

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

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## Parish Office

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## Newsletter for 22nd May 2022

For more information, please visit the Parish web site [www.stteresa.co.uk](http://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

#### Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

6:30 p.m.

at St. John's

Marjorie Hambelton (RIP) (A)

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Lesley Peek-Vput (RIP)

People of the Parish

9:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday in term time.

**Children's Liturgy**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

10:00 a.m.

**Feria**

Service of the Word and Holy Communion

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

St John's 10:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

**Feria**

James & Susan Stewart (RIP) (A)

Funeral Mass of Helen Macdonald (RIP)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

10:00 a.m.

**St Bede the Venerable Pr D**

**National Memorial**

Valerie Kelly (RIP)

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

10:00 a.m.

**The Ascension of the Lord**

**Solemnity**

Fr Tom Lavin (birthday intentions)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

10:00 a.m.

**St Augustine of Canterbury Bp**

**National Feast**

John McFadden (RIP) (A)

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

at St. John's 6:30 p.m.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter (C)**

**(World Communications Day)**

David Burdett (RIP) (A)

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

9:00 a.m.

Toni Fusi (with thanks from the Confirmandi)

11:00 a.m.

Albert Joseph (RIP)

**Saturdays 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon - Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**12 noon – 1 p.m. Angelus, Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration**

**Thank you continued financial support to the parish The offertory for the 15<sup>th</sup> May was £458**  
(Brentwood Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 234092)

**Mass Intentions** – slips that 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

**Repository** – We now have First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts in stock. There are many other cards and gift available.

**Please note that from Pentecost Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June the Sunday obligation returns**

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

**Laudato Si Week 22-29<sup>th</sup> May 'Listening and journeying together'**. 24 May marks the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'*. A series of activities, focusing on one of the seven Laudato Si goals each day, are planned over the week. More information, including resources for prayer, study and action at: <https://laudatosiweek.org/>

**CAFOD event: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 7.30-8.30pm in the parish hall.** A great opportunity for old and new parishioners of all ages to meet and engage with each other as they discover how they can support CAFOD's latest campaign. This is a free event but if you are able to bring a little food to share that would be wonderful.

**The Our Common Home group** is also intending to lead monthly creation/nature walks. The first will be on Saturday 28 May and will leave Cudmore Grove car park, East Mersea at 2.00pm. The walk is between 5-6 km and will take in part of the sea wall. Please wear suitable footwear. For further details contact Peter Johnson at [laudatosilexden@btinternet.com](mailto:laudatosilexden@btinternet.com). Please feel free to invite friends from other congregations who may like to join us.

**Live sustainably: Walk to church weekend May 28/29** We are encouraging parishioners who are able to, to walk, cycle or scoot to church this weekend as a way of marking the end of Laudato Si' week.

**The Our Common Home group** encourages you to consider joining the **Big Plastic Count 16-22 May**. This nationwide investigation into household plastic waste hopes to convince the government of the need to set realistic targets for reducing single-use plastic by 2025, and to ban the dumping of UK plastic in other countries. More information at: <https://thebigplasticcount.com/>

**Brentwood Catholic Youth Service: BCYS** for information and events please go to [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

### Second Collection next week – 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).

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 28<sup>th</sup> May** Please give your name to Mike Roach if you will be going

**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](http://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'

**Parish Garden Party Sunday 22nd May 2:00-5:00pm** at The Stables, Stratford St Mary, CO7 6JR Please bring food to share and your own drinks!  
Further information available from Toni on 07962014747

**Parish Survey and registration** – if you already not returned the Parish registration and survey forms please do so even if you think you are already on the Parish register.

**Friendship club:** Thursday 26th May 2.00pm in church hall - everyone most welcome.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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>

**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!

**No-mow May:** The charity Plantlife is encouraging all gardeners not to cut their lawn in May (or at least leave part of it uncut). This will help the growth of flowers that provide food for pollinating insects at a crucial time of the year. More details at: <https://nomowmay.plantlife.org.uk>

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](mailto:rd-region6@ksc.org.uk)

**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](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or calling 01277 373959. There is more information about our work on our website ([www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)) and social media @Brentwoodcys

**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 neighbors. The school is open every Sunday for parking.**