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St Theresa of Lisieux Catholic Parish Stansted

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4th Sunday of Lent (Weekday Readings Proper)
Eucharist Prayer II Memorial Acclamation -1

Gospel thought: The Prodigal Father is out there, and not in the comfort of His House. He runs to embrace His son returning home. The Prodigal Father is also out begging his elder son to come in. **Let us go out to invite all to come in.**

| Date -2025 | Time | MASS INTENTIONS OFFERED | LITURGY OF THE DAY |
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| March/April | | Livestreamed (via YouTube or on our website) | Div. Off. Psalter Week 4 |
| Saturday 29 th | 6.00 pm | For the intentions and prayers for the people of the parish | 4 th Lenten Sunday Vigil |
| Sunday 30 th | 8.30 am 10.00 am | For the intentions and prayers for Albert Pace-Balzan For Paul Keogh R.I.P and Intentions of Ann K. & Family | 4th Lenten Sunday |
| Monday 31 st | | | Lent Feria |
| Tuesday 1 st | 7.30pm | For our dear ones who are sick or struggling in any way | Feria |
| Wednesday 2 nd | 12.30pm | A Celebration of Word and Sacrament | Lent Feria |
| Thursday 3 rd | 8.30am | For the sick and housebound in our parish | Lent Feria |
| Friday 4 th | 11.00 am 12.00 pm | Holy Hour of ADORATION – Everyone is invited For the protection of all our children and the youth | CONFESSIONS Lent Feria |
| Saturday 5 th | 9.00 am 6.00 pm | For the prayers and intentions of all our parish volunteers For the prayers and intentions of Bernadette and family | Lent Feria 5th Lenten Sunday Vigil |
| Sunday 6 th | 8.30 am 10.00 am | For happy repose of Aubrey Thungood R.I.P (by Mary) For the intentions and prayers of the people of the parish | Fifth 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 |
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| 30/03/25 | £66.00 | £106.39 | £444.00 | £675.39 |

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 above. **Thank you for your help.**

Clergy Day of Recollection in the Cathedral this Thursday starting at 10.30 am. Please pray for all the Clergy in our diocese.

Please Save this Date: 29th June 2025 Parish Barbecue after Mass. Everyone is invited.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRAYERS at the Holy Hour 3.00 pm on every Friday. Everyone is invited.

First Holy Communion Lessons will be on Saturdays at 2.45pm on the following dates: **1)** 05/04/25, **(2)** 10/05/25. **Confirmation Lesson will be next** Saturdays at 4.00 pm. More dates will be announced later.

MEETING for All Readers and Eucharistic Ministers on 12th April after 6pm Mass (at 7 pm). We will talk about different aspects on how we fulfil these ministries as we prepare for Easter Celebrations.

SAFEGUARDING: Safeguarding is a sensitive and delicate area in our world today. On behalf of the Parish, I am immensely grateful to Bernadette Horton who has done a fantastic job in being our Parish Safeguarding Rep for many years – with much gratitude, we pray for her intentions. I am also grateful to Sue Gurney who has kindly accepted to take over this role- I do not know how a parish can survive well without the good work of our volunteers so let us take this opportunity to thank them and pray for the intentions of all our parish volunteers. Thank you.

Bishop Alan invites us 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. **The date for Walsingham Pilgrimage is getting closer - 24/05/2025**

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.

Helping the poor in East London: Please do bring your items (mainly clothes) to the Church and we will send them to the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in London. Please let us help with monetary donation during this season of Lent for food purchases – I have invited Fr. Charles to make this appeal **NEXT** Sunday.

Springclean our beautiful Church and Hall next Saturday 5th April at 11.00 am. Everyone invited.

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 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....

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.

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

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.

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