

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

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(Please note the deadline of Monday for items to be included in next week's newsletter and these may be edited due to limitations of space.)

## Newsletter for 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### MASS/SERVICE TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sunday Masses live-streamed. Morning Prayer 15 mins before Weekday Masses at St Teresa's.

#### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) (World Day of the Poor)

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	St John's	6.00pm	Julieta Marconi-Delfino (RIP)
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	St Teresa's	9.00am	Jo Roche (Birthday Intentions)
		11.00am	Margaret Lynch (Health Intentions)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Feria		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Service of the Word and Holy Communion
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial		
	St John's	10.00am	Phyl Burns and Deceased Members of the Burns Family (RIP) (A)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St Cecilia, V, M Memorial		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	James McKentey (RIP) (A)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Feria		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Tony Martin (Health Intentions)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	St Andrew Dung-Lac, Pr, & Comps, Mm Memorial		
	St Teresa's	10.00am	Iain McWhirter (RIP) (A)

#### Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (A)

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	St John's	6.00pm	George Lumley (RIP)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	St Teresa's	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (A) (Youth Day) Solemnity	
		9.00am	Christian Ilodibe (Birthday Intentions)
		11.00am	Doris Colleen Hayter (RIP)

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays (weekly)	St Teresa's	11.00am - 12noon	(Except Feast Days)
Eucharistic Adoration			
Saturdays (weekly)	St Teresa's	12noon - 1.00pm	Angelus, Adoration and Rosary
Tuesdays (weekly)	St Teresa's	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration
		(First Tuesday each Month) 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Eucharistic Adoration

<b>Mass Intentions</b>	Please supply Christian name, Surname and purpose of the Intention on the request slips at the back of the Church. Place in an envelope marked <b>Mass Intention</b> , pass to a welcomer or drop it into the Office.
<b>Lift to Mass</b>	If anyone needs a lift to Mass, please contact the <b>SVP</b> on (01206) 543182.
<b>Tea and coffee after Masses</b>	Available after 9.00am Sunday (St Teresa's), 10.00am Tuesday (St John's) and 10.00am Wednesday (St Teresa's). Donations go towards the SVP.
<b>Hospital visits</b>	If you or someone you know is going into hospital and would like the Priest to visit or carry out Anointing of the Sick, please contact <b>Katherine Edwards</b> on 07799 692045 at your earliest convenience.

### PRAYER NEEDS

- ☀ We pray for those Parishioners who are sick or housebound.
- ☀ We continue to pray for all who are ill or in need.
- ☀ Please pray for our RCIA adult candidates for Sacraments.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for John Doyle who recently died. The Funeral Mass will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> December at 11.00am at St Teresa's.  
*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*

### PILGRIM MARY

Please sign up and welcome the statue of Our Lady into your home and pray the rosary for a week. The forms are available in the entrance and the stewards will be happy to help. Any questions please see **Justin Nathan**.

### MORE INFORMATION

Keep up to date as follows:

	<b>Website</b> <a href="http://www.stteresa.co.uk">www.stteresa.co.uk</a> (Live streamed Masses broadcast)
	<b>My Parish App</b> (App Store/Google Play)
	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/StToFl">www.facebook.com/groups/StToFl</a>
	<b>WhatsApp group</b> (07759 643394)

### FUNDRAISING AND FINANCIAL UPDATES

**Parish Offertory basket** - thank you for your continued financial support, totalling **£624.00** for the 12<sup>th</sup> November.

There is a **Second Collection** on 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> November for **National Youth Sunday**, celebrating the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church. Money raised goes towards supporting those in financial need to go on pilgrimages and events. It also allows BCYS to run events and provide support and training to those working with young people.

## REMEMBRANCE OF DECEASED FAMILY AND FRIENDS

During November, Masses and prayers are said for the Faithful Departed. Please put the names of Deceased family members and friends you would like to be remembered on the lists. They can be placed in the envelopes provided and put in the basket in front of the altar. Please do not put any money in the envelopes.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS – NOVEMBER

### Friday night cinema returns

Why not join us in the Church Hall at 7.00pm for the following Friday film nights? Films, Food, Fellowship and Fun!

**24<sup>th</sup> November:** *The Way*, **8<sup>th</sup> December:** *A street cat named Bob* and **15<sup>th</sup> December:** *Joyeux Noël*

### Knights of Saint Columba Christmas food drive on 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November

Please can you help by donating Christmas food items and Advent calendars to the Colchester Foodbank. Your donation can be brought on **18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November** and left at the back of Church. The KSC will collect and deliver them to the Foodbank and Community larders in the City to help those in need. Thank you for your support.

### Richard and Roslynn Marshall are celebrating their marriage with a blessing on 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 1.00pm

It is their 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary and they would like to invite everyone to celebrate with them and make their day a special one.

### Altar Servers Meeting/Training at St Teresa's on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am

Please bring your handbooks to the next meeting/training session on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am.

### Friendship Club on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm in the Church Hall

Please bring along a homemade cake, biscuits or something similar, made to a favourite or significant recipe and share the story behind it. Feel free to come along even if you can't bring something with you because we need people help consume what has been brought! Please contact a member of the SVP if you need a lift.

## DECEMBER

### Parish Bazaar on 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 11.00am to 2.00pm in the Church Hall and School Hall

Our Parish Bazaar is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 11.00am. Please could you help with donations of chocolate and bottles for the tombola. Let's make this a great day where we can get together and enjoy ourselves while raising funds for the Parish.

### Christmas concert on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm in the Church

Lexden Choral Society and members of St Teresa's Church choir will be giving a Christmas concert. Further details to follow.

### Fundraising Christmas wreath-making on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Church Hall

This is in aid of St Helena Hospice and in memory of Anne Rowley. It costs £38 per person including all materials, no previous experience is needed. Please contact **Jennifer Rowley** at [colchesterchristmaswreaths@gmail.com](mailto:colchesterchristmaswreaths@gmail.com) for further details.

## FRIENDLY FRIDAYS

We are looking at the possibility of opening the Church Hall on Fridays during Winter between 11.30am and 2.00pm to provide a warm space, companionship and free refreshments e.g. soup, sandwiches and cakes as well as teas and coffees. It will be open to people in the Parish and the local area. We hope to have enough volunteers to set up a rota. If you would like to help or find out more, there is a short meeting on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am in the Church Hall or contact **Mary** or **Peter Johnson** on 01206 543182 / 07712419702 or email [maryandpeter13@btinternet.com](mailto:maryandpeter13@btinternet.com).

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY IN MAY/JUNE 2024

We are planning a seven-night Parish Pilgrimage to Italy, including Assisi and Padua. If you are interested, please contact **Alex McArthur** as soon as possible by text on 07712 812473 or email [mcarthur77@outlook.com](mailto:mcarthur77@outlook.com). This will help to know the numbers of Parishioners interested in the trip. Further details to follow.

## CALLING ALL RED BOX HOLDERS - FINAL EMPTYING AFTER MASSES ON 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER

Red Missio Boxes are used to collect money to fund the Missionary work of the Church and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Volunteers are available after Masses at the back of Church or Church Hall after the 9.00am Mass at St. Teresa's. If you attend the 11.00am Mass, please visit the desk in the Church Hall prior to Mass. Alternatively, an envelope is available at the back of Church together with a label to write your details. Empty the Box, reseal it with the new label and hand to one of our volunteers: *Terry Doonan, Maree Foxon, Marian Bernard, Stephon Palmer or Cathy Scott.*

## HELP NEEDED FOR LIFTS TO THE 11.00AM MASS

We kindly ask anyone attending the Sunday 11.00am Masses if there they can offer a lift to Parishioners, possibly on a rota-basis. We currently need a lift for someone from Peace Road, Stanway and another in Little Tey. Please ring **Mary Johnson** on 01206 543182 or 07712419702 if you can support. Many thanks.

## FAITH IN ACTION - LIVESIMPLY AWARD

**CAFOD** has set up an Israeli-Palestinian crisis appeal. If you wish to donate, please visit [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and most in need. Thank you.

**Livesimply award** - many thanks to all those who supported the Parish in achieving our CAFOD *livesimply* award. It is in recognition of your generosity and charity supporting and caring for others and the environment. The Our Common Home group continue to promote the Laudato Si' goals and next meets on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm in the Upper room.