

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

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StTof>

MASS / SERVICE TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sunday and Wednesday Masses are live Streamed.

Morning Prayer 15 minutes before weekday Masses at St Teresa's

Saturday 30th April 6:30 p.m. at St. John's	Third Sunday of Easter (C) Theresa Foxon (RIP) (A)
Sunday 1st May 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Bob (Alfred Keith) Palmer (RIP) (A) Andrew & Stef Dames (other intentions)
Children's Liturgy	9:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday in term time.
Monday 2nd May 10:00 a.m.	St Athanasius Bp D Memorial Service of the Word with Holy Communion
Tuesday 3rd May St John's 10:00 a.m.	SS Philip & James App Feast Phyl Burns (RIP) & members of the Burns family
Wednesday 4th May 7:00 p.m.	The English Martyrs National Feast Fr. Adrian (Birthday intentions)
Thursday 5th May 10:00 a.m.	Feria People of the Parish
Friday 6th May 10:00 a.m.	St John Payne Pr M Diocesan Memorial Daniel John Spedding (RIP)
Saturday 7th May 6:30 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Easter (C) Paul Mendes (RIP) (A)
Sunday 8th May 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Ralph Boreham (RIP) (A) Olivia Choat (6 th birthday intentions)

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

Face Masks – Whilst the wearing of face coverings is no longer mandatory, we continue to encourage the use of them in the church.

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.

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? This is not the same as being an Usher where you need to guide people to their seats. It is just to welcome people as they arrive, give them any handouts and help them with any questions they may have. If you would like to volunteer, please pass your information to one of the welcomers or e mail the parish.

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 28th May Please give your name to Mike Roach if you will be going

Live sustainably when washing clothes: Save money by washing full loads, thereby reducing the amount of water and energy used; opt for green detergents which are kinder to you, your clothes and the environment; select a cooler, shorter programme (90% of energy is used heating the water); avoid using the tumble dryer and line dry, particularly now the warmer weather is here.

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.

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>

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service: BCYS for information and events please go to www.bcys.net

Thank you continued financial support to the parish The offertory for the 24th April raised £481
(Brentwood Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 234092)

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

Parish Retreat – Clare Priory 21st May 2022 It is open to any parishioner who would like to attend (subject to capacity) Further details will follow in due course

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

100 Club – Congratulations to the following whose numbers were drawn for the 100 Club on Thursday during the Friendship Club: Margaret Deasy 1st prize no. 120 £100, Michael Vernon 2nd prize no. 108 £40 and Elizabeth Austin Smith 3rd prize no. 101 £30. There are still 6 numbers available for anyone who would like to join for the remaining 3 draws of the year. Numbers are £12 for the year.

Offertory envelopes – The new offertory envelopes and 2nd collection envelopes are available at the back of the Church. If you usually have envelopes please take a look for your name. If you would like to gift aid your offertory and would like either envelopes or to pay by standing order please complete a Gift Aid Declaration form which can be found at the entrance of the Church and complete a standing order mandate if you decide that is how you would like to pay. Thank you.

After the 7pm Mass on Wednesday 4th May there will be a gathering in the hall afterwards for wine and hors d'oeuvres in celebration of Fr. Adrian's birthday.

In honour of Laudato Si' Month, join Meg Liebsch, from the Office of Justice and Ecology of the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States, to connect and reflect on themes from *Laudato Si'* through the lens of eco poetry. Free retreat **May 2-5 at 8:30 pm BST.**

Register: https://ignatiansolidarity.wufoo.com/forms/zmcnsnuq1snfnzr/?utm_source=Renewing+the+Earth%3A+Living+Laudato+Si'+in+the+Ignatian+Year&

The Friendship Club – The next meeting is on 8th May 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. and every fortnight during term time. Teas/coffee and refreshments will be served. Please contact Alexina Weston at 07770422640 or a member of the SVP team if you need a lift or sign the form at the back of the church to show interest in attending.

REFUGEE COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP: A volunteer group is being set up here at St John Payne, in conjunction with the Diocese of Brentwood and Caritas Brentwood, to raise funds and provide practical support for a refugee family, to be housed in Colchester. Anyone interested in becoming involved or finding out more is warmly invited to attend a meeting, chaired by Fr Dominic Howarth, on Saturday 7th May 2022 at 1.30pm, at St John Payne Catholic Church Hall, Blackthorn Avenue, Colchester CO4 3QD. Please email SIPRefugeeProject@gmail.com for more information.

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 or calling 01277 373959. There is more information about our work on our website (www.bcys.net) and social media @Brentwoodcys

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>

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 3 May at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Fr Gary Dench.

For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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>

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

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 23rd May 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey and Fr. National Museum. Single supp £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

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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!