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St Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Parish Stansted

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Second 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.

Date -2024 December	Time	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED Livestreamed	LITURGY OF THE DAY Div. Off. Psalter Week 2
Saturday 7 th	6.00 pm	Ken Matthew R.I.P & Wee Family's Children education	2 nd Advent Sunday Vigil
Sunday 8 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	For Michael Jacobs R.I.P For Simon Latham R.I.P(requested by the Quinn Family)	2nd Advent Sunday
Monday 9 th		Mass in Walsingham at 12.00 pm - Follow via Livestream	Immaculate Conception
Tuesday 10 th	7.30 pm	For Fr. Jeremiah Matogo's happy and eternal R.I.P	Advent Feria
Wed 11 th	12.00 pm	The intentions of Karin & Eugene Keddy(Golden W. Anv)	Advent Feria
Thursday 12 th	10.00 am	For the intentions of Joseph, Anel and family.	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday 13 th	9.00 am 1.30 pm	St Mary's Year 8 Retreat 9.00 am – 2.30 pm School Mass for the Intentions of All Students	St Lucy
Saturday 14 th	9.00 am 6.00 pm	For the intentions of Stephen Quinn and all his family For Ronnie Jackson (by the Jackson Family)	St John of the Cross 3 rd Advent Sunday Vigil
Sunday 15 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	For Paul Porter's intentions and healing (by Frances S.) For departed souls, those on your November death list	3rd Advent Sunday

Helping the Poor: We welcome Fr. Charles Benoit Reche, one of the Franciscan Friars working at Canning Town, who is visiting us to talk about their mission. After listening to him, I was touched by the work the Franciscans do in London as they give 120 meals weakly to the poor besides providing them with the clothes they need and giving them a good haircut. Fr. Charles will tell us more about their work and explain the details of what kind of help they need from us. Advent is a time of GIVING in gratitude for what God has done to us, the many blessings we have received. Much as we try to help the poor in other countries, it is still vital to also help the poor and the needy who live close to us here at home, within our parish and our country.

Advent Season: The Church calls all of us to prayerfully prepare for the coming of the Saviour. As we believe God sent Jesus into the world to save sinners, i.e all of us, we approach the Sacrament of Confession with humility. You can celebrate the Sacrament of Confession every Saturday before the Vigil Mass as from 5.15 pm or every Friday between 11 am and 12 pm, or any time by appointment.

Jubilee Year 2025 Theme: Pilgrims of Hope. Every 25 Years the Church celebrates a Jubilee Year, also called Holy Year. Pope Francis has said this Jubilee year will start on Christmas Eve 2024 until 6th of January 2026. Everyone is invited to do something special as a witness and pilgrim of HOPE in this world. A number of parish events will take place to celebrate the Jubilee Year. For instance, I am inviting everyone to join me and our Bishop Alan on a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes that takes place during the last week of July 2025. As a reminder that we are all pilgrims passing through this world, we are encouraged to do a Retreat, go on a Pilgrimage to special places and do Works of Mercy. Pope Francis has said: "Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for the meaning in life. A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life."

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	£75.00	£146.91	£444.00	£665.91

CALLING ALL CHILDREN! Would you like to take part in our Children's Christmas Mass? You can 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

Sacramental Preparations: The next Communion lesson will be on Saturday 14th December at 10.30 am. A second special lesson takes place on the same dates at 2.00 pm with Fr. Clement. **Please note that Confirmation Lesson will be held at 4.00 pm on the same day.**

A big Thank-you: I was pleasantly surprised to receive Christmas cards and gifts from Parishioners even before the start of the Advent Season. I am immensely grateful for your Christmas gift and card. Your support and prayers are very much appreciated. Thank You very much.

Times for Christmas Services:

1. Christmas Carols for everyone on Sunday 22nd December at 3.00 pm.
2. Christmas Eve 24th December 4.30 pm Vigil Mass for Children and families
3. Christmas Midnight Mass at 11.30 pm
4. Christmas Day early Mass at 8.30 am
5. Christmas Day Mass at 10.00 am

With my prayers, I wish you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

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.

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