

ST TERESA OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC CHURCH, LEXDEN

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PRAYER NEEDS

We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound and especially <removed for internet> and any who are not known to us. We pray for Dermot Moriarty, Sister Helen Walsh, Jean Jones, Patrick Cooney, Norah Kelly, John Thorneycroft, Gina Manning, Agnes Tullett, Amy Waterman, Iwan Thomas, Mary Razor and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

Recent Deaths

Mick Jukes died in Colchester Hospital on 17th Feb. He is survived by his family. Funeral Arrangements: Funeral Mass Wed 25th March 11:00am followed by cremation.

Guy Moser of Handford Place died in Colchester Hospital on 21st Feb. He is survived by his wife and son. Funeral Arrangements: Funeral Mass Mon 23rd Mar 12noon followed by cremation.

SEASON OF LENT



Stations of the Cross – Every Friday in Lent

2:30pm – Divine Mercy Stations at St Teresa's

7:00pm – Evening Stations

(with St Albright's C of E Church)

(Mar 6th Mar 13th and Mar 27th – St Teresa's)

(Mar 20th and Apr 3rd - St Albright's)



You, the Bible and God's Big Plan

An Inspirational Bible Course and DVD. Produced by CaFE and the Bible Society.

Wed 4th Mar Choose to attend *either 1:30pm or 7:30pm* in **Church Hall** and following Wednesdays in Lent. All welcome, young and old. Bring a friend!

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Morning Prayer 15 mins before Mass

Sat 29th Feb

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Day of Recollection including Mass at Clare Priory

6:30pm

(at St John's) Harry Kerr (RIP)(A)

Sunday 1st Mar

First Sunday in Lent (A)

9.00am

Gabrielle & Patrick Burton (RIP)(A)

11.00am

Derek & Philip Alexander (RIP)(A)

Mon 2nd Mar

Mass of the Day for Lent

(St Nicholas Owen, M)

10:00am

Sister Helen Walsh (RIP)

Tues 3rd Mar

Mass of the Day for Lent

10:00am

(St John's) John Thorneycroft (RIP)(A)

Wed 4th Mar

Mass of the Day for Lent

(St Casimir)

10:00am

Mary Lavin (RIP)(A)

Thurs 5th Mar

Mass of the Day for Lent

10:00am

Maria Britto (RIP)

Fri 6th Mar

Mass of the Day for Lent

(Women's World Day of Prayer)

10:00am

Betty Hughes (RIP)

Sat 7th Mar

Mass of the Day for Lent

(Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Mm)

12:30pm

Vocations to the Priesthood

6:30pm

(at St John's) Jim Nelson (RIP)

Sunday 8th Mar

Second Sunday in Lent (A)

9.00am

Jim Hall (RIP)

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.

First Sunday in Lent (A)

Holy Father's Intentions for March

"We pray that the church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity"

England, The Dowry of Mary: England will be re-dedicated as Mary's Dowry as Sunday 29th March 2020 at Walsingham. Every Catholic in the country is also asked to re-dedicate themselves to Our Lady. As Our Lady has guided and protected our country in the past, she will surely be guide and protectress for the Church and our country in the years to come.

Sun 1st March CAFOD Lent FAST day Envelopes will be collected this weekend. Please support the Lent appeal and enable CAFOD to reach out to more families in desperate need of help.

Sun 1st March 12:30pm Baptism of Levi Parson

Sun 1st Mar 3:00pm Holy Hour for the First Sunday of Lent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Sunday Reflection; Rosary; Evening Prayer and Benediction

Sun 1st Mar 3:00pm Rite of Election at Brentwood Cathedral

Mon 2nd Mar 8:00pm Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 3rd Mar 2:30pm Meditation Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 3rd Mar 8:00pm Instruction in the Faith for non-Catholics at St Teresa's.

Wed 4th Mar Choose Either 1:30pm or 7:30pm. The Big Picture Café course in the Church Hall "There is no greater joy than discovering your place in God's Big Picture. This exciting course will really help you do just that" Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Thurs 5th Mar 12:40pm Fr Tom celebrates Mass for Year 7s at St Benedict's School

Thurs 5th Mar 2:00pm St Vincent de Paul Society meets at St Teresa's

Fri 6th Mar 2:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with **2:30pm** Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross

Fri 6th Mar 7:00pm Stations of the Cross at St Teresa's

Sat 7th Mar First Holy Communion Preparation

9:30am Meeting for the children in the Hall and parents in the Church.

2:00pm & 3:00pm Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in St Teresa's Church

Mon 9th Mar 6:30-8:00pm Meeting for Confirmation Candidates at St Teresa's

Tues 10th Mar 2:00- 3:30pm Friendship Club at St Teresa's. All welcome!

Tues 10th Mar 7:00 – 8:00pm Youth Choir Rehearsal at St Teresa's

Mon 16th Mar – Thurs 19th Mar Deanery Priests' Retreat at Walsingham

Ministers' Rota – the new rota is now available at the back of the church.

Repository - Please take a look in St Teresa's Repository for the following items: Easter cards, Mothers' Day cards and gift ideas, St Patrick's Day cards, First Holy Communion gifts and cards and Confirmation gifts and cards. More items will follow shortly.

Colchester Lent Talks (with guest speakers) will be held at St James the Less and St Helens church every Friday starting on 6th March – 3rd April 2020 at 7.30pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street. Admission Free. All are welcome.

Sponsored Sleepout, Friday 3rd – Saturday 4th April, in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The evening begins at 8pm with a film and talk; or arrive at 11pm for Mass. Sleepout midnight – 7am. In this freezing weather, it is very difficult for those who are sleeping on the streets. The Sleepout is a powerful way to understand what it feels like to sleep outside, while raising money for homeless charities. Groups should register by emailing frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org; individuals can register on www.bcys.net. Open to anyone aged 15-105 (those aged 15-18 must be part of a group, and have parental consent).

Vacancy: Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Brentwood. Start in September. Salary £40,000. Closing date for applications 16th March 2020. Full details www.bcys.net/jobs or call Fr Dominic Howarth on 01277 373959.

Vacancy: Assistant Manager, Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Start in mid-Aug. Closing date 2nd March 2020. Full details www.bcys.net/jobs or 01277 373959.

Vacancy: St Teresa's school has a temporary vacancy for a Kitchen Assistant - 2.5 hours a day up until Easter. For further details please contact the school on 01206 508445.

Parish Quiz (with thanks to Parish Council. Answers in Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 7 and 8

- 1) Which gate leads to life, the narrow one or the wide one
- 2) Jesus went to Peter's home and saw someone sick with a fever. Who was it?

Offertory Collection 23rd Feb 2020 Baskets: £.

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