

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 7th May	Forth Sunday of Easter (C)	
6:30 p.m. at St. John's	Paul Mendes (RIP) (A)	
Sunday 8th May		
9:00 a.m.	Ralph Boreham (RIP) (A)	
11:00 a.m.	Olivia Choat (6 th birthday intentions)	
Children's Liturgy	9:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday in term time.	
Monday 9th May	Feria	
10:00 a.m.	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	
Tuesday 10th May	Feria	
St John's 10:00 a.m.	Eva Noga (intentions)	
11:00 a.m.	Funeral Mass of Irene Kozlowski	
Wednesday 11th May	Feria	
10 a.m.	Patrick Parkin	
Thursday 12th May	St John Houghton Pr M	Diocesan Memorial
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Friday 13th May	St Erconwald Bp	Diocesan Memorial
10:00 a.m.	Gracy Varkey (RIP) (A)	
Saturday 14th May	St Matthias Ap	Feast
	Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)	
at St. John's 6:30 p.m.	Private Intentions	
Sunday 15th May		
9:00 a.m.	Tadeusz Szmuc (RIP)	
11:00 a.m.	Jill Mary Jarvis (RIP)	

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

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.

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

Thank you continued financial support to the parish The offertory for the 24th April raised £728 (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.

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

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

This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday when we are invited by the Church to pray in a particular way for vocations to the priesthood. Please pray for Vocations and for those who are training for the priesthood. There is also a retiring collection to support the promotion of vocations.

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.

The SVP would like to thank everyone who donated so generously to the Maundy Thursday appeal.

Relay 100 Sponsored walk for BCCS 14th May – Please support Gary Hull who is walking from St James the less to St Teresa's via St Theodore of Canterbury and St John's

The Brothers of Council 270 of the Knights of Saint Columba would like to warmly invite you to our Quiz Night. It will be held on the 21st of May, at St. Theresa of Lisieux, Lexden. Entry is £5 a person, and money raised will be going to Colchester foodbank and other KSC causes. Teams of 6 people. Doors open at 7:30pm A light buffet will be provided, but it is bring your own drinks. There will be a raffle.

Parish Garden Party Sunday 22nd May 2:00-5:00pm at The Stables, Stratford St Mary, CO7 6JR
 Following a wedding on the Saturday, a beautiful marquee will be available on the Sunday to enjoy a long-awaited social event!
 So regardless of weather, a great afternoon to meet friends old and new! Please bring food to share and your own drinks!
 Further information available from Toni on 07962014747

Fr. Adrian thanks all those who came to the 40 Martyrs Mass on 4th May and for their support and good wishes.

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>

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!

The Friendship Club – The next meeting is on 22nd 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.

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.

All are welcome to join our **parish walks** where we hope to explore the beauty of God's creation in this corner of Essex. The first walk will be on Saturday 28th May starting at 2.00 pm from the car park at Cudmore Grove, East Mersea. If you require a lift or would like to find out more, please contact Peter Johnson on 07712419702. The walk will be about 6 km, partly along the sea wall. Toilets are available in the car park. We hope to hold similar walks monthly thereafter.

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