

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.

Third 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 on 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.

The Bishop will grant a plenary indulgence to all who take part in an Act of Re-dedication on that date, if they also make their Sacramental Confession, attend Mass, receive Communion and pray for the Holy Father's intentions (Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be)

The parish Re-dedication will be Sunday Mar 29th during the Holy Hour at 3PM

Sun 15th Mar 12:30 Baptism of Gabriel James Maloney

Sun 15th Mar 3:00pm Holy Hour for the **Second Sunday of Lent** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Sunday Reflection; Rosary; Evening Prayer and Benediction

Mon 16th Mar 8:00pm Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Tues 17th Mar 8:00pm Instruction in the Faith for non-Catholics at St Teresa's.

Wed 18th 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

Fri 20th Mar 2:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with **2:30pm** Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross

Fri 20th Mar 7:00pm Stations of the Cross at St Albright's

Missio Red Box Collections Janet Bartleet will be at all Masses 14th /15th Mar and 21st/22nd Mar and will be happy to receive any envelopes/boxes at St John's or St Teresa's.

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

Mon 30th Mar 1:00-3:00pm Catholic Craft Circle meets in the Upper Room. Bring your knitting, crochet or incomplete projects or learn a new craft. We have 1st Holy Communion gifts on the "cards". All welcome to join us in fellowship and cheer.

100 Club - If anyone is interested in joining the 100 Club for the year starting April 2020 please contact Elaine on either stteresas_100club@hotmail.com or by dropping a note (marked 100 Club) through Fr Tom's door. Each number costs £12 per year and there are 4 chances during the year to win £100, £50 and about £30 depending on how many people subscribe. - Thank you.

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 continue at St James the Less and St Helen's Church every Friday 13th March – 3rd April 2020 at 7.30pm in Cardinal Bourne Hall, Priory Street. Admission Free. All are welcome.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has designated 2020 as '**The God Who Speaks: A Year of the Word**' to celebrate the 10th anniversary— Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' There will be Bible days held at Gidea Park with notable speakers.

18th, 25th Mar 7:00pm "The Great Johannine Gospels" with Fr Adrian Graffy

Parish Quiz (with thanks to Parish Council.) Answers in Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 10 and 11

- 1) Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over what?
- 2) Jesus said Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than.....

30th Mar – 4th Apr Sion Community Work and Pray: join us for a week or a few days to volunteer your time and talents helping us with some essential upkeep to our large house/gardens. An opportunity for anyone who would like to take time out and experience community life, including daily prayer, Adoration and Mass at the Cathedral. Working hours will be taken up with manual work and if you someone who likes to cook you can take a turn in the kitchen feeding the troops! For further information and to register contact Mary: admin@sioncommunity.org.uk

Offertory Collection 8th Mar 2020 Baskets: £804.61

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PRAYER NEEDS

We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound and any who are not known to us. We pray for Eileen Smith, Patricia O'Callaghan, Beatrice Hodson, Edith Mary Ranger, Heather Mills, Margaret Flatman, Stephanie Gorska, Wilga Lyons, Mary McGarth, Willie O'Donnell, Michael Cuncannon, Patrick King, Gwen Jennings. Mary O'Toole, Mark Simmons, Michael Mckenna 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 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 11th 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 14th Mar	Mass of the Day for Lent)
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6:30pm	(at St John's) All Parishioners
Sunday 15th Mar	Third Sunday in Lent (A)
9.00am	Rosalie Bull (RIP)
11.00am	Arthur Duley & Hilda Lack (RIP)(A)
Mon 16th Mar	Mass of the Day for Lent
10:00am	Joseph Sykes (Birthday Ints)
Tues 17th Mar	St Patrick Bp. Apostle of Ireland National Feast
10:00am	(St John's) Vincenza Crouch (RIP)
Wed 18th Mar	Mass of the Day for Lent
	(St Cyril of Jerusalem Bp.
10:00am	Martin McLoughlin (RIP)
Thurs 19th Mar	ST Joseph Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)
10:00am	All Parishioners
Fri 20th Mar	Mass of the Day for Lent
10:00am	John Bowles (RIP)
Sat 21th Mar	Mass of the Day for Lent
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6:30pm	(at St. John's) Richard Hambelton (RIP) (A)
Sunday 22th Mar	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)
	(Laetare Sunday)
9.00am	Mary Galletly RIP(A)
11.00am	Betty Hughes RIP

Saturdays: 11.00am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 noon