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**St Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Parish Stansted**

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**First Sunday of Advent** (Weekday Readings Proper)  
**Eucharist Prayer II Memorial Acclamation -1**

**In the month of December we welcome the Advent Season with a special attention to the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady: O Mary Conceived without Sin prayer for us who have recourse to thee. Amen.**

<b>Date -2024</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED</b>	<b>LITURGY OF THE DAY</b>
December		Livestreamed	Div. Off. Psalter Week 1
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	For departed Souls(Those on your November Dead list)	1 <sup>st</sup> Advent Sunday Vigil
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.30 am 10.00 am	For Stuart Gibby R.I.P For holy Souls: Anne, Antonio & Paul Cattano R.I.P	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Advent Sunday</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>			Advent Feria
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 pm	For the healing of Catherine Flanagan	St Francis Xavier
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 am	For Christopher Dean Bowers R.I.P	Advent Feria
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	For departed Souls (Those on your November dead list)	Advent Feria
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am 12.00 pm	<b>ADORATION (Holy Hour) – Everyone is invited</b> <b>For the intentions of Monica Jacobs</b>	<b>CONFESSIONS</b> <b>Advent Feria</b>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am 6.00 pm	For departed Souls (Those on your November dead list) For Ken Matthews R.I.P	St Ambrose 2 <sup>nd</sup> Advent Sunday Vigil
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am 10.00 am	For Michael Jacobs R.I.P For Simon Latham R.I.P (By the Quinn Family)	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Advent Sunday</b>

**Advent Season: The Church calls all of us to prayerfully prepare for Coming of the Saviour. One of the beautiful ways to prepare is to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession as much as we believe God sent Jesus into the world to save sinners, all of us.**

**Quiz Night:** Please come along to our Parish Quiz on Saturday 7th December at 7pm. Teams of 4. You can bring friends from outside of the Parish. Entrance £5. Bring your own food and drink or order Fish & Chips from Churchills for an extra £12.50. Please fill in the Quiz Forms in the Foyer of the Church. All orders must be made by 30th November. Please support our parish.

**Our Parish Liturgy Committee:** I have asked a few members of our parish to join this committee as a consultative body that will, on behalf of the parish, assist me in planning various liturgical celebrations. The first meeting was held and one of the resolutions at the end of the meeting was to ask everyone to keep a prayerful silence before every Mass.

**Parish Hall Committee:** Although Uttlesford Council is still taking time to approve my application for a license to hold some events in our parish centre, I have asked a few parishioners to form a Parish Hall Committee so that we can discuss how to run the Hall in a professional manner – for example, users of the hall will not be allowed to store their items in the Hall. The First inaugural meeting was held and members discussed various issues regarding the use and users of the Hall.

**Encounter** meet next Friday 6th December at St Theresa's, Stansted, from 10.30 - 2pm. "Reflections on readings for 2nd Sunday of Advent". Please bring favourite seasonal paintings, poems, & prayers. A shared Advent lunch will follow. All welcome for all or part of the day. Enquiries: B/S 652060/656482. Everyone is invited.

**Confessions Saturdays at 5.15 pm to 5.45pm**

**Offertory:** Thank you very much for your generous support. Cheques are made payable to: **Catholic Church Stansted St Therasas**. For online donations, our parish Account Number: **41017519**, Sort Code: **401322**, and account name: **Catholic Church Stansted St Therasas**.

Date	Gift Aid	Loose Cash	Standing Order	Total Collection
17/10/24	£140.00	£147.08	£444.00	£731.08

**CALLING ALL CHILDREN!** Would you like to do something really special this Christmas Eve and take part in our Children's Christmas Mass? Have you always wanted to carry up the offertory, read out a prayer or perhaps dress up as a shepherd or an angel? Well, this is your chance! We are looking for child volunteers to help act out the Gospel, readers, greeters, collectors and more! All ages of children welcome to join in. Please contact Leanne on 07754194929 or [leanne.daly@hotmail.com](mailto:leanne.daly@hotmail.com) for more information.

**Sacramental Preparations:** The next Communion lesson will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 am. A second special lesson takes place on the same dates at 2.00 pm with Fr. Clement.

**Children Liturgy** will be held on the First Sunday of every month during the 10am Mass in St Theresa's Room once Fr. Clement has met with the volunteers. We invite the children to come together to learn about the Gospel in a child-friendly way. Would you like to help our children by joining our rota of children's Liturgy volunteers? No previous experience is required but a DBS check will be carried out. Please contact Leanne on 07754194929 or [leanne.daly@hotmail.com](mailto:leanne.daly@hotmail.com) for details.

**Helping the Poor:** I have invited the Franciscan priests to speak to us about their work for the poor in London.

**Dates for the First Holy Communion Lessons** taking place on Saturdays at 10.30 am as follows: (a) 09/11/2024, (b) 23/11/2024, (c) 14/12/2024 and (d) 21/12/24. The dates for 2025 meetings will be given later. A second lesson takes place on the same dates at 2.00 pm with Fr. Clement for those with unique situations. The lessons are led by Fr Clement and attendance is mandatory. We need your prayers.

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church Teaches(CCC):**

All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture. From the beginning, the Church has honoured the memory of the **dead and** offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead. Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them (CCC 1030-1032).