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My Dear People,

Advent is an invitation to change our lives so that we are truly prepared for the coming of the Lord. We must make straight the path so that the Lord can come and fill our hearts. It is a time to be honest with ourselves and about our sins. Confess them! Allow your darkness to be lifted and remove that which separates you from a God who created you and yearns to be with you.

We are in strange and dark times my friends but through Baptism you have been given the light of Christ. Let that light shine this Advent and may it be a joyful and prayerful season for you all.

You all remain very much in my prayers - please remember me in yours.

Wishing you every blessing,

Fr Gerry

*Our Advent Challenge:*

- Read a chapter of Luke's Gospel every day. There are 24 chapters!
- Go to Confession.
- Attend at least one Latin Mass
- Say the Rosary every day.

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

First Reading from the prophet  
Isaiah - 40:1-5,9-11

Psalm 84 Response – **Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**

Second Reading from the second letter of St Peter.

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mark 21:33-37

**Welcome Back to Mass**

We are delighted to announce that you can all return to Mass.

As before, can we 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

**Thanks once again to our amazing stewards who will be available at every Mass to help you stay safe.**



## 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](mailto: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.

### Quote from the Legion of Mary

*"Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections but instantly set about remedying them."* St Francis de Sales

### 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

**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 13<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Baptism** - If you are thinking about having your child baptised please speak to Fr Gerry after Mass.

**Confirmation 2020** - Our candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on the 20th December and 24th January. Please keep **Josiah** and **Callum** in your prayers at this time.

## Notices

### Winter Fundraiser

**THANK YOU!**

A massive thank you to everyone who has purchased a lucky square for our **Christmas giant**

**lucky draw.** Our draw will take place this Sunday. Good luck everyone!

### 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.



St Vincent de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

**SVP - Short Street Shelter**

**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO BRING YOU DONATIONS TO MASS THIS SUNDAY**

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.**

## Open Afternoon

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2021? St Teresa's Catholic Primary School will be holding their final open afternoon for this round of admissions on Tuesday 8th December 2020 - 4pm - 5.30pm There will be an opportunity to meet our new Headteacher Miss Hickey during your visit as well as have an informative tour of our lovely school. If you would like an appointment please call the office on 01702 547918 We look forward to welcoming you.



**Advent Carol Concert Online** – Sunday 6th December, at 4pm, and then available throughout Advent. You are warmly invited to pull up a chair with a cup of tea – or beverage of your choice – and join us from the Walsingham House at Abbotswick chapel as we present a concert of carols and readings for Advent. The link is [www.youtube.com/c/brentwoodcys](http://www.youtube.com/c/brentwoodcys) and you will find more information at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net). The concert is free and donations are welcome to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service and the Trussell Trust (who support and run foodbanks across the Diocese).

## 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.

**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 Arnolds Way, Macintyres Walk, Durham Road and Spencer Gardens.

**Tuesday:** The Sick: Brian Holt, Anne, Baby Theo, Samuel, Nellie Smith, Mary Reilly, Edward Cunado & Andrew Stevens. For the people of Hockley Methodist Church and their Minister Revd Michael Moon.

**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: Robert Hellier, Jean King, Harry Lench, Christina Tuohy, Alfred Brown, Edward Gough, Katie Bowler, Charles O'Donnell, Lillian Trinder, Margaret Brooker & Mary Rolt.

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

Sun	6	9am	Second Sunday of Advent (B)	Pro Populo	
		10.30am		Ints Fr Stewart Foster	
		12 noon -Latin Mass			
Mon	7	No Mass Today			
Tues	8	7.30pm	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sr Mary Concepta RIP	BS
Wed	9	9.30am			
Thur	10	7.30pm	S John Roberts M		
Friday	11	9.30am	S Damasus I P C		
Sat	12	No Mass Today			
Sun	13	9am	Third Sunday Of Advent (B)	Diane Tilbrook RIP	DT
		10.30am		Ints Ronnie, Quinn, Hannah, Mia & Aidan on their First Holy Communion	
		12 noon -Latin Mass			