

A warm welcome to
THE PARISH OF ST TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS
ROCHFORD & ST PIUS X HOCKLEY

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A very warm welcome to you all. This weekend is the second of Lent, and the readings are very clearly about sacrifice. To show his love for God, Abraham is asked to sacrifice the one thing he loves more than anything: his son. Paul teaches that God so loves us that he sacrifices his own Son out of love for us. We have to ask ourselves: what are we prepared to sacrifice?

What's On

This Sunday 8th after 10.30 Mass: **Coffee morning** in the Parish Centre to raise money for new Altar Linen and Kneeler repairs.

Strands, Youth Group, is open this Sunday March 8th from 7pm-9pm for everyone Year 7 and above. The club now has a Nintendo Wii as well as table tennis, billiards and snooker. £2 entry includes drinks and snacks.

The Legion of Mary meets each Monday at 5.30 pm in the Parish Centre - new members always welcome.

"A Day with Mary" Saturday 14 March 2009. A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message given at Fatima in 1917. St Teresa Newbury Park, Essex

Monday 16 March: Day of Recollection for Women from 2pm to 4pm at Our Lady of Ransom Church, London Hill Rayleigh. Fr Stewart Foster will give the two meditations and will be available for confessions, during which time the Holy Rosary is said. This recollection is set within the third week of Lent and will be an excellent time for women to have a period of quiet prayer before the full onset of the Easter Festival. It is also the week in which the Church celebrates the two great feasts of St. Patrick (17 March) and St Joseph (19 March). There is therefore plenty of spiritual matter to dwell on and pray about.

Baby & Toddler Group meets on Wednesday 15th 10am to 12pm: in the Parish Centre; everyone very welcome.

Wednesday 11th March 8.00pm: EVENINGS OF RECOLLECTION FOR LENT at Nazareth House. See advertisement for further details.

Also Wednesday 11th 8.00pm **Benediction by Candlelight**. Come and pray in a beautiful and relaxed atmosphere. Be refreshed by the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Friday 13th 7.30pm **Stations of the Cross** at St Teresa's. Come and walk in the footsteps of Jesus and pray for yourself and for the world.

RCIA meets next on Wednesday 18th at 8.00pm Come and share your faith and learn more about it yourself!

Saturday 21 March from 10.00am to 3.30pm: **Annual Spirituality Day** "Preparing for the Passion". Walking with Jesus through Holy Week with Rev Dr Gerald O'Collins, SJ at Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood A suggestion donation of £10. Please bring a packed lunch, tea/coffee provided. For booking and further information please contact the Adult Religious Education office on 01277 265219/257 or email deniseh9older@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

GALS (Girls & Ladies) As the first Monday in April falls in the Easter Holidays the next meeting of GALS will be on Monday, 30th March. Alain Fern from the Parish has kindly "volunteered" to show us how to make Canopies and Cocktails (alcoholic and non alcoholic). We can all have a taste and try to make some cocktails too. We will also be holding a raffle, all proceeds to go towards a new sound system at St. Pius X. Meet at 7.30 p.m., St. Teresa's Parish Centre. Maureen 01702 201688

PARISH NEWS

There will be a special Easter edition of **News from the Pews** available in April. If you have any contributions could you let Tracey have them by Sunday 29th March please. Email: tracey@greengages.com, post: Greengages, Mount Bovers Lane, Hawkwell SS5 4JE or pop them in the box in the church porch. Many thanks!

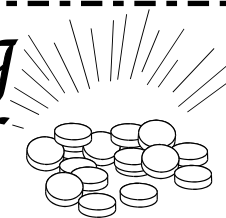
LET THE CHILDREN LIVE! The Pancake Race, raffle and coffee morning raised £167.50. The raffle alone raised over £70 of that figure and it was won by Strip No. 31 - 35. Would the winner please phone Ann on

07884123649. The next event is a Quiz Night with hot food in the Parish Centre at 7 p.m. on Saturday, 21 March. Tickets £5 each. Please see posters in the church porches for further details. A chance to enjoy some home cooking and put your thinking caps on!! Please bring your own drinks. Thank you all for your continuing support for the work of "Let the Children Live!"

We are now collecting ink and toner cartridges for recycling. There will be bins at the back of church for your empties, so don't forget to bring them along and help us raise a few pounds in the process!

Altar Linen Raffle The altar linen at St Teresa's is now very old and therefore there will be a raffle held for the cloth. Tickets and a display of the many exciting prizes are at the back of the church. Please be generous.

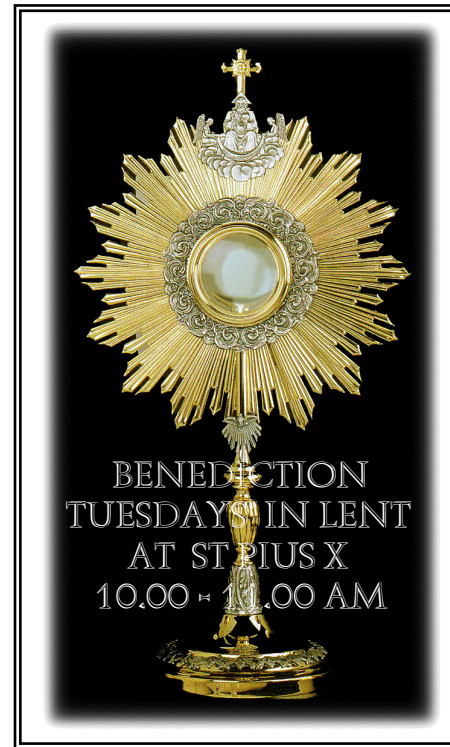
SURREXIT! The sound system at St Pius X has once again been repaired, but will need replacing soon as it is now very poor quality. I know some people are finding it difficult to hear properly and it is very important that everyone can hear services clearly. It will cost around £500 to replace with a modern and more appropriate system. Donations or fund raising events for this project would be very much appreciated. Please speak to Fr Gerry for further details.

Offering Total 

1st Collection for 1st March was £1083.13 Our parish costs approximately £1620 each week to run. Thank you all for your continued generosity.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	7	5.30pm	Second	The People of the Parish	
Sun	8	9.00am At S Pius X	Sunday of	Mary Purcell RIP	SVP
		10.30am	Lent		
Mon	9	No Mass Today			
Tues	10	10.00am at St Pius X	Benediction		
		7.30pm		Wilf Hall RIP	
Weds	11	9.20am			
		8.00pm at St Teresa's	Benediction by Candlelight		
Thurs	12	10.00am At S Pius X		Josephine Micallef RIP	AM
Fri	13	9.20am			
		7.30pm	Stations of the Cross		
Sat	14	9.30am	Third		
		5.30pm	Sunday of	The People of the Parish	
Sun	15	9.00am At S Pius X	Lent	Liam Cullen RIP	
		10.30am		Alan & Pauline Tamsett RIP	U



PARISH PRAYER
 Heavenly Father, send out your light
 and your truth.
 Open our eyes to the opportunities
 you give us;
 Open our ears to hear your call;
 Open our hearts to your love,
 That we may serve you
 And bring others to your light
 Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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EVENINGS OF RECOLLECTION FOR LENT
 Nazareth House, London Road, Southend
 The Seven Last Words of Our Lord on the Cross
 Each evening begins at 8.00pm and includes a talk/meditation followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Compline Night Prayer and Benediction.
 Priests will be available for Confession, bookstall and refreshments afterwards in the hall.

Wednesday 11th March: Father, forgive them; today you will be with me in Paradise
Fr Paul Keane (Assistant, Brentwood Cathedral)

Wednesday 18th March: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me; I thirst
Fr Graham Smith (Parish Priest of Shoeburyness)

Wednesday 25th March: Behold your Mother; Mother, behold your son
Fr Hugh Allan OPraem (Prior & Parish Priest of Our Lady Immaculate, Chelmsford)

Coffee Morning Sunday 8th March
 11.30am in the Parish Centre for Altar
 Linen & Kneeler Repairs.



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick: Nellie Reilly, Donna Richardson, Zita Jay, Cassie Thompson, Ciaran Freely, Liam Killick, Ross Giza, David Ward, Madeleine Edery, Oliver Kelly, Lucy Fuller, Laura Munden, Harry Clark, Terry & Marie Barrett, Vicki Fage, Daphne Lamb, Jackie Gravestock, Fr William Newton, Drummond & Helen Clapp, Chris Sheehan, Jim Bourne, Shirley Kennenson, Siobhan Taylor, Gareth Lewis, Mark Reilly, Bartly Igoe, Sam Robinson, Dexter Govia, Amanda Walsh, Michael King, Elizabeth Reilly, Johanna Packer, Sylvia Carter, Linda Rowland, Sarah Flint, Marylin Friend, Cyril Hall, Marjorie Jay, Angele DeCan, Ann Francis, Paul Clarke, Maria McFairbairn, Ken Cropley, Dee Fage, Louise Knight, Ann Moore, Tony Micallef, Maud Livett, and all who are sick.

The Departed: Mary Purcell, recently departed, Baby Robinson, Allen Nightingale, Gwendoline Grimes, Hilda Snaith, Violet Bailey, Colin Clapp, Ivy Roud, George Boulter, Alan Tamsett, and all whose years' mind fall this week.