

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

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For more information, please visit the Parish web site 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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Saturday 23rd July 6:30 p.m.	Vic Kent (RIP) (A)	
Sunday 24th July 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Mary Carpenter (intentions – health) Michael John Ransom (RIP) (A)	
Children's Liturgy	9:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday in term time.	
Monday 25th July 10:00 a.m.	St James Apostle Service of the Word and Holy Communion	Feast
Tuesday 26th July St John's 10:00 a.m.	Ss Joachim & Anne parents of the BVM Pat Keane (RIP)	Memorial
Wednesday 27th July 10:00 a.m.	Feria Michael Clare (RIP)	
Thursday 28th July 10:00 a.m.	Feria People of the Parish	
Friday 29th July 10:00 a.m.	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus Win Healey (RIP) (A)	Memorial

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Saturday 30th July St John's 6:30 p.m.	Alison Kent (birthday intentions)	
Sunday 31st July 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Donald Hambleton (RIP) (A) George Birch (RIP) (A)	

**Saturdays 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon - Sacrament of Reconciliation
12 noon – 1:00 p.m. Angelus, Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration**

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.

Mass Intentions – slips 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

THE LEGION OF MARY Dear Parishioners, we would like to invite you to join this group. The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation in Mary's and the Church's work. We hold a weekly meeting, where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussion. The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. Our meetings are on every Thursday. All are welcome. Next meeting 28th July at St Teresa's church upstairs room at 7.30pm. Justin Nathan

The Parish WhatsApp Chat Group All parishioners are welcome to join the above chat group. If you would like to, please give your phone number to either Father Rick or Justin Nathan who will put you onto the group. You will need a smart phone and access to WhatsApp which we can help you set up.

Colchester Foodbank - Donations can be left at the back of the Church. The list of items that are most needed are: small bags of rice, long life milk, & juice, squash, tinned fruit, tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, tinned puddings, tins or packets of custard, jam, peanut butter, small jars of coffee, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste/brushes, razors, shower gel, small washing powder/liquid, carrier bags/reusable bags

Knights of St. Columba Strawberry Tea Event The Knights of St. Columba are organising a Strawberry Tea event at St. Teresa's church hall, **Lexden on Saturday the 30th of July from 2pm to 4pm**. This is specifically for all the older parishioners, but all are welcome. Admission is free but there will be a raffle. Please bring a raffle prize if you are able to.

We are still looking for people who may wish to become Welcomers at both St John's on Saturdays at 6.30pm and at St Teresa's at 11am. If you feel you would like to join the team of welcomers, please contact the Church office for more information or speak to a welcomer when you are at Mass

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 2nd to Sunday 4th September 2022. The direct link for further details and booking: Discernment Weekend <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-2>

Thank you continued financial support to the parish (Brentwood Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 234092)

Prayer Needs – We continue to pray for those parishioners who are in need and for those who have recently died

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).

Spanish Mass – There will be a Spanish Mass at St Teresa's at 6:00 p.m. on 30th July

Adventure in Faith – journey towards World Youth Day, Porto and Lisbon, July 26th – August 9th 2023. This amazing opportunity is for anyone who will be aged 17 – 27 in August 2023. Find out more at <https://bcys.net/events/wyd23/>. Express your interest with an email to WYD@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Only 40 places available

Please return the parish registration and survey forms as we need to update our records so we can let you know of Parish events and announcements.

Gift Aid - Please consider gift aiding your offertory donations. Information can be found on the Parish website. Gift Aid Declaration forms can be found at the back of the Church. Every £1.00 you donate to the Church is worth £1.25 when you Gift Aid it, at No Extra Cost to You

Please supply items for the newsletter by the Monday for inclusion on the following Sunday

CAFOD: Families in Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan are facing extreme food shortages and hunger. The conflict in Ukraine is causing rising prices and food shortages which are making things worse for millions of people who were already facing drought and famine conditions. If you are able to make a donation, no matter how small, you can do so at <https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?defaultuniversitytype=single&Appeal=125900>

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

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

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 neighbours. The school is open every Sunday for parking

7-9th OCT 2022 YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS (YCA) WEEKEND

Theme: "The Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics"

During the weekend of the 7th-9th October 2022, Young Catholic Adults will be running a retreat at Douai Abbey with the Schola Gregoriana of Cambridge who will be holding Gregorian Chant workshops. There will also be a Marian Procession, Rosaries, Sung Masses, Confession, talks (and socials). The talks are – Rachael Mackenzie from "Rachael's Vineyard" will be telling her conversion story (Sat) and Fr. Glaysher will be talking about the Communion of Saints' prayer and the veneration of Holy Relics (Sun).

Prices start from £12 (come for the day) and £55 per person per night (residential). Book soon as places are limited! Please note to guarantee your place Douai Abbey have requested that everyone books in 3 weeks before the start of the weekend (16th September 2022).

For More information: <http://youngcatholicadults-latestnews.blogspot.co.uk/> or <http://www.youngcatholicadults.co.uk>.

To book go to :- <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-douai2022>

Parish Secretary Required in St Francis of Assisi, 90 Colchester Road, Halstead, Essex, CO9 2EW

Hours: 3 hours per week. Hourly Rate: £10 per hour.

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter to halstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Closing date for applications is 29th July 2022. For a full job description, visit <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

The 12th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage will take place this year on the hundredth anniversary of GKC being received into the Catholic Church, Saturday 30th July. Please send any prayer requests to: CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk or text them to 07795205114. Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day, as well as printable GKC prayercards can be found on our website, www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk

Transylvania: Religion, History & Culture Fr Eduard Fartan from Holy Family in Benfleet is organising a Pilgrimage to Transylvania from 18th - 25th October 2022. The tour will include many beautiful churches and monasteries often set amongst the stunning Romanian countryside and focus on the melting pot of ancient cultures that have been present in the area. The cost will start be £850 for one place in a double room, with an additional charge of £165 for single occupancy. Flights, half board at 3 and 4 star hotels, travel in Romania and tour guides are included in the price. For more information or to register your interest please send an email to benfleet@dioceseofbrentwood.org