

# Roman Catholic Church of Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 234091

## NEWSLETTER 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025

2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT			
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm	Sr Margaret Bunyan - RIP	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	People of Parish	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Advent
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec		<b>NO MASS</b>	St Andrew Dung-Lac & companions, Martyrs
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Andrew Leonard - RIP	FERIA
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Joan Collins - RIP	FERIA
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Maureen Readings - RIP	FERIA
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00am	Sr Clare Champion O.S.S. - RIP	FERIA
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	6.30pm	Andrew Leonard - RIP	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9.30am	People of Parish	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Advent
<b>HOLY DAY MASSES</b> usually at 10:00 am; <b>Baptisms and Marriages</b> by arrangement; <b>Confessions:</b> on Tues – Fri before morning Mass from 9:30 - 9:50am and on request; <b>Coffee &amp; Company</b> on Tuesdays from 10:30am.			
<b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b> Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Yvonne Lena Rozenas, Michelenla McGill, Margaret Bremridge, Bernard Sheerin, Terence Kelly, Michael Harvey Lane, Mary Waters, Sheila England, Beatrice Helene Randag, Edward Francis Arnold, Sr Clare Champion OSS, Grace Fraser, Margaret Mary Stokes, Doris Lilian Tyda.			

ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2025		
Mass	Welcomers	Readers
6:30pm	Matthew Flynn/Ingrid Gardner	Luke/Regina Hall
9.30am	Miles/Paula Cunningham	Margaret Solman/Katrina Bird
<b>Offertory:</b> Gill/Bill O'Kelly <b>Cleaning:</b> Philippa Gibson/Jill O'Kelly <b>Coffee after Sunday Mass:</b> Jill O'Kelly/Angela Bailey <b>Flowers:</b> No Flowers Advent		

Last Weekend's Plate Offering £233.92

ONLINE DONATIONS <https://donate.mydona.com/st-teresa-princes-risborough>

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2025

WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Reconciliation Service 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DEC – Vigil Masses

4.00pm – Family Mass

7.30pm – Carols

8pm – Midnight Mass

THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> DEC

9.30am Christmas Day Mass

### CHRISTMAS DRAW - THIS WEEKEND:

A reminder that the draw for the wonderful **Festive Hampers** will take place in the Walsingham Hall **after SUNDAY 9.30 Mass**. Thanks to your generosity, there are now **SIX** fantastic hampers to be won! Tea, coffee, mince pies and Christmas carols from the choir will accompany the draw, together with a home-bake cake /craft stall and a children's activity table for the youngest. So please pop in to share some festive cheer with your fellow parishioners. All proceeds from the draw and cake sales benefit our Parish Development Fund and CAFOD equally.

### GROUP CHURCH CLEANING SESSION

Please consider helping to prepare our beautiful church to celebrate Christmas.

We will have a group session of cleaning on **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am**.

Even if you are only able to come for ½ an hour, it all helps and the more, the merrier!

We look forward to seeing you. Thank you.

### EXPLORE CATHOLIC THEOLOGY BY DISTANCE

#### LEARNING

Durham University's Centre for Catholic Studies (CCS) offers flexible Distance Learning programmes in Catholic Theology, designed to fit around work, ministry, family, or other commitments. Options include a Postgraduate Certificate, Postgraduate Diploma, and MA, as well as single modules such as *Catholic Theology: A Preliminary Tour*, and new for 2026/27, *Catholic Social Thought and Practice* and *High Medieval Franciscan Theology*. Bursary funding is available for 2026-27. For more information, including videos from current students and details of bursaries, visit Durham University's Distance Learning pages, or contact the CCS Manager, Theresa Phillips at [theresa.phillips@durham.ac.uk](mailto:theresa.phillips@durham.ac.uk) or 0191 334 3952. <https://www.durham.ac.uk>

### ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT:

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm

Disrupted by Grace, week 3, Dr Avril Baigent will be joined by Fr Matt Blake, who will continue exploring Jesus' more disreputable ancestors. Fr Matt Blake, a Discalced Carmelite priest, will be unpacking the story of Ruth for us whilst exploring the presence of grace in our lives. Find out more information and register here: <https://northamptondiocese.org/grace/>

All episodes can be found on YouTube if you are unable to watch live.

### PROJECT ELF:

This year, the parish is supporting Project Elf, a Christmas project run by Pact (Prison Advice and Care Trust), the national Catholic charity that supports prisoners and their families. We are collecting presents for the children of the men at Aylesbury Prison. Gifts will include fun/"funky" socks for boys or girls aged 3 through 16 years old, a suitable present for children from 0 to 3 years old, as well as sweets and chocolate selection boxes. Please take a post-it note from the tree in the Narthex and deliver the present indicated to the box provided. Presents should not be wrapped, but can be in original packaging. **Presents need to be in by the 11<sup>th</sup> of December** at the latest to allow enough time for all gifts to be passed by security and for the prisoner fathers to wrap the gift for their child prior to the family visit days being held in the prison before Christmas. Please see further information in the Narthex. Please be as generous as possible and help give the children and their fathers in prison a Happy Christmas.

### ALPHA TRAINING DAY – Saturday, 7 February 2026

Thinking about running Alpha in your parish? Join us at St Joseph the Worker, Gardenia Avenue, Luton, LU3 2NS, from 11:30 AM to 4:00 PM, for a day that will equip you and your team to run Alpha effectively. Topics include running sessions, creating the right environment, organising day/weekend events, promoting Alpha, and fostering a culture of welcome and leadership. Lunch, tea, and coffee are included, and the cost is £15. While individuals are welcome, bringing a small parish team is highly recommended. <https://northamptondiocese.org/courses/alpha-training-day/>

### CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

A reminder that both Christmas and Easter offerings can now be gift-aided. Please use the envelopes that will be provided and complete and return them with your offering at Christmas. It really makes a difference. The gift aid return goes into the Parish accounts.