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**St Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Parish Stansted**

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

**Today's Gospel Message is Jesus in Prayer** – the entire chapter is of John 17 is Jesus's prayer. Jesus is praying for our protection from the world, a battleground of the forces of evil, those under Satan's power, who are fighting us.

Date 2026 May	Time	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED Livestreamed (via YouTube or on our website)	LITURGY OF THE DAY Div. Off. Psalter Week 1
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	For Holy Souls – for all our dear ones who have died	7 <sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday Vigil
Sunday 17 <sup>th</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>7<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday Year A</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>			Easter Feria
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	For thanksgiving for the gifts of good health & blessings	Easter Feria
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Mass for Rosemary Wambui's intentions & healing	Easter Feria
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00am	For the intentions of the donor of Mass intention	Easter Feria
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>11.00am 12.00pm</b>	<b>Adoration of the Holy Sacrament &amp; CONFESSIONS</b> For our dear ones and friends who are sick or struggling	<b>ADORATION</b> Sacred Heart Votive
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am 6.00 pm	For the intentions of Fr. Clement's family and friends For the happy eternal repose of Sheila Keith R.I.P	Easter Feria Pentecost Sunday Vigil
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am 10.00 am	For intentions & prayers for May Hyland & family For the intentions and prayers for John Marshall	<b>Pentecost Sunday Year A</b>

**May is the month of Mary – Let us pray to Our Lady.** I would like to give advance notice that we will pray the Rosary before 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May and the Sunday Masses on 31<sup>st</sup> May. **Please come 30 minutes before each Mass.**

**Memorare Prayer:**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen

**Next Confirmation Lessons** next Saturdays at 4pm.

**Annual Charity Concert on 30th May** after the 6pm Mass.

This is a great way for the Parish to come together, enjoy an evening and raise money for a needy cause. For 2026 we will be raising money for the East Anglia Hospice for Children - EACH. (creating fun, happy and homely places for children to be children, and a dependable, supportive and restful space for families to be families. If necessary providing care and support for the whole family in one of our hospices, in the family home, virtually, in hospital, or in the wider community.) Tickets will be on sale for £5 and will include a glass of wine or soft drink. Do come along and enjoy the evening and help a very good cause and most of all meet with one another. Look out for more information on our posters.

**Retrouvaille** (<https://helpourmarriage.org/>). Marriage and family is a sacred institution. Sadly, it is under attack from many fronts including the devil. We pray for peace and forbearance in families. Subject to finding a supply priest, I will be attending a Marriage course in June which is run by Retrouvaille UK – a Catholic organisation that helps married couples during the happy or challenging times of their relationships. A couple of parishioners will be attending this course. Please visit Retrouvaille Website for more details and book a weekend.

**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
17/05/26	£174.00	£362.29	£534.75	£897.04

**In Pace Christi:** Two members of our parish, **Sheila Keith** and **John Brogan**, have died. Their funeral Mass will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> June and 28<sup>th</sup> May respectively. We pray for their happy repose and for their grieving relatives and friends that they may experience the healing and consoling presence of Christ.

**First holy Communion Cake sale TODAY** after 10 am Mass.

Can you prepare a bidding prayer in your first language for Pentecost Mass? It would be lovely to pray in many languages?

Find the 9-letter word.

G	J	C
E	O	N
I	I	R

(Last week's solution: ASCENSION)

**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.

**Deanery Meeting** this Wednesday in Cathedral at 11 am.

**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

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

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

**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.sttheresasansted.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**