

Catholic Parish of St Teresa of Lisieux Lexden & St John the Baptist Shrub End

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Newsletter for 29th May 2022

For more information, please visit the Parish web site www.stteresa.co.uk and my Parish App
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StTofl>

MASS / SERVICE TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sunday and Wednesday Masses are live Streamed.

Morning Prayer 15 minutes before weekday Masses at St Teresa's

Seventh Sunday of Easter (C) (World Communications Day)

Saturday 28th May	6:30 p.m. at St. John's	David Burdett (RIP) (A)
Sunday 29th May	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Toni Fusi (with thanks from the Confirmandi) Albert Josepf (RIP)
Children's Liturgy		9:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday in term time.
Monday 30th May	10:00 a.m.	The Visitation of the blessed virgin Mary Feast Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 31st May		Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen Brentwood Diocesan Feast Karl Noga (RIP)
St John's 10:00 a.m.		St Justin M Memorial Richard & Mary Larkins (wedding anniversary)
Wednesday 1st June	10:00a.m.	Feria Tadeuz and Dangta Czerkawski (RIP)
Thursday 2nd June	10:00 a.m.	St Charles Lwanga & Comps Mm Memorial People of the Parish
Friday 3rd June	10:00 a.m.	
Saturday 4th June	at St. John's 6:30 p.m.	Pentecost Sunday (C) Solemnity Albert Joseph (RIP)
Sunday 5th June	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Diana Frewer & Graham Heaps (RIP) (A) Ian Ward (RIP)
	Saturdays 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon - Sacrament of Reconciliation 12 noon – 1 p.m. Angelus, Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration	

Second Collection today for World Communications Day

Face Masks – Whilst the wearing of face coverings is no longer mandatory, we continue to encourage the use of them in the church.

Prayer Needs – We continue to pray for those parishioners who are in need and for those who have recently died.

Welcomers needed at both 11am Mass at St Teresa's and 6.30pm Mass at St John's. Do you feel able to welcome parishioners as they arrive to Mass?

Lexden Prayer & Praise. Come and join us. Praise and worship our loving God through song and prayer. Everyone welcome. On the first Wednesday of the month, 7:30 – 9:00pm in St Teresa's church hall. (Parking in the school).

The SVP are here to help you or someone you know by offering lifts to Mass, help with shopping/ collecting prescriptions, cleaning or gardening, a social visit face-to-face or a weekly catch up via a phone. To find out more please contact Alexina Weston 07770422640.

BCYS Youth Gather 22nd - 23rd October, Mersea Island
 Stay in cabins and try a brilliant range of outward-bound activities from climbing high ropes, archery, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, with guest speakers and workshops which will give you fresh insights into yourself, and your faith, by telling their stories. Open to all those in years 9 and above, book NOW at www.bcys.net/events

Nathan Smith (Year 10 at St Benedicts) will be completing the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Relay 100 event between St Teresa's and the church of St Bernard in Coggeshall to raise awareness and funds for the work that the BCCS to support children's mental health in our local schools. Sponsor Nathan at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/relay100> add a reference of 'Smith Lexden'

Thank you continued financial support to the parish The offertory for the 22nd May was £459.87 (Brentwood Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 234092)

Friendship club : Thursday 9th June 2.00pm in church hall - everyone most welcome

Offertory Boxes – If you have not already collected yours, please collect them from the table in the entrance lobby.

Mass Intentions – slips are available in the Church entrance. Please supply the Christian name and the surname, the purpose of the intention and any relevant date. Please place in an envelope clearly marked 'Mass Intention' and pass to a steward or drop into the Parish office

Please note that from Pentecost Sunday 5th June the Sunday obligation returns

Repository – We now have First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts in stock. There are many other cards and gifts available. Please visit us. If you would like to help man the Repository on a rota basis at either 9am or 11am please speak to one of the people who are manning it and they will pass your info to the office.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service: BCYS for information and events please go to www.bcys.net

YOUTH MASS takes place on the **First Thursday** of **EVERY MONTH** and groups are always welcome! Please let us know in advance if you wish to bring a group, if you are able, so that we can have an idea how much pizza to order! Any groups are always welcome!

The Knights of Saint Columba need you! We are looking for Catholic men, aged 16 and over, to join us in our good works of Charity through the spirit of Unity and Fraternity. We aim to support and help as many parishes as possible as well as the good causes that we have continued to help throughout the recent pandemic, but can only do so with volunteers. For more information please contact George Johnson on 07476781885 or rd-region6@ksc.org.uk

Parking at St. Teresa's – please be considerate where you park in the street do not park on the pavement or block drives as this causes problems and inconvenience to our neighbours. The school is open every Sunday for parking.

Helping those in the Ukraine, and Ukrainian Refugees. Caritas Brentwood are regularly updating information on their website, covering donations, prayer, and welcoming those who are fleeing the Ukraine. You will find everything at: <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukra>

LATE VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD: A vocation discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 will take place at St Beuno's in North Wales from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th September 2022. The direct link for further details and booking: Discernment Weekend <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-2>

CAFOD: Fix the food system campaign. There's enough food to feed everyone in the world, but millions still live in poverty. CAFOD is asking the UK government to implement its COP26 commitments and support agricultural systems that tackle the climate crisis and put local communities first. If you would like to show your support email Liz Truss at: <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/102736/action/1> or find out more at <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Campaigning-news/Food-8-things-you-didn-t-know>

Be part of the Walsingham House Team 2022/23: If you are 18+ and looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. Spend a year as a volunteer in a thriving young Catholic Community, working with thousands of young people from Essex and East London. We are looking for inspiring individuals who want to share their faith with other young people and are also looking to learn new skills, grow deeper in their own faith and enjoy a challenge. For more information, please contact Joseph Beattie, manager of Walsingham House, by emailing josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or calling 01277 373959. There is more information about our work on our website (www.bcys.net) and social media @Brentwoodcys

St Bon's Alumni Event - 17th June 2022, 4-6:30pm

All former students and staff of St Bonaventure's school, Forest Gate are welcome to attend - please help spread the word! Order a ticket at: www.stbons.org/alumni - Email any questions to alumni@stbons.org

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 7th June at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Mgr John Armitage. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org