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My Dear People,
For many of you I know, beginning Advent in lockdown will feel desperately sad but Advent is a time of great hope. It is a time to focus our thoughts wholly on Christ, to put aside our worries and to realise that God is with us.

Very often we find God not so much in the happy days of our lives but we find God when we are alone and suddenly darkness closes in and we become full of doubt.

As we light our first Advent candle this Sunday, let its glow give you hope.

God has not left us, remembering him makes him present and makes us continue on the road together with Him to eternal life.

Live now with faith. Begin this Advent with a new desire for God in your hearts. Come to Mass in the week, pray the Rosary and most importantly be prepared and come to Confession.

If you cannot get to Mass, why not have your own Advent Wreath at

home and light it at the same time we do.

You all remain very much in my prayers and I ask if you too, will remember me in yours.

Wishing you every blessing,
Fr Gerry

**Readings for the First Sunday of
Advent Year B**

First Reading from the prophet Isaiah - 63: 16-17; 64:1. 3-8

Psalm 79 Response – **God of hosts , bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 213:33-37

Welcome Back to Mass

We are delighted to announce that the second lockdown will come to an end on the 2nd December and we once again welcome you back to Mass from Thursday 3rd December.

In order to open again, we must ask all those attending to do the following:

- Sign our track and trace register (GDPR compliant)
- Wear a face mask at all times (unless exempt).
- Sanitise hands when entering and leaving the church
- Maintain social distancing at all times



Thank you and welcome back



Christmas at St Teresa's

As much as possible, we would like to keep our Christmas Mass times the same as in previous years. However what will be very different is the number of people who can attend each Mass.

We would therefore ask you to read carefully what will be required for each Christmas Mass.

Christmas Eve - Children's Mass 5.30pm

If you would like to attend this Mass could you please email Christine (stteresarochford@icloud.com) to book a place. Please indicate the number of people in your family attending. Please note we cannot permit families from different bubbles to sit together for this Mass as per COVID guidance. For this Mass only, If you do not book you will not be able to attend,

Midnight Mass - 11.30pm. Please sign in on arrival

Mass of Christmas Day - 10.30am.
Please sign in on arrival.

Live Streaming

We will also continue to live stream Mass, Morning and Evening Prayer and of course the Rosary. Please check our FB page for all streaming times.

If you are struggling in lockdown please call upon us. We are here to help you.

Parish Finance

PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR ONLINE OFFERING

Once again we appeal to you all to continue supporting your parish. We receive no help from the Government and rely totally on your help. **Please donate online** <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=brentwood>

For those able to attend Mass in person please place your offering in the basket on the way in or out.

Thank you.

Sacramental Programmes

Sacrament of Confirmation 2021-If you are in Year 9 or above and would like to commence preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation and become full members of the Catholic Church please email Fr Gerry at frgerryd@gmail.com

Baptism -If you are thinking about preparing your child/children for Baptism please speak contact Fr Gerry at frgerryd@gmail.com

First Holy Communion - Over the next few weeks we hope to invite our young people (who are have returned to Mass) the long awaited opportunity to make their First Holy Communion . On the 13th December the following children will receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ for the first time: **Ronnie, Hannah, Mia, Aidan and Quinn.**

Please do keep them in your prayers over the next two weeks.

Notices

Winter Fundraiser



A massive thank you to everyone who has purchased a lucky square for our **Christmas giant lucky draw**. We have just a few tickets left. They are £10 each with a lucky winner walking away with

£200 **JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS**.

If you would like to help you parish and buy a square please place your money in an envelope and mark for my intention and post through the presbytery door. Thank you so much for your support.
Christine

SVP - Short Street Shelter

The Food Bank is **CRITICALLY** low on these items... Tinned Veg and meats/ Fruit Juice /squash/Tuna/Coffee/sugar/ tea/crisps/
tinned fruit/custard/rice pudding.

When you return to Mass please could we ask you all to bring at least one item with you.

Thank you for your generosity.

Notices



Our 100 Club draw for November has taken place and our lucky winner in Number 75!

Well done! You have won £25!

Message fro Fr Adrian Gaffy

The study day on 'St John Henry

Newman and Vatican I' which was 'attended' by over 150 people on Saturday is now available on our revamped website

www.whatgoodnews.org



TO OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH:- at the

moment you are unable to collect your

paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS :-£22.00

or 12 Months:- £80.00

Faithstoreonline

We have been quite restricted to when we can accept items during lockdown. However we are now accepting any good quality books, CDs or DVDs you may wish to donate. Thank you. Many thanks to Mike Heddon for all his hard work in running our online store.

Calling all musicians

If you are available to play over the Christmas period would you please let us know as soon as possible. We would love to have you join us. Thank you.



Daily Prayers:

Pray for one another, that we may each hear the voice of Jesus speaking clearly to us, and that we may have hearts open to share his love, and courage to share the Gospel.

Sunday: The Sick: Mary Fugl, Martin Chandler, Lee Davis & Sian, Karen Landy, Joe Mullany, Mark, Renate Butler, Angela Read, Jonathan Somervell, Norma Goater. The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

Monday: The Sick: Stephen Kennedy, Ron and Christine Holloway, Trevor Ridgwell, Marguerite Jakes, Louise Knight, Cory Lees, Anthony George & Mary Smith. Those who live in Ark Lane, Lyndhurst Road, Ducketts Mead & Spa Road.

Tuesday: The Sick: Brian Holt, Anne, Baby Theo, Samuel, Nellie Smith, Mary Reilly, Edward Cunado & Andrew Stevens. For the people of St Thomas of Canterbury, Hullbridge and their Minister Revd. Canon Richard Jordan.

Wednesday: Fr Jeff Woolnough, Fr Stewart Foster, Fr Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Kieron Dodd, Fr Liam Hayes, Geraldine Stevens, Eve Stocks, Jim

Beck, Sarah Knight, Kevin Cosset, Ethan Adlum, William McArthur & Marjorie Jay. For the Queen and her ministers, that they may govern us wisely. For our own Parish Priest Fr Gerry.

Thursday: The Sick: Maureen Lumholst-Smith, Kenneth Jobson, Venus Rubertazzi, Ellen Franklin, Jackie Gravestock, John Vasey, Sheila Van de Vyver & Len Smith. The Farming Community.

Friday: The recently departed Andy. Those whose anniversaries fall over the next week: Fr Francis Branney, Kam Woon Cheng, Desmond Fernandez, John Grimes, Denis Hartnett, Anthony Parisio, Phylis Henaghan, Len Shrimplin, Maggie Caudy, Henry Paton. Diane Tilbrook, Naome Kufakwaro, Robert Hillier, George Lyus and Maria O'Redco.

Saturday: The Sick: Bartly Igoe, Pdraig Evers, Margaret Thomas, Oliver Kelly, & Terry Lewis. Our Student Priests: Rick, Patrick, Michael, Adrian, Eamonn, Alexander, Tony, Damien & Jonathan.

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| Sun | 29 | 10.30am | First Sunday of Advent (B) | Pro Populo | |
| Mon | 30 | No Mass Today | | | |
| Tues | 1 | 7.30pm | B John Beche Ab M | Ivan van de Vyver | F vdV |
| Wed | 2 | 9.30am | S Bibiana V M | Diane Tilbrook RIP | DT |
| Thur | 3 | 7.30pm | S Francis Xavier C | | |
| Friday | 4 | 9.30am | S Peter Chrysologus B C D | Bob Hillier RIP | MH |
| Sun | 6 | 9am | Second Sunday of Advent (B) | Pro Populo | |
| | | 10.30am | | | |