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My Dear People,

Today the Church celebrates Gaudete Sunday - which in Latin means 'Rejoice'. As we light our rose candle let us focus on that spirit of joy.

Let us rejoice as we wait for the coming of our Lord. As the prophet Isaiah speaks, let us be a people who long for the One who will bring good news.

In the Responsorial Psalm, let us pray with joy the words Mary proclaimed when she visited her cousin Elizabeth and let us pray at all times with a spirit of gratitude.

This year we have faced dark and difficult times but we must trust in the light of Christ and let our hearts be full of joy so we can proclaim to all we meet, "Rejoice! The Lord is near!"

Wishing you every blessing,  
Fr Gerry

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

First Reading from the prophet  
Isaiah - 61:1-2 10-11

Responsorial Psalm- **My soul rejoices  
in my God**

Second Reading from the first letter  
of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia,  
alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has  
been given to me. He has been given  
to me. He has sent me to bring good  
news to the poor. Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 1:6-8. 19-28

**First Holy Communion**

**Congratulations to the following  
children who will  
receive the Body  
and Blood, Soul  
and Divinity of  
Jesus Christ for  
the first time this  
Sunday:**



**Ronnie, Hannah, Mia, Aidan and  
Quinn.**

Please do keep them in your prayers.

**Quote from the Legion of Mary**



**"Every word of the Rosary is  
a prayer to God" Frank Duff  
- Founder of the Legion of  
Mary**

## 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**  
**- VERY FEW SPACES LEFT!**

**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. **If a space is available you will receive an email confirming that your family are booked in.**

**Midnight Mass - 11.30pm.** Please sign in on arrival

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

### Christmas Angels Needed!

With Christmas just over two weeks away we are calling upon our parishioners to assist us over the Christmas period. As a result of COVID

we are required to clean the church after each Mass and require a few volunteers for Christmas Eve and Christmas morning.

**It is essential that we have stewards for every Mass, without enough volunteers we would have to cancel Mass.**

It has been a tough year for us all so let's work together and make our Christmas celebration very special.

Please speak to Christine if you can help. Thank you.

**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.

**Confession** - Fr Gerry is available before and after every Mass or by appointment.

### Notices

**Winter Fundraiser** - Our lucky winner was Number 13! They received a fabulous £200.00 - just in time for Christmas! Thank you to everyone who

supported this draw, we raised a much needed £630.00 for our parish.



**100 Club** - our draw in December will be our final one. However we do intend to continue into next year. The cost will be £12 for the whole year with a chance to win £25 every month.

Further details to follow shortly.

Thank you, Christine

## 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.



**SVP - Short Street Shelter**

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

## Parish Finances

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!

**Advent Carol Concert Online – 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 beautiful concert of carols and readings for Advent, led by very talented young musicians. The direct link is

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rQteQkyUx0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rQteQkyUx0) and you will find more information at [www.bcys.net/events/adventcarols](http://www.bcys.net/events/adventcarols) – including a booklet with the words of the carols, so you can sing along at home!

**HARP-** Thank you to all those who brought in donations of food in September. This was very gratefully received by the people of **HARP** Thank you also to **Sheila Jones** for organising this on behalf of the parish.

## 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.

## Mass Times

You will note in the newsletter that we now have a 12noon Latin Mass on a Sunday (apart from the third Sunday of the month which will remain at 4pm). You will recall that I set you all various challenges this Advent and one of them was to attend at least one Latin Mass. I therefore hope that some of you will attend this Mass to see for yourself its richness and beauty - and allow yourself to pray the Mass in way that you have perhaps never prayed before.

Fr Gerry

**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: Lyndsey Reynolds, Brian Holt, Anne, Baby Theo, Samuel, Nellie Smith, Mary Reilly, Edward Cunado & Andrew Stevens. For the people of Rochford Methodist Church and their Minister Revd Calvin T Samuel.

**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 and Percy Persaud.

Those whose anniversaries fall over the next week: Frederick Caunt, Brian Harrison-Chinn, Tom Poole, Aaron Lewis, James McLoughlin, Elizabeth Maynard, Billy Fenlon, Sarah Kufakwaro and Charles Scruby.

**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	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)			
Mon	14	No Mass Today			
Tues	15	7.30pm			
Wed	16	9.30am	Ember Day		
Thur	17	7.30pm			
Friday	18	9.30am	Ember Day		
Sun	20	9am	Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)	Ints Damien Wade	LOM
		10.30am		Ints Josiah	
		4pm (Latin)			