letter word.

G	E	L
N	I	B
V	I	E

(Last week's solution: SCRIPTURE)

**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. New/er parishioners are most welcome to volunteer. Please let me have your name and contact. Many thanks.

**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....

**A quote from Carlo Acutis-** to be canonised 7<sup>th</sup> 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).

**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.**

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](http://www.tbng.co.uk) or call 07780065473.

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

**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. Hail Mary

**Helping the poor in London:** Please bring your items to Church and we will take them to the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. The items are Clothes, Shoes and toiletries. **Note:** There are more men than women

**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 the Devotion to the Sacred Heart. I recommend this presentation to everyone. Please visit our website to read this presentation: <https://www.sttheresasastned.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**