

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS, ROCHFORD & ST PIUS X HOCKLEY

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EPIPHANY

For those of you who haven't blessed your houses for the Epiphany before, here again is the traditional blessing with a little explanation of it.

Epiphany Inscription Over the Doorway of the Home:

ZO + C + M + B + II

The letters have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the Three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*. (May Christ bless the house). The letters recall the day on which the inscription is made, as well as the purpose of blessing.

The crosses represent the protection of the Precious Blood of Christ, Whose Sacred Name we invoke, and also the holiness of the Three Magi sanctified by their adoration of the Infant Christ.

The inscription is made above the front door, so that all who enter and depart this year may enjoy God's blessing. The inscription is made of chalk, a product of clay, which recalls the human nature taken by the Adorable and Eternal Word of God in the womb of the Virgin Mary, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

To bless your home this Epiphany, first read the Prologue of Saint John's Gospel, followed by the Our Father, and the Collect of the Epiphany; then write the inscription for this year above your front door with blessed chalk, which will be given out after the Masses this weekend.

May I also take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness and generosity over Christmas. Once again we have been overwhelmed by your cards, prayers and gifts; and particularly by your generosity in the Christmas Offering. May I assure you of our continuous prayers for you all.

A very happy New Year to everyone! With every blessing



The Legion of Mary: working and praying for the Kingdom of God in our Parish. Everyone is most welcome to the 5.30pm meeting on Mondays in the Parish Centre. new members are always welcome.



Fr Gerry goes into hospital on Tuesday for a routine operation. He hopes to be back to work in time for the Saturday evening Mass.

RCIA continues on Tuesday 11th January 7.30pm at Kilfield House Foundry Business Park, Station Approach, Hockley, SS5 4TW (Just by Hockley Station).



The Faith Store

3, Roche Close, Rochford
(opposite the Co op)
OPEN MONDAY - SATURDAY
10 til 4

Our parish shop is run entirely by volunteers and 100% profit made goes straight to the church for much needed funding.

We always welcome your donations of clothes, toys, books, CDs, DVDs, bric-a-brac etc.

Donation pick up is available ~ call Tracey on 202267

Many thanks for your continued support ☐



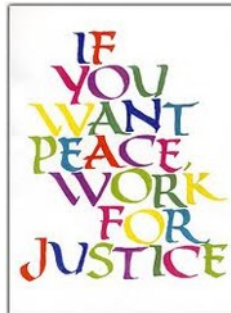
YOU WILL BE DELIGHTED TO KNOW THAT THE ANGLICAN NUNS SR. WENDY RENATE, SR. JANE LOUISE AND SR. CAROLYNE JOSEPH WERE

RECEIVED INTO FULL COMMUNION WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THIS SATURDAY IN WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL. WE WISH THEM EVERY BLESSING FOR THE FUTURE



Baby & Toddler Group Wednesdays 9.40- noon Meeting every week during term time in the Parish Centre. With toys for babies and toddlers, and refreshment for the grown-ups. This follows a

short (15 Minutes) Mass in church at 9.20 which is very child - friendly! All parents and carers are welcome. Contact: Angie Pittaway 07801 260873, or Sarah Gilbert 530254 for further information.



"Starting Justice & Peace from the Grassroots" - a one day seminar for Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster parishes, Wednesday, 26th January, 11am - 4pm at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral,

LONDON SE1 Stephen Kearney and Julia Olsen from RE:generate explain a tried and tested approach renewing our parish witness to Social Justice. Tea, Coffee and lunch provided - suggested donation towards costs £10. To book a place contact CJSR 01277 265290 email: cjsr@dioceseofbrentwood.org

NOTICES



World Youth Day. Two weeks in Spain; a stay with a Spanish host family; world class hostel accommodation in central Madrid; 1.5

million young people - and Pope Benedict XVI. The cost is £895 but there will be fundraising support towards this cost. Just nine places remain on the BCYS trip to be part of this amazing experience. August 10th - 23rd 2011. Initial meeting for the group is 3rd January, so please register interest now - form can be printed from www.bcys.net. Open to all in school year 12 up to young adult.

Pilgrimage to ROME and SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO Mon. 3rd October to Mon. 10th October 2011. A limited number of places is still available for this unique pilgrimage which visits all the main pilgrimage sites in Rome and the shrine of St (Padre) Pio.

**Worship
Through
Giving**



1ST COLLECTION FOR
19TH DEC WAS
£666.97 THANK YOU
ALL FOR YOUR CONTIN-
UED GENEROSITY.

OUR PARISH COSTS
ABOUT £1620 PER
WEEK TO KEEP GOING.

The specially negotiated price of £950. will include all flights and transfers; half board accommodation in twin or double-bedded rooms in 3* hotels with wine at main meals; most entry charges and service tips; daily Mass at all the main sites; excursions and visits with an experienced Guide. For further information and booking details contact Michael Herrigan 01702-304460 or Spiritual Leader, Fr Joseph Whisstock 01702-342324.

There are still places for our Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima May 10-15th 2011. Cost £515 fully inclusive. For further details contact Fr Gerry.



MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

	1	5.30pm	The Epiphany of the Lord	
Sun	2	9.00am at St Pius X		Ints Terry & Peter Doyle ^{TF}
		10.30am		Ints Christ & Dave Lazell ^{MC}
Mon	3	7.00pm		Elsie Smithson RIP ^{OR}
Tues	4	9.20am		Ints Fr Gerry
Weds	5	9.20am	Eucharistic Service	
Thurs	6	10.00am at St Pius X	Eucharistic Service	
Fri	7	No Mass Today	Eucharistic Service	
Sat	8	9.30am	Eucharistic Service	
		5.30pm	The Baptism of the Lord	
Sun	9	9.00am at St Pius X		Ints Kathleen Wall ^{TF}
		10.30am		The People of the Parish

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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Sr. Wendy Renate, Sr. Jane Louise and Sr. Carolyne Joseph

Those who live in Spa Court, Uplands Road, The Candlemakers, and Wheatfields.

The people of Rochford Community Church and their ministers Tony & Helen Thomas.

The Sick: David Squires, Ellie-Mae Robinson, Aaron Hobbs (wounded in combat), Edward Cunado, Bridie Mullany, Betty Allen, Dee Fage, Vicky Fage, Joseph Merceica, Lisa Hughes, Constance Longman, John Quinn, Joyce Hall, Len Smith, Mary Plews, Dexter Jackson, Yvette Grimes, James Robinson, Sianne Robinson, Claire Dean, Samantha Robinson, Collette

Hague, Margaret Hennessy, Sarah Fisher, Delia Cheek, William McArthur, Gail Airey, Joan Hauser, Antoinette Cane, Christopher Carr, Sarah Knight, Ross Giza, Oliver Kelly, Lucy Fuller, Drummond & Helen Clapp, Chris Sheehan, Jim Bourne, Shirley Kennenson, Gareth Lewis, Mark Reilly, Bartly Igoe, Dexter Govia, Michael King, Elizabeth Reilly, Marjorie Jay, Cassie & Christine Thompson, Ciaran Freely, Angele Du Cann, Paul Clarke, Ken Croyley, Louise Knight, Ann Moore, Tony Micallef, Maud Livett, and all who are sick.

All the Departed, and in particular: Marie Barrett, recently departed; Caroline Buckley, Augustus Fort, Olympia Coppola, Stanley Yeadell, George Cater, Lily Downs, Alberto Garcia, Michael Green, William Jones, Frank Percival, Bernard McKinney, and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.