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St Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Parish Stansted

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3rd Sunday of Lent (Weekday Readings Proper)
Eucharist Prayer II Memorial Acclamation -1

Gospel thought: Do I stop and take time to pray after the example of Jesus? Jesus STOPS in order to show us how to remain in Communion with the Father via prayer. The mountain where Jesus invites us to be with him is **the Mass**.

Date -2025	Time	MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED Livestreamed (via YouTube or on our website)	LITURGY OF THE DAY
March			Div. Off. Psalter Week 2
Saturday 22 nd	6.00 pm	For Ken Matthew's Happy Repose R.I.P (Wendy & Zac)	3 rd Lenten Sunday Vigil
Sunday 23 rd	8.30 am 10.00 am	For Betty Hall & Arther Hall (by Kath Whiting) For the intentions of Michael O'Gorman & Mitchel R.I.P	3rd Lenten Sunday
Monday 24 th			Lent Feria
Tuesday 25 th			Annunciation
Wednesday 26 th	12.30pm	For Peter Orango's happy and eternal repose R.I.P	Lent Feria
Thursday 27 th	10.00am	Sylvia Lawson's intentions and her parents' repose R.I.P	Lent Feria
Friday 28 th	11.00 am 12.00 pm	Holy Hour of ADORATION – Everyone is invited For the intentions & prayers of Monica Jacobs & family	CONFESSIONS Lent Feria
Saturday 29 th	9.00 am 6.00 pm	For the intentions and prayers for Coryn Nixon For the intentions and prayers of the people of the parish	Lent Feria 3rd Lenten Sunday Vigil
Sunday 30 th	8.30 am 10.00 am	For the intentions and prayers of Albert Pace-Balzan For Paul Keogh R.I.P and intentions of Ann K. & family	Fourth Lenten Sunday - Year C

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
12/03/25	£66.00	£106.39	£444.00	£675.39

Lourdes Pilgrimage from Friday 18 to Friday 25 July- The average cost is £1100 including Flights. Please google **Tangney Tours** to see the cost or visit their website/link: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-brentwood/departures/>

Infant Baptism: We welcome and pray for Felicity Theresa Alina Hutchinson baptised today into the Church of Christ.

Helping the poor in London: Please do bring your items to the Church and we will send them to the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. I have invited Fr. Charles to make an appeal here on 6th April.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PRAYERS at the Holy Hour 3.00 pm on every Friday. Everyone is invited. Thanks.

First Holy Communion Lessons now take place on Saturdays at 2.45pm on the following dates:
 1) 22/03/2025, 2) 29/03/2025, 3) 05/04/25, 4) 10/05/25. More dates will be announced later. Candidates are meeting for lessons twice each month until Communion Sunday.

Confirmation Lessons on Saturdays at 4.00 pm on the following dates:
 1) 22/03/25, (2) 05/04/25. More dates to be announced later. Please pray for all our candidates. Thanks.

THANK YOU – I am immensely grateful to the Parish Social Committee Members and everyone who supported the last parish social event, the Race Night, that took place last Saturday after 6.00 pm Mass. It was my first time to partake in such an event. The event started with an Irish Dance led by our junior members of the parish. A very good time full fun and joy was had, and a **profit of £300** was raised for the parish funds. The event was not well attended which is why I am appealing to everyone to join our next parish social event (to be announced soon). Please support our Parish Social Events as a way of promoting a sense of belonging to the parish as we all reach out to the wider community by sharing our faith and hospitality.

Please take Collection Envelopes (Boxes) available at the back of the Church for those who use them and especially for current Gift Aid donors. **THANK YOU ALL** for your continued help and support as we all face more bills and expenses.

National Collection for Walsingham Shrine: Please give a donation to support our National Shrine of Our Lady. Our Catholic Bishop have made this request on behalf of the Shrine that is currently struggling with its finances. Thank you.

A new Church Boiler: We have now started a boiler fund and the target is £7000. We all know that the current economic crisis in the world is affecting many people with the cost of living being high. If you can give, your donations for the new boiler will be gratefully received and appreciated. Please use the bank details given here, on the left. Everyone is generous in this parish and I recall how very touched I was by the many donations I received last time, when we installed the new boiler for the Hall.

I will pray for your all at the Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham on 25th March, Feast of Annunciation as I take time to reflect and pray for all our intentions as a parish.

Jubilee Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Knock: In Holy Week Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 13th April 2025. £849.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Live outdoor Passion Play at Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Bishop Alan invites us to go to Walsingham & Lourdes:

For the Glory of God and for our Salvation, the Holy Father has inaugurated a Jubilee year for us and invited everyone to be a pilgrim of Hope as we all seek to obtain God's Blessings and Graces. To this end, Bishop Alan will lead the people of our Diocese on pilgrimage to Walsingham on 24th May 2025 and to Lourdes Friday 18 to Friday 25 July- Those with medical needs will be supported. For further information, please phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: **Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours** . *Please save the dates*. Please let me know if you would like to sponsor someone to pay for the flights to Lourdes and for the Coach to Walsingham.

Everyone is warmly welcomed & appreciated here: I have been so happy to see new parishioners and I thank God for everyone who comes to Mass here. I would like to welcome everyone to our parish especially those who are new or joined us recently. As a parish, we all hope to be friendly and welcoming – so do please come to the Parish Hall after Mass to meet fellow parishioners and share tea/coffee. May everyone feel warmly welcomed, valued and respected in this parish. Here, in the House of the Father, nobody is entitled to judge anyone for to do so is a sin – **(Do not Judge Matthew 7:1)**. Here, no one will question you about your personal or professional life. We are all equal and the same before God. As a parish family, we are all united in the Mission of Christ. We support each other and we pray for each other's intentions and salvation. If you are new, please let me know your details/address for pastoral reasons.

Dear St Anne, mother of Mary and grandmother of Jesus. Pray for our families in every generation. Help our children and grandchildren to grow in faith and to live their lives in loving service to others and in gratitude and praise to God. Be with elderly members of our families who need comfort and courage as they face the problems and pains of old age. Be with parents as they try to do

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

A Prayer to St Joseph: O Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. You protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the child Jesus as your Son, you rescued Him from the danger of death. Defend the Church, the household of God, purchased by the blood of Christ. Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of Victory. St Joseph, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen

Opportunity to become a foundation governor at St Joseph's School: We are looking to recruit new governors at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. This is a really exciting time to join our school family and make a positive difference to the community. If you would like more information, please contact Ann Cassidy-Jones, headteacher, at admin@stjosephs207.herts.sch.uk

Helping the poor in London: Please do bring your items to the Church and we will send them to the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (*St Fidelis Friary, Killip Close, Canning Town, E16 1LX. Telephone 0207 4740766*). Using the measurements of M, L, XL and XXL: Socks, T-shirts, Jeans, bottom Tracksuits, Sweaters, shoes (only trainers and walking boots), Jackets, Small Toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, shaving foam, toothbrushes, razors, Roll-on-deodorant), underwear (this is the only item that must be new). There are 90% men and 10% women. If possible, it would be lovely to help with monetary donation during the season of Lent for food purchases. I am so grateful to everyone for your help.

Caritas Development Officer. This new role within the Diocese will help develop and strengthen our charitable action and ministry. Working alongside the Director of Caritas, the successful applicant will have excellent digital media, organisation and presentation skills, and a heart for Catholic Social Teaching, helping to share this valuable work in schools and parishes, supporting existing volunteers. £24,000 - £27,000pa depending on experience. Full time, including some evenings and weekends. Closing date 31st March at noon. More information and application details: caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Blessed Carlo Acutis will be Canonised on 27th April 2025. Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo who is in charge of the Canonisation invites me and everyone to discover the life of Carlo Acutis and, if possible, to encourage the Youth to go on pilgrimage to Rome/Assisi where the body of Carlo is laid beneath the altar. To this end, I will carry out a conversation with the Youth, especially the candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, to figure out the possibility of going together on pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome. I think it is a beautiful idea if parents are able to expose their children to different aspects of our Catholic Faith and experiences – in this context, all young people are invited to discover the life of the teenager Carlo Acutis and what influenced his Faith before he died at the age 15 years. May Blessed Carlo Acutis pray for us and our children/youth.

the best for their children in giving an example of faithfulness and true values. We ask your help for members of our family who are sick or in need at this time, and especially for those families who are broken and suffering. St Anne, mother, grandmother, friend, pray for us all. Amen. Hail Mary....

