

ST TERESA OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC CHURCH, LEXDEN

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PRAYER NEEDS

We continue to pray for those parishioners who are sick and housebound and especially: Lillianne Banna, George Birch, Andrew Brydon, Yvonne Couperthwaite, Ben Culhane, Sylvia Davies, Cynthia D'Cruz, Melvin Doonan, Terry Doonan, Derek Drake, Mary Fircks, Win Healy, Paul Holmes, Jill Jarvis, Kunjumon Job, Jason McLean, Jean Mendes, Michael Moran, Beata Morovicova, John Newton, James O'Neill, Eileen Pool, Beattie Preston, Jo Preston, Marion Preston, Ann Renwick, Carrienne Rogers, Margaret Scott, Ewan Thompson, Teresa Thorneycroft, Peter Townsdrow, Francesca Vassallo, Sheila Watts, Ella Weston and any unknown to us. We remember Jack Issom, George Secker, Trevor Lines, Mary Brooks, Christopher Allen, Elsie Nice, Arthur Barrow Sr, Rosaleen Campbell, Maureen James, Albert Sheppey, Marion Natkanski, Janet Gillespie, Fr Feargus Saurin, Patricia Parkin, Rhoda Copping, Kathleen Bramley and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

THURSDAY 10th MAY – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

(Holy Day of Obligation: Masses 10:00am St Teresa's and 8:00pm St John's)

Last year the Bishops of England and Wales decided that The Ascension of the Lord would no longer be transferred to a Sunday therefore the Feast will be celebrated on Thursday 10th May (40 days after Easter) marking the day Jesus Ascended into Heaven after his Resurrection from the dead on Easter Day. It is a Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Attendance Forms for Admission into St Teresa's School

If you have a child for entry into St Teresa's School in September 2019, Mass Attendance forms are available from Fr Tom and must be signed each week after Sunday Mass. Certificates of Catholic Practice for entry to the school cannot be issued unless parents and children attend Sunday Mass (this includes the Vigil Mass at St John's) and Holy Days of Obligation.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

Sat 28th Apr	Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter (St Peter Chanel, Pr, M) (St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, Pr)
12.30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6.30pm	(at St John's) Trevor Lines (RIP)(A)
Sunday 29th Apr	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9.00am	Rita Beatrice (RIP)
11.00am	Victoria Randall (RIP)(A)
Monday 30th Apr	Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter (St Pius V, P)
10:00am	Ross Wakefield (RIP)
Tuesday 1st May	Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter (St Joseph the Worker)
10:00am	(at St John's) Kate Brignall (RIP)
Wed 2nd May	St Athanasius, Bp, D
10:00am	Rita O'Reilly (Ints)
Thurs 3rd May	FEAST OF SS PHILIP & JAMES, App
8:30am	Percy Abrahams (RIP)
Friday 4th May	FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS
10:00am	Mary Galletly (RIP)
Sat 5th May	Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter
12.30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6.30pm	(at St John's) William Egerton (RIP)(A)
Sunday 6th May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9.00am	Maurice Healy (RIP)(A)
11.00am	All Parishioners
Saturdays: 11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon	

ST TERESA OF LISIEUX AND ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, You call us by name with the words first spoken on the shore of Lake Galilee, "Follow me." Breathe deep within us the gifts of your Holy Spirit; help us to have the wisdom to hear your call, the courage to answer it and the faith to live it.

So that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, the lost are found and welcomed and all are strengthened by the grace and joy of the Sacraments.

In our parish community, our family, our home, our school, in our Diocese of Brentwood, especially inspire those whom you are calling today to the priesthood and religious life to say, "Yes, Lord. Here I am. Send me."

We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Holy Father's Intentions for May

"That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today"

Sun 29th Apr 3:00pm Holy Hour for the Fifth Sunday of Easter Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Rosary; Sunday Reflection; Evening Prayer.

Sun 29th Apr 3:00pm Rosary on the Coast: The Rosary will be prayed at more than 200 locations around the country. It has been endorsed by the Pope, Cardinal Nichols and many bishops and clergy, such as the rector of the Walsingham Shrine, Mgr John Armitage, information and locations at www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk

Mon 30th April 7:00pm Confirmation Candidates meet at St Teresa's

Mon 30th Apr 8:00pm Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 1st May 2:30 – 3:30pm Meditation Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Wed 2nd May 12:30pm Year 7 Class Mass at St Benedict's College

Thurs 3rd May 2:00pm St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

Fri 4th May 2:00pm (at St Teresa's) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and 3:00pm Divine Mercy Devotions.

Sat 5th May 10:00am Altar Servers' Meeting at St Teresa's. Please bring your handbooks. If any Parishioners, young or older are interested in joining the Serving Team and would like more information please speak to Mike Roche (Parish MC) or contact him on 01787 227922 or mikeroche@btinternet.com

Tues 8th May 2:00 – 3:30pm Friendship Club in the Church Hall including the 100 Club Draw

Thurs 10th May ASCENSION THURSDAY (Holy Day of Obligation) – 10:00am St Teresa's 8:00pm St John's

Thurs 10th May 8:00pm Lectio Divina in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

St Teresa's School Open Days

Fri 11th May at 10.00am **Or Thurs 28th June** at 10.00am If you would like to attend on one of these dates please call the School Office on 01206 508445

Sat 12th May 7:00pm The Knights of St Columba are holding a Race Night in St Teresa's Church Hall; Doors 7pm; Races 7.30pm; includes buffet; please bring your own drinks. £5 per person. For Tickets call Stef on 07948 148531 or Chris on 07522 405385

Mon 21st May 1:00-3:00pm Catholic Craft Circle - Crocheting with Margaret Molloy and Jean Mendes. Please bring size 3 /3.5 hooks and 3 or 4 ply wool. All welcome.

100 Club - The first draw of this year will take place in the Church hall during the Friendship Club on Tuesday 8th May. Letters, showing new numbers, have been assigned to all members that did not request keep their original number. These will be at the back of the Church on the weekend of 5th/6th May.

Gift Aid - Thank you to all who already gift aid their offertory donations to the Parish. This is an excellent way to raise extra funds as we receive 25p extra for every pound donated in this way. As an example, on the weekend of 14th/15th April the amount of money put into the baskets, so therefore not gift aided, was £525.45 - if this had been gift aided it would have generated another £131.36 at no extra cost to Parishioners. This is just one weekend. I am sure you can see that if some of this money was gift aided each week it would make an incredible difference to the income of the Parish. If you would like to gift aid your donations please pick up a Gift Aid Donation form from the back of the Church. If you would like further information please contact Elaine Moclair at stteresaslexden@hotmail.co.uk. There are still a few unclaimed Gift Aid boxes at the back of the Church - if you have not collected yours please do so.

Sat 5th May March for Life Family, friendly, life-fest starts at 9.30am at De Vere Connaught Rooms, 61-65, Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5DA. Children Zone, music, workshops, Confessions, stalls, and much more. 1pm march to Parliament Square for speakers, including Clare McCullough of the GoodCounselNetwork.com. The day ends at 4.15pm. See www.marchforlife.co.uk for more details

Mon 7th May 11:00am, Mass for Migrants at Southwark Cathedral. For decades the Church has welcomed people from many shores, and this Mass celebrates the international diversity of our congregations. Celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark, with our own Bishop Alan.

Offertory Collection 22nd April 2018 Baskets: £460.04 Gift Aid: £209.50
Second Collection for Promotion of Vocations Baskets: £316.81 Gift Aid: £108.50