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St Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Parish Stansted
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24th Sunday - Weekday Readings Week 24th Cycle II
Eucharist Prayer II Memorial Acclamation –2
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 September	Time	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED Livestreamed (via YouTube or on our website)	LITURGY OF THE DAY Div. Off. Psalter Week 4
Saturday 12 th	6.00 pm	For David Welby's First Anniversary (Clare's brother)	24 th Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday 13 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	For people of the parish (Michael Cartin's thanksgiving) For David John Broad's Anniversary R.I.P	24th Sunday Year A
Monday 14 th	10.00 am	For Thanksgiving for all the blessings we have received	Exaltation of the Cross
Tuesday 15 th	7.30pm	For the intentions and healing of Michael Cartin	Our Lady of Sorrows
Wednesday 16 th	10.00 am	For the intentions of Helen and Pete Baker	St Cornelius and Cyprian
Thursday 16 th	10.00 am	For all the volunteers and everyone helping in the parish	Feria
Friday 17 th			Feria
Saturday 18 th	6.00 pm	For Andrew Family's Special intentions and prayers	25 th Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday 19 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	For the intentions and prayers of the people of the parish For the intentions of David Morson (Special Birthday)	25th 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
06/09/26	£94.00	£194.96	£534.75	£823.71

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.

Second collection: If you were not ready last Sunday, please give this Sunday if you can for the Diocesan Charities. One of the charities is Apostleship of the Sea (**Stella Maris**) that supports Seafarers whose service to humanity is so essential. Thank you.

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(Last week's solution: NEIGHBOUR)

First Holy Communion 2027:

We have a small group of candidates who will start the lessons this month. I have spoken to them as they regularly come to Mass. I take this opportunity to make a final call if there are any more candidates who may not be aware. The FINAL date of registration is this Sunday 13th September 2026.

Please invite everyone to our PARISH BINGO: You are all invited for an afternoon of Bingo in the Parish Centre TODAY Sunday 13th September at 2pm. Entrance on the Door is £5 a book. Please bring your own refreshments. **ALL ARE INVITED**

Bishop Alan visits our parish on Sunday 27th September. He will celebrate a Confirmation Mass at 10.00 am. We shall all proceed to the Parish Hall for Lunch – thanks to the kind help from members of our parish who are professional chefs (You recall they gave us 175 meals). **Everyone is invited.** Please put this date in your diary and I will give you more details soon.

Wedding Announcement: Please pray for **Francisco Luis Lourenco and Laura Jane Selby** who celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on 18th September in the Monastery of Alcobaca, Lisbon, Portugal. As committed members of our parish, I have been accompanying this couple and helping them with the required Wedding Lessons. Please pray for the graces they need at this time and for their happy, fruitful and life-long marriage.

Coffee/Teas after Mass: Our Social Committee invites all of us to the Hall for teas/coffees after Mass. There is an option for disposable mugs and some people may be happy to bring their own mugs. Suzanne will continue to prepare the Rota for Sunday Teas/Coffees. Everyone is invited to volunteer. **Thank you**

Encounter meet on Friday 18th September in the Windhill Churches Centre, Bishop's Stortford. **'Pope Leo and AI: Magnifica Humanitas'**. Talk & discussion on the encyclical's message & some unexpected feedback - find out more! **10 am Start with Coffee 10.20 meeting opens; Lunch: 12.30**, please bring food to share. End 2pm Everyone welcome - 01279 652060

New Altar Servers: I am so happy to welcome new Altar Servers who have kindly offered to server at the Altar of God. If there is anyone willing to serve at the Mass, please let me know.

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.

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

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.

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.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**

