

# ST TERESA OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC CHURCH, LEXDEN

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(with St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Iceni Way, Shrub End CO2 9EF)

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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 Maria Szpytma, Glen Parker, David Whytock, Annie Taylor, Roman Lange, Geraldine Shead, Catherine Libby, Mary McGarvey, Patrick Burton, Derek Golding, Bill Coverley, Harry Kerr and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

## SEASON OF LENT



**Feb 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Ash Wednesday**

**(Day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat)**

**Masses 10:00am (St Teresa's)**

**8:00pm (St John's)**

**With the Distribution of Sacred Ashes**



**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)**

**(Feb 28<sup>th</sup> Mar 20<sup>th</sup> and Apr 3<sup>rd</sup> - St Albright's)**

**(Mar 6<sup>th</sup> Mar 13<sup>th</sup> and Mar 27<sup>th</sup> – St Teresa's)**



**You, the Bible and God's Big Plan**

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

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Ap</b>
12:30pm	Vocations to the Priesthood
6:30pm	(at St John's) Tina & Teresa Perotti (Ints)
<b>Sunday 23<sup>d</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b>
	<b>(Day for the Unemployed)</b>
9.00am	David Whytock (RIP)(A)
11.00am	All Parishioners
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Mass of the Day</b>
10:00am	Veronica McKentey (RIP) (Bday Memorial Ints)
<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Mass of the Day</b>
10:00am	(St John's) Deceased of the Brignell Family
<b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	ASH WEDNESDAY
	<b>(Day of Fasting and Abstinence from meat)</b>
10:00am	All Parishioners
8:00pm	(St John's) Holy Souls
<b>Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</b>
10:00am	Sybil Swann (RIP)
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Friday after Ash Wednesday</b>
10:00am	Phyl Burns & Deceased Members of the Burns Famkily
<b>Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</b>
	<i>Day of Reflection including Mass at Clare Priory</i>
6:30pm	(at St John's) Harry Kerr (RIP)(A)
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>	<b>First Sunday in Lent (A)</b>
9.00am	Gabrielle & Patrick Burton (RIP)(A)
11.00am	Derek & Philip Alexander (RIP)(A)

**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.

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

### Holy Father's Intentions for February

"We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered"

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 3:00pm Holy Hour for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; Sunday Reflection; Rosary; Evening Prayer and Benediction

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 6:30-8:00pm** Meeting for Confirmation Candidates at St Teresa's

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 7:00pm** Partnership Clergy and Stewards of the Gospel Meeting at Greenstead

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 8:00pm** Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2:00- 3:30pm** Friendship Club at St Teresa's. All welcome for a Workshop in magic with magician Steve Drury!

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 8:00pm** Instruction in the Faith for non-Catholics at St Teresa's.

## SEASON OF LENT

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Ash Wednesday (First Day of Lent) Day of Fasting and Abstinence.**  
Blessing and distribution of Ashes

**Masses: 10:00am at St Teresa's 8:00pm at St John's**

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 7:30pm** Meeting of the Buildings and Maintenance Committee

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 7:30pm SHARING GOD'S WORD** Please come and join us at St Teresa's to read, reflect, discuss, and share passages from Scripture and also the writings of Pope Francis. All welcome

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb CAFOD Lent FAST day** Money saved on this day can be put into envelopes for CAFOD. Envelopes will be collected Sun 1<sup>st</sup> March.

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2:00pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with **2:30pm** Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 7:00pm** Stations of the Cross at St Albright's Church of England Church, Stanway CO3 8LR

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb** St Teresa's Youth Group in the Church Hall **5:00 – 6:45pm** (Years 4, 5 and 6) and **7:00 – 9:00pm** (Year 7 upwards)

**Saturday 29 Feb 2020 - Parish Retreat Day at Clare Priory**

Signing up forms for the Day of Retreat at Clare Priory are available at the back of the Church. This event is open to all parishioners. This year we are very pleased that Deacon Paschal Uche will be joining us and giving a talk. The theme for the day will be "The Word of God". If you wish to attend please complete a form and return together with payment to Fr Tom at the presbytery as soon as possible, and by *Mon 24th Feb 2020 at the latest*. The cost is £16 per person (Clare Priory Fee) which includes tea/ coffee through the day. **Please note that you will need to bring your own packed lunch.**

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 3:00pm** Rite of Election at Brentwood Cathedral

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 2:30pm** Meditation Prayer Group in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Mar** *Choose Either 1:30pm or 7:30pm.* The Big Picture Café course in the Church Hall

**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.

**Vacancy: Director of Youth Ministry, Diocese of Brentwood.** Start in September. Salary £40,000. Closing date for applications 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Full details [www.bcys.net/jobs](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. Full details [www.bcys.net/jobs](http://www.bcys.net/jobs) or 01277 373959.

**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.

**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 5 and 6**

- 1) Happy are those who are merciful to others; What will God do to them?
- 2) Where should you store up riches for yourself?