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## SERVICES & MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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| **Sat 21 Nov** | **Vigil for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** |
| *5.00pm* | *Holy Hour* |
| *6.00pm* | *Mass for the Holy Souls* |
| **Sun 22 Nov** | **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** |
| *08.00am* | *Our Parish Community* |
| *10.30am* | *Peggy Mitchell. RIP* |
| **Mon 23 Nov** | **Monday in Ordinary Time** |
| *09.30am* | *William Manese. RIP* |
| **Tue 24 Nov** | **St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs** |
| *09.30am* | *Thanksgiving to St. Anthony of Padua* |
| **Wed 25 Nov** | **Wednesday in Ordinary Time** |
| | ***NO MASS*** |
| **Thu 26 Nov** | **Thursday in Ordinary Time** |
| *09.30am* | *Jose Benedicto Bautista. RIP 1st Anniversary* |
| *10.00am* | *Holy Hour* |
| **Fri 27 Nov** | **Friday in Ordinary Time** |
| *09.30am* | *Lydia Sarpo. RIP* |
| **Sat 28 Nov** | **Vigil for the First Sunday of Advent (B)** |
| *5.00pm* | *Holy Hour* |
| *6.00pm* | *Lilian George. RIP* |
| **Sun 29 Nov** | **First Sunday of Advent (B)** |
| *08.00am* | *Our Parish Community* |
| *10.30am* | *Helen Mac Mahon. RIP* |

**This week the Church Porch will remain open for private prayer (except Wednesday) until approx. 5pm.**
***Adoration & Confessions on Thursday at 10am and Saturday at 5pm***

**Follow Fr David on Facebook: *stteresasnewburypark***

**WHILE YOU ARE VISTING THE CHURCH. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR MOBILE PHONE IS SWITCHED OFF/TURNED TO SILENT. ALSO, THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF THE POSITION OF THE EMERGENCY FIRE EXIT DOORS.**

# PARISH NEWSLETTER
# St Teresa's Catholic Church

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## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING — 22 NOVEMBER 2026

Dear All,

This Sunday we warmly welcome Bishop Alan as he makes his Pastoral Visit to St Teresa's. He will be the Celebrant at the 10.30am Mass and there will be an opportunity to meet with him for refreshments in the Hall afterwards. As he nears the end of his tenure as our Bishop, we give thanks for his ministry and wish him a long and happy retirement. On Thursday, 03 December, I will be joining all the other priests of the diocese as we attend the installation of Bishop Timothy Menezes as the 8th Bishop of Brentwood. As you will see from the Newsletter item, Bishop Timothy will subsequently be the Celebrant at three Masses of Thanksgiving taking place across the diocese. Let us all pray for him as he takes on his new episcopal role.

It is a time all round for change with next Sunday being the First Sunday of Advent and the start of a new Liturgical Year, Year B. New Parish Missals covering the first 6 months of the year will be available from the back of the Church and any donations to help defray some of their cost would be most welcome. As to the season of Advent itself, a number of people have mentioned to me how much they had previously appreciated and valued videos produced by the American Bishop Robert Barron. So, I will be showing one of his Advent reflections after the 6pm Mass and between the 8.00am and the 10.30am Masses in each week of Advent. They are only 15-20 minutes long so I hope you will be able to stay on after or come early to Mass and join me in our spiritual preparation for the celebration of Jesus Christ's birth at Christmas.

Finally, let me take the opportunity to highlight two other initiatives which are already in play and are available to all. First, I had heard that a number of people were unsure about the reason for some of the practices and procedures that take place within the church. So, after the 10.30am Mass on the first Sunday of each month, I will be available in the church to explain among other things: how to go about requesting a Mass be said, how you go about signing up to Gift Aid, how readings are chosen each week, the different vestments worn by the priest and the reason for the different colours each season. I will also be explaining the significance of the various church artifacts. Secondly, I am currently instructing one individual who wishes to be received into the catholic church using the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) programme. Anyone in the parish wanting to learn more about the faith would be most welcome to attend one of these RCIA sessions and I will be announcing each week the topic of discussion. Just let me know if you would like to be there.

God bless, *Fr David*

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*
*I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.*
*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,*
*come at least spiritually into my heart.*
*I embrace You as if You were already there and*
*unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

## PRAYER WHEN YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE AT MASS

*Dear Guardian Angel, go for me to the church, there kneel down at Mass for me. At the Offertory, take me to God, and offer Him my service: What I am, what I have, offer as my gift. At the Consecration, with your seraphic strength, adore my Saviour truly present, praying for those who have loved me, for those who have offended me, and for those now deceased, that the blood of Jesus may purify them all. During Holy Communion, bring to me the Body and Blood of Jesus uniting Him with me in spirit, so that my heart may become His dwelling place. Plead with Him, that through His sacrifice all people throughout the world may be saved. When the Mass ends, bring home to me and to every home, the Lord's blessing. Amen.*

## CHURCH ROTAS

| **This Week** | | **28-29 Nov** | | | |
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| **Cleaning Team** | D | | **6pm** | **8am** | **10.30am** |
| **Altar Linen** | Florida | **Readers** | Sam | Josaree | Sandra |
| **Offertory Counters** | Brian & Paul | **Eucharistic Ministers** | Marian | Atilla | Sue |
| | | **Flowers** | No Flowers in Advent | | |

**ANNIVERSARIES FOR NOVEMBER** Gertrude Abado, Richard Burke, Mary Carter, Joan Clark, Piedade D'Souza, Josephine Donovan, Monica Field, Mary Fontenelle, Edward Gallagher, Pat Kelleher, Cornelius Linehan, Patrick McGoldrick, Eileen McGuigan, Peggy Nolan, John Nugent, Brigid O'Brien, Hugh O'Neill, Leonard Owen, Kathleen Phylactis, Sean Riordan, Peter Soares, Rose Soares, Jim Tynan, Kathleen Vane, John Ward and Alfred Winiecki.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** Please pray for those in our community who are sick and housebound, especially all the patients in Goodmayes, King George's and Queen's Hospitals and all the sick Priests of the Diocese. If you would like a sick family member or friend to be included in the "Prayers for the Sick", please speak to Fr David or contact the Parish Office.

**SICK AT HOME OR IN HOSPITAL** If anyone is seriously ill at home or is in hospital, it is vitally important to let Fr David know so that the sick person may receive the spiritual help of the sacraments. Relatives or friends should also inform the Catholic Chaplain of the hospital concerned (at King George Hospital, 8590 9026; at Queen's Hospital, 01708 435000; at Whipps Cross Hospital, 8520 5877).

**VISITATION OF THE BISHOP** Bishop Alan will be visiting ***this Sunday*** and celebrating the 10:30am Mass. It would be good to have as many parishioners present as possible to welcome him. Light refreshments after Mass.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP** For this weekend only we will trial the group at both the **6.00pm and 8.00am** Masses and inviting all children of primary school age to attend. . We will leave it up to individual's parents to decide whether their child would benefit from attending the full Mass. The Children's Liturgy group is usually held on the first Sunday of the month at 10:30am - anyone still in primary school is welcome

**NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY** ***This Sunday,*** the Feast of Christ the King, has been designated as National Youth Sunday, a day dedicated to supporting Catholic youth ministry and after each Mass there will be a retiring collection for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) to help support events, retreats and pilgrimages for young people in Essex and East London. Donations may be *"Gift Aided"*, so those in the "*Gift Aid"* scheme, please use one of the designated envelopes for your donation which you will find at the back of the church and the fund will benefit by a further 25%. The Fund will similarly benefit if taxpayers use one of the special light blue *"Gift Aid"* envelopes which you will also find at the back of the Church. Also, please continue to pray for the work of the BCYS and Walsingham House, for all young people and those who work with them. If you wish, you can also donate online at www.bcys.net/donate, and please do visit the website to find out more and how to get involved.

**SANCTUARY LAMP** This coming week the Sanctuary Lamp will be burning in memory of Jose Benedicto Bautista, RIP. If you would like to offer a candle to be placed in the Sanctuary Lamp for your own private and personal intentions, please put your donation (min £3.50 to help cover the cost) in an envelope marked "Sanctuary Lamp" and the intention and place it in the Repository Box marked "Candles" at the back of the Church.

**ST TERESA'S LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE The** Guild will be selling raffle tickets after all Masses next weekend ***28-/29 November*** with the draw taking place in the hall after 10.30am Mass. All proceeds will then be distributed among various charities with the beneficiaries being listed in a later newsletter. Also on sale will be the ever-popular miniature stockings and Christmas Novelties.

**RCIA** The next session will be held on ***Monday, 30 November*** 7:00pm in the Pastoral Centre and will cover the use of seasons in the church and methods of prayer. All are welcome to attend.

**INVITATION TO A MASS OF THANKSGIVING** All parishioners from across the diocese are warmly invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving to be Celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes following his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Brentwood. Join us as we gather in prayer and thanksgiving to welcome our new Bishop and seek God's blessing upon his ministry. All are welcome. Masses will be celebrated on ***Tuesday, 08 December at 11:00am*** – Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT and ***at 7:30pm*** – St Antony of Padua Church, St Antony's Road, Forest Gate, London E7 9QB

**TUESDAY COFFEE MORNING GROUP** Congratulations to the group for making a donation of £100 to the Brentwood Catholic Children Society. A reminder that the group meets every Tuesday after morning Mass and everyone is welcome.

**PARISH SUNDAY MISSALS** Next weekend, we shall start using a new set of parish missals covering the first six months of the next Liturgical Year, (Year B). If you would like to make a donation to defray some of the costs involved in purchasing these Missals, then please use one of the "Parish Missals Donation" envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church and place it in the Offertory basket.

**SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH** Provided your circumstances allow it, please try to support the parish financially even if you are unable to attend Mass. Your continued generosity is much needed and, of course, greatly appreciated. Ideally, we would prefer all donations to be made by Standing Order. This is by far the best way for the parish to receive your offering as well as providing a steady income as there are no cash handling fees and we still receive your donation should you be on holiday or miss Mass. Also, please *Gift Aid* your donation if you are able to. If you have any queries about the *Gift Aid* scheme, then please contact Pat Callaghan our *Gift Aid* Organiser on 020 8220 0306 or email patjcallaghan@gmail.com

**GRAVE LIGHTS** Grave lights, suitable for private visits to graves, are now available from the Repository priced at £2 each. Please place your money in the box marked "Candles".

**NOVEMBER ENVELOPES** It is customary to place the names of our departed loved ones on the altar during November, the month of the Holy Souls and to pray for them often at Mass. Please take one of the November envelopes and put the names of your loved ones inside. **Please do not include any money in the envelope.** If you wish, you can place an offering in the Holy Souls box by the Repository which will be used for Masses for the Holy Souls either here or in a parish where there is need. You may of course request Masses for departed loved ones in the usual way but please bear in mind the current waiting period.

**SVP CAROL SERVICE** You are invited to the St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Carol Service at Farm Street Church, Mayfair ***on Tuesday, 01 December 7.30pm to 8.30pm*** for an uplifting evening of carols, reflection and fellowship. Archbishop Moth, Georgina duchess of Norfolk and Alex MacQueen will be participating. The event is free to attend, though donations are most welcome, and the service will be followed by light refreshments. to book your place, please go to the homepage of the SVP website; svp.org.ukcharity

**CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** Join BCCS for a delicious two-course meal, exclusively hosted in the beautiful Grade II listed Georgian House**.** ***Friday, 04 December*** - 12:30-15:30 - The Lawn, Rochford, SS4 1PL £38.50 per person - book now: www.bccs.org.uk/christmas/christmas-luncheon/ Any questions contact Julie: jabbott@bccs.org.uk | 07912277413

**BCYS ADVENT RETREAT AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE *12-13 December* A weekend of festive fun, friendship, prayer and reflection exploring the meaning of Advent. Open to anyone in school years 10-13. All information and applications at www.bcys.net/events**

**CHAPTER OF CANONS MASS** will take place in the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood on ***Monday, 14 December*** at 10.30am Celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes. All are very welcome to attend.

**READING THE BIBLE THROUGH ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS** Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has just published *Reading the Bible through Advent and Christmas*. This new book includes commentary on all the Scripture readings for Mass throughout these two seasons. Full information about the book can be found on the homepage of the website*www.whatgoodnews.org*

**FOOD DONATIONS** We are once again appealing for donations of food - ideally of the long-life variety. Your donations should be placed in the box at the back of the church and periodically will be taken to the Ilford Drop-in Centre hosted at the Cardinal Heenan Centre in Ss Peter and Paul Church, Ilford.

**MASS REQUESTS** Please note that if you want a Mass said on a particular day then do make this clear on the Mass Request envelope and enter your contact details **so you can be advised if your requested date is not available.** Also, the Parish Office is occasionally asked if there is a set fee for the priest to offer Mass for a particular intention. The simple answer is that there isn't, but the diocesan guidelines currently suggest that a donation of £10 would be appropriate. However, if you cannot afford this, please do not be put off from asking for a Mass to be celebrated.

**PARISH BANKING DETAILS** The key details for direct payments to the parish bank account are Account Name: Catholic Church, Newbury Park; Sort Code: 40-13-22; Account No: 71019716**. If you use this method, please put your Surname and First name as a reference.** If you are part of the Gift Aid scheme, then please also add your Gift Aid number. Please remember too that all cheques should be made payable to "St Teresa's Catholic Church".

**DONATION ENVELOPES** If you are in the envelope scheme, please make sure that the number on the envelope you use is the same one which has been allocated to you for this financial year. A reminder too that if you do use one of the light blue general "*Gift Aid"* donation envelopes from the back of the Church, then you must enter either your Contributor Number or your full name and address on the envelope otherwise we cannot claim any "*Gift Aid"* on your donation. Please DO NOT use these envelopes if you cannot *"Gift Aid"* your donation.

**BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE *17-24 July 2027*** Join BCYS in Lourdes for an unforgettable week of faith, friendship and service, supporting elderly and infirm pilgrims while experiencing prayer, processions, excursions and plenty of opportunities to grow in faith! Applications are open NOW for all those in school year 10 and above. All information and to applications at www.bcys.net/events

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE** The BCYS offers retreats, events and pilgrimages for young people throughout the Diocese of Brentwood. If you'd like to get involved, you can find out more at **www.bcys.net** or follow **@BrentwoodCYS** on social media.

**FOSTERING IN REDBRIDGE** The Council is always looking for foster carers who would like to care for children who are disabled or have additional needs. There are many different care packages offered to support the child and foster carers fully, along with additional allowances for foster carers, and comprehensive training. If you are considering fostering and would like to know more, please visit https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/fosteringfaith or call us on 020 8708 6068 to book a place at one of our information sessions.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** If you are expecting a baby or have a baby for baptism in the next couple of months, please speak to Fr David who will help you make the appropriate arrangements.

**KIDS BULLETIN** A children's version of the gospel is available weekly. This can be accessed on the following website www.thekidsbulletin.com and is aimed at primary school children. It can be downloaded and printed out.

**LIFTS TO CHURCH** For some people getting to church, whatever the weather, is a genuine concern. It may be that some of you are in a position to offer a lift or would very much like a lift to church, particularly when the weather is bad. This is also a good way of getting to know others in the parish. Whilst those who can walk to church are generally encouraged to do so, if coming by car means you can bring someone else who can't so easily get here then it would be very commendable to do so. If you are able to offer a lift to someone on a regular basis, or if you could really do with a lift to church, please contact the Parish Office. If we can find a suitable match, we will then facilitate an introduction

**HOLY SOULS** The practice of offering the holy Mass for the repose of the souls of our departed relatives and friends originates in the early church and is deeply rooted in our catholic culture. Both as an act of charity and as a practical act of mercy, we might also care to remember in this way all the forgotten souls in purgatory. The Donations box on the counter at the back of the church by the Repository has a section that is marked for the "Holy Souls". All the donations put into that part of the box are used exclusively for Masses to be said for the Holy Souls here in St Teresa's or, are sent to Missio, for the Masses to be said in a mission diocese overseas.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS** If you have made your First Communion and wish to start training as an altar server, please speak to Fr David.

**HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED** If any families or individuals in our parish community are experiencing serious hardship at present, please contact Fr David in confidence: thanks to the donations accumulated over time specifically for those in need, he may be in a position to offer some support.

**POOR BOX** The Donations box on the counter at the back of the church by the Repository has a section that is marked for the "Poor". All the donations put into that part of the box are used exclusively to help those in need especially those who occasionally call at the Presbytery seeking assistance. Any contributions would, of course, be most welcome and gratefully received.

**TWIN PARISH** Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in the parish of Sacred Heart, Pomeroy, in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa, with whom we are twinned and their parish priest, Fr Khulekani Dube.

**MAINTENANCE MATTERS** If parishioners have any suggestions for works/defects which they think need attention either in the Church, Parish Hall, Pastoral Centre or grounds then please let Fr David or the Parish Secretary know either directly, or by email to ***newburypark@brcdt.org.*** Suggestions will be considered and prioritised according to urgency and available funds.

**CAR PARKING** Please park responsibly and take care not to obstruct emergency access to the church.

**CHURCH GROUNDS** Please remember to do what you can to keep the church grounds tidy - if you see some litter and it is safe to do so, please pick it up and put it in one of the two bins provided.

**PARISH HALL** All enquiries about the booking arrangements for and conditions of hiring the Parish Hall should be addressed to Sid James, the Hall Manager. He can be contacted on 07887983310 or by email at ***cfj65@btinternet.com***

**PARISH WEBSITE** The website is an ideal medium for sharing with fellow parishioners' photos of various Parish events. So, if you have organised or attended a parish event and have some great pictures, please send them to ***newburypark@brcdt.org*** and we'll try and put them on the website for everyone to see and enjoy. Also, if you would like a copy of any of the photos on the website then please email ***newburypark@brcdt.org***

**VISITORS** If you are a visitor to St Teresa's then you are most welcome, and we very much hope you enjoy the service you are attending. If you are a taxpayer and would like to "Gift Aid" your Offertory donation, then please use one of the special blue general purpose "Gift Aid" envelopes which you will find at the back of the Church.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** You are very welcome here. Please make yourselves known to Fr David and complete one of the Parish Registration Forms as soon as possible.

**VOTIVE CANDLES** Please be extremely careful when lighting votive candles and only use those provided on the stand.

**MOBILE PHONES** Please ensure that your mobile phone is switched off/turned to silent while you are visiting the church (especially during the Celebration of the Mass).

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS** If you have any items for inclusion in the weekly Newsletter then please email them to ***newburypark@brcdt.org The copy deadline for including items in the Newsletter is Tuesday, 12noon.***

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**SCHOOL VACANCIES** All Brentwood Diocesan Catholic School Vacancies (of which the Education Services Department are aware) are posted on the Diocesan website- *https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/*

**THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD** is looking to recruit an **HR Administrator From: 30 November. Closing Date: Noon on Friday, 27 November.** Please see website for further details www.uai.org.uk/joining-us/come-work-at-uai