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# NEWSLETTER

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ALL SAINTS, SCRAPTOFT & NETHERHALL - October 2025

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## Thérèse or Teresa?

This month celebrate two saints who some get confused. Here's a little about each of them:

**St Therese of Lisieux** was born on January 2nd 1873, in Alençon, France. She was the youngest of nine children, and followed her 4 older sisters into the religious life, entering the convent at Lisieux when she was just 15 years old.

As a nun she didn't have an easy life, but she became renowned after her death due to letters she wrote, published under the title *Story of a Soul*. These writings described her search for holiness in ordinary life and she herself spoke of her Little Way, in which she sought to do ordinary things with extraordinary love. She described herself as a Little Flower of Jesus, which became a nickname for her, and she declared that after her death she would continue to do good by letting "a shower of roses" fall to earth. As a result, many Catholics pray a special Novena (9 days of prayer) to her, praying she will send them a mystical rose from heaven. Therese died on September 30, 1897. She was canonized on May 17th 1925 and her feast day is October 1st.

**St Teresa of Ávila** was born to one of the wealthiest men in Ávila. Her mother brought her up as a devoted Christian and when she died when Teresa was just 14, the young girl turned to the Virgin Mary as her spiritual mother.

She fought against the religious life at first, but eventually, when she was 20, she entered the local Carmelite convent where she began to read around contemplative prayer and the mystical life.

Teresa became a major focus for spiritual and monastic renewal, reforming the Carmelite Orders of both women and men, and she was eventually joined in this task by the younger Carmelite friar and mystic St John of the Cross, with whom she established the Order of Discalced Carmelites (dedicated to lives of prayer).

Her influential writings include her autobiography, *The Life of Teresa of Jesus*, and the books *The Interior Castle* and *The Way of Perfection* remain important works concerning Christian mysticism and meditation. She died on 15th October 1582 and was canonized in 1622. Her feast day is 15th October.

## October Diary

1st	<b>St Therese</b>	
	12.00pm	Eucharist
	7.00pm	We Believe Course
2nd	2.30pm	Funeral: Brenda Scott
4th	10.00am	Craft Fayre & Coffee Morning
5th	<b>HARVEST THANKSGIVING</b>	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist & Offering of Gifts
6th	7.00pm	Harvest Supper
7th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
8th	12.00pm	Eucharist
12th	<b>TRINITY 17</b>	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
14th	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
15th	<b>St Teresa of Avila</b>	
	12.00pm	Eucharist
16th	11.00am	Aaron Court Service
18th	12.00pm	Richborough Festival <i>St Mary de Castro</i>
19th	<b>TRINITY 18</b>	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
21st	10.00am	Coffee pop-in
22nd	12.00pm	NO Eucharist
26th	<b>LAST AFTER TRINITY</b>	
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
28th	10.00am	Coffee Pop-in
29th	12.00pm	Eucharist

Let nothing disturb you,  
 Let nothing frighten you,  
 All things are passing away:  
 God never changes.  
 Patience obtains all things  
 Whoever has God lacks nothing;  
 God alone suffices.

**Prayer  
 of St  
 Teresa  
 of Ávila**

## Harvest Offering

We shall once again be supporting the South Leicester Foodbank. Urgently needed food items:

Tinned soup  
 Tinned tomatoes 400g  
 Tinned potatoes  
 Tinned Sweetcorn  
 Tinned Carrots  
 1ltr UHT milk  
 1ltr UHT juice  
 Tinned fruit 400g  
 Curry Sauce  
 Custard  
 Rice pudding  
 Shampoo  
 Sponge puddings  
 Tinned Pulses  
 Shower gel

**We've got plenty of**

Cooking oil  
 Pasta  
 Rice  
 Flour  
 Conditioner  
 Sugar