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St Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Parish Stansted

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Twenty First Sunday (Weekday Readings 21st Week)
Eucharist Prayer II Memorial Acclamation – 2
The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary: “Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart,” (Lk 2:19). Let us pray for the purity of our hearts, our words and actions.

Date -2024 August/Sept.	Time	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED Livestreamed	LITURGY OF THE DAY Div. Off. Psalter Week 4
Saturday 24th	6.00 pm	For the intentions and prayers of David and Bernadette	21 st Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday 25 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	For the elderly, sick and all struggling in our parish For the Deceased Members of Quinn Family R.I.P	21st Sunday Year B
Monday 26 th			Feria
Tuesday 27 th	7.30 pm	For Nicholas & Katie' Nixon's 8 th wedding anniversary	St Monica
Wed 28 th	12.30 pm	For protections and intentions of all our children	St Augustine
Thursday 29 th	10.00 pm	For welfare and intentions of <i>Eric Armstrong (birthday)</i>	John the Baptist-Passion
Friday 30 th	11.00 am 12.00 pm	Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament For the intentions and welfare of David and Patricia	Holy Hour & Confessions Sacred Heart Votive Mass
Saturday 31 st	9.00 am 6.00 pm	For the sick in our parish and in our families & friends For Ian Clarke R.I.P (Nephew of John & Catriona)	Our Lady's Votive Mass 22nd Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday 1 st Sep	8.30 am 10.00 am	For intentions of parishioners & our volunteers' welfare For a Parishioner's Private Intention (anonymous)	22nd Sunday Year B

Parish Committees: This is a lovely parish and thank you all for your warm welcome. As I start my second year in this Parish, it is time to appoint and support different Parish Committees to assist me in carrying out the mission of Christ in our Parish. To this end, we are now having a new Parish Finance Committee with new members appointed to serve and take over from the current ones. We are also having a Parish Liturgy Committee, Parish Hall Committee, Parish Social Committee and the Parish Pastoral Council. I am immensely touched by your generous volunteering spirit in this parish. A big thank-you to all who are willing/able to volunteer to serve in these committees. Your help is very much appreciated. On behalf of the Parish, our special and prayerful thanks go to all current Finance Committee members who were appointed by my predecessors and who have served so well for those years. In the end, it is the Faith in Christ and Love of God that motivates all of us to volunteer and serve the Church.

THANK YOU: We now have the Lectionary(all volumes). On behalf of the Parish, I am forever grateful to parishioners who have generously helped us to purchase the New Lectionary.

Mass Books: We do need new Mass Books and the first patch of Year C (volume one) will be used as from the First Sunday of Advent until Pentecost Sunday 2025. We need two Volumes per year for a Liturgical series of three Years: Year A, B & C. I have received a further discount after I spoke to the publisher, Don McCrimmon, a parishioner at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Southend. One set of 80 Mass Books will cost **£376.20 (we need six sets)**. Your donations for the Mass Books will be very much appreciated. Please put your donation in a Donation Box marked Mass Books at the Entrance. Everyone is requested to help. Your support is very much appreciated. You may also wish to donate in memory of a loved one, or in thanksgiving for God's love.

Mass Books: 6 x £396 = £2376.00 less 5% = £2257.20 or £376.20 for 80 copies, post is free for all six editions and old ones taken for recycling.

The Sacrament of Confirmation : As delegated by Bishop Alan, I will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation here in our parish on 6th June 2025 (Pentecost Sunday). The first preparatory lesson is on Saturday 14th September 2024 at 4.00 pm. Please let me know if you can be a candidate. Adults who have not been Confirmed are also welcome.

Confessions Saturdays at 5.15 pm to 5.45pm

Offertory: Thank you very much for your generous financial support for our parish and the special collections. Cheques for the Parish are made payable to: **Catholic Church Stansted St Theresas**

Date	Gift Aid	Loose Cash	Standing order	Total Collection
18/08/24	£108.00	£127.00	£453.60	£688.60

A Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 7th September:

The Coach departs St Theresa's Church at 8.30 am and return for 5.30 pm. Please give a minimum donation of £20 per adult by 1st Sept. latest. Members of the Social Committee will be available after all Masses to collect money. ALL are invited to this Special Pilgrimage.

St Theresa's Family Picnic on Sunday 8th September

straight after 10.00 am Mass. Please bring your own picnic food and drinks. This is also the day when the Church celebrates the Birthday of Our Lady. Children's Entertainer, Face Painting, Quiz, Sing Song. Come along to celebrate. It is lovely to get together as a parish: **"They will know we are Christians by our love for each other"** (John 13:35)

We pray for Departing Parishioners:

Lord Jesus, Word Made Flesh, from the beginning of creation you named and claimed us for yourself. Look with kindness upon your servants who leave this community, marked by your cross, fed by your word, and sent to be your presence to all they meet. Guide them on the way, and bless them with your wisdom, that they may be a word of hope for a world in need. May they walk in your ways, always knowing what is right and good, until they enter your heavenly inheritance. Amen
(Two parishioners, who wish to remain anonymous, have generously donated towards our New Lectionary as their farewell gift to our parish. I am visiting them after Mass today for a meal before they relocate to Ditchling in Sussex.

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