

ST TERESA OF LISIEUX AND ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, You call us by name with the words first spoken on the shore of Lake Galilee, "Follow me." Breathe deep within us the gifts of your Holy Spirit; help us to have the wisdom to hear your call, the courage to answer it and the faith to live it.

So that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, the lost are found and welcomed and all are strengthened by the grace and joy of the Sacraments.

In our parish community, our family, our home, our school, in our Diocese of Brentwood, especially inspire those whom you are calling today to the priesthood and religious life to say, "Yes, Lord. Here I am. Send me."

We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Fourth Sunday in Lent (A)

Holy Father's Intentions for March

"We pray that the church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity"

Prayer for this time of infection with the Covid-19 virus for use in our communities across the continent of Europe.

God our Father, Creator of the world, almighty and merciful, out of love for us
You sent your Son into the world as the doctor of our souls and our bodies,
look upon your children who, in this difficult time of confusion and dismay in many
regions of Europe and the world, turn to you seeking strength, salvation and relief,
deliver us from illness and fear, heal our sick, comfort their families, give wisdom to
our rulers,
energy and reward to our doctors, nurses and volunteers, eternal life to the dead.
Do not abandon us in the moment of trial but deliver us from all evil.
We ask this of Thee, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit, live and reign for ever
and ever. Amen.

Mary, mother of health and hope, pray for us!

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**Please note that there will not be any Public Masses at
St Teresa's or St. Johns for the time being due to the
current Covid-19 virus.**

**All Sacramental programmes and Parish meetings as
listed on the web site have been suspended until
further notice**

PRAYER NEEDS

We continue to pray for those parishioners we know who are sick and housebound and any who are not known to us. We pray for Eileen Horwood, Robert Conway, Ruth McCarthy, Patrick Craig-Waller, Agnes Barrow, Bernadette Humphries, Thomas McNally, Pasquale Vascetta, Maria Patricia Wolton, Raymond Cooke, Richard (Dick) Rice, Mary Helena Durkin, Charles Reade, Percival Abrahams and other anniversaries which occur around this time.

Recent Deaths

Mick Jukes died in Colchester Hospital on 17th Feb. He is survived by his family. Cremation on Wednesday 25th March

Guy Moser of Handford Place died in Colchester Hospital on 21st Feb. He is survived by his wife and son. Cremation on Monday 23rd March