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Newsletter for Sunday 15th May 2022

MASS / SERVICE TIMES & INTENTIONS

Sunday and Wednesday Masses are live Streamed.

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)	
6:30 p.m. at St. John's Sunday 15th May 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Children's Liturgy	Private intentions Tadeusz Szmuc (RIP) Jill Mary Jarvis (RIP) 9:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday in term time.
Monday 16th May	
10:00 a.m. Tuesday 17th May at St John's 10:00 a.m. Wednesday 18th May 10:00a.m. Thursday 19th May 10:00 a.m. Friday 20th May 10:00 a.m.	Feria Service of the Word with Holy Communion Feria Melissa & Robin Spedding (Intentions) Feria Those who have lapsed in the faith (friends & family) Feria People of the Parish Feria Karl Noga (RIP)
Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)	
Saturday 21st May at St. John's 6:30 p.m. Sunday 22nd May 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Marjorie Hambelton (RIP) (A) Lesley Peek-Vput (RIP) People of the Parish

**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 8th May was £563 (Brentwood Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No. 234092)

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 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.

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

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL AND THE FIVE CLASSICAL ORDERS - a lecture to be given by the architect of Brentwood Cathedral,

Quinlan Terry, on Thursday 19th May at 8.15 p.m. in the Cathedral. This will be a unique opportunity to find out more about the classical inspiration that informed the distinctive style of Brentwood Cathedral. All welcome.

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. Open to all those in years 9 and above, book NOW at 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'

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

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 gift available.

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 Liseux, 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

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/>

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. Please feel free to invite friends from other congregations who may like to join us.

On Saturday 21st May the Vigil of the Feast of St Rita, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. On this month's Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

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>

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.

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!

The Friendship Club – The next meeting is on 26th 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.

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

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.