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21st Sunday - Weekday Readings Week 21st Cycle II
Eucharist Prayer II Memorial Acclamation -3

The Holy Spirit is found in: Love, Joy, Peace, Kindness, Forbearance, Goodness, Faithfulness, and Self-Control (Gal 5:22-23). Gifts of the Holy Spirit are Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Fortitude, Counsel, Piety and Fear of God.

Date 2026 August	Time	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED Livestreamed (via YouTube or on our website)	LITURGY OF THE DAY Div. Off. Psalter Week 1
Saturday 22 nd	6.00 pm	For the intentions & healing of Mrs Delia Caughan	21 st Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday 23 rd	8.30 am 10.00 am	For the intentions of Dave, Mary Reeves and Family For the intentions and prayers for Robert Robinson (Anel)	21st Sunday Year A
Monday 24 th			St Bartholomew
Tuesday 25 th	5.30 pm	Holy Mass in Latin for Pilgrims (Everyone invited)	Feria
Wednesday 26 th	12.30 pm	For the intentions and prayers for Teresa Kemp	Feria
Thursday 27 th	10.00am	For the Intentions and prayers for Monica Russell	St Monica
Friday 28 th	11.00am 12.00 pm	Adoration of the Holy Sacrament & Confessions For the intentions and prayers for Hazel Walker	St Augustine Sacred Heart -Votive
Saturday 29 th	9.00 am 6.00 pm	For the intentions and prayers for Sylvia Lawson For the intentions and prayers for Michael Cartin	Our Lady- Votive 22 nd Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday 30 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	For the intentions and prayers for Monica Jacobs For the intentions and prayers for Andy C. and all family	22nd 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
 09/08/26 £91.00 £187.38 £534.75 **£813.13**

Statement on the dangers of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill: Please visit our diocesan website and read the Statement from all our Bishops (www.dioceseofbrentwood.net). Please write to your MP and ask him/her to oppose this Bill.

MARCH FOR LIFE invitation: Join March for Life UK on Saturday 5th Sept in London. Age-appropriate sessions for children, teens and youth of all ages throughout the morning. 14 bishops attending! Unite with thousands of others to highlight how abortion hurts the family and recognise the value of every life from conception Find out more at marchforlife.co.uk or email info@marchforlife.co.uk

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(Last week's solution: MAGNIFIES)

Donation Received: A family, parishioners, visited last week a community of Nuns at St Cecilia Abbey in the Isle of Wight. When they knew that as a parish, we buy our altar Bread/hosts from this community, they cleared the current bill and left money for the next Order – the Nuns have notified me. This is very kind, generous and touching. We sincerely thank this family and pray for their intentions.

PARISH BINGO: You are all invited for an afternoon of Bingo in the Parish Centre on Sunday 13th September at 2pm.Entrance on the Door £5 a Book. Further books can be bought later on if so wished. Please bring your own refreshments. Please come and help us raise the needed funds for the Parish. We are Looking forward to seeing you all there. By Social Committee.

Latin Mass Society Pilgrimage to Walsingham: Led by James Windsor and Fr. Rober Verrill as the Chaplain, we are walking on a Pilgrimage from London to Walsingham starting on Sunday 23rd August at St Bede's Clapham through to Sunday 30th. This is the third year we have done this pilgrimage and each year we have doubled in size thanks to the Grace of God. There are 27 of us this year walking this 153 mile route across England. We arrive in Stansted on Tuesday at around 3:30pm, celebrate an evening Latin Mass at 5:30pm and sleep in the Hall. We will then have another Mass at 6:00am on Wednesday before leaving on our walk to our next stop in Cambridge. We thank you for your prayers and support on this arduous journey (by James Windsor).

Coffee/Teas after Mass: Our Social Committee invites all of us to the Hall for teas/coffees after Mass. Suzanne Shutes and Sue Gurney have offered to provide proper mugs/cups so that people may enjoy tea/coffee with ease. **There is an option for disposable mugs and some people may be happy to bring their own mugs.** On behalf of the parish, I am eternally grateful to Sue and Suzanne for offering to do this every Sunday clean cups. Suzanne will continue to prepare the Rota for Sunday Teas/Coffees. **Everyone is invited to volunteer as usual - we need more volunteers.** Our Social Committee will oversee the logistics regarding our Sunday Teas/Coffees. I am immensely grateful to everyone for offering to help. Thanks.

Use of Hall: We now welcome other hall users as long as they adhere to our terms and conditions. For example, other hall uses will be asked to come with their own cups/mugs and tea/coffee. Hall users will be asked to manage their own rubbish and also be reminded of the fact that our hall has no storage space for other people's items – our insurance won't allow us anyway.

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.

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.

Confirmation Lessons take place on Saturdays at 4pm as follows: 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

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. **Could you please donate some nice biscuits?** Please give me your name and contact. On behalf of the parish, I am sincerely grateful for all our volunteers. **May God Bless you all.**

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.

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.

Special thanks to everyone for your help. The list would be far too long if I were able to mention all the gracious and generous support everyone is giving to our parish. Everyone is doing something to help and promote the Mission of Christ through our parish. For example, parishioners kindly and generously donate clothes, shoes and toiletries for the Franciscan Mission (the Poor) in Canning Town in London – but this is only possible because a couple of parishioners are kindly willing to donate their time, car (and fuel) and transport these items to London. Again, you will be touched to know a parishioner kindly and generously helped me recently to repair the dishwasher at the presbytery - it is now working and I have only used it twice so far. He did not want to be paid. Another parishioner has given me notice of the intended generous donation in September so that we can finish off the construction of bespoke sacristy cupboards for our Church. The list of your kindness and support is long. I am also personally receiving help and support from parishioners who wish not to be named. I am forever grateful for the generosity and kindness of the people of the parish. The Holy Mass for your intentions and in thanksgiving to God for your kindness and generosity will be offered for you all. Thank you all for your faith and support. May God Bless you all.

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 12th September 2026 – **EVERYONE IS INVITED**. Bishop Alan will celebrate holy Mass on this day. For more details, visit this website – www.brentwoodcathedral.org.uk

Funeral Mass for John Latham will take place in St Philip Howard Church (33 Walpole Road, Cambridge CB1 3TH) on Tuesday 28th July at 11.30 am. Everyone is invited. John was one of our committed parishioners before he moved to Cambridge. John planted all the trees within our Church compound. We thank God for his life and faith as we pray for his eternal repose. **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.

A gift of toilet paper gratefully received. On behalf of the parish, I thank Pat Keith who has sent us a large pack of toilet rolls. Pat was a guest attending her mum’s funeral Mass in June here in our parish. I am told she noticed the toilet paper in one of the toilets was almost running out. It is so very touching to know that Pat went away and thought of what she can do to help - she sent me the toilet rolls. Special thanks to our parish volunteers who clean our toilets, Church and Hall. We sincerely thank those who have donated toilet paper and hand soap. As none of us is employed as a cleaner for the Church and Hall, it is possible for us to be caught out in an embarrassing situation when our toilets are not clean and do not have the basic essentials. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer or help in any way. The Church and Hall cleaning can be so overwhelming if we do not have enough volunteers. Thank you for your help.

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**