

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

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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*We celebrate the good news of God's incredible love for all his people. Every prophet, every messenger of this Good News says the same thing: he is coming to save you; he will make all things new. So prepare a way for him, take him into your heart. Let us resolve this year to make Christmas a real Christ-mas, by readying ourselves for his coming through prayer, confession and giving of our time and goods.*

*May the Lord continue to fill you all with his blessings in this Advent season*

*Fr Gerry*

**The First Holy Communion** Children meet after the 10.30am Mass in the Parish Centre.



**Baby & Toddler Group** meets every Wednesday 9.30am -12 noon during term time. Why not come along for a coffee and a chat?



**The Legion of Mary:** working and praying for the Kingdom of God in our Parish. All welcome to the 5.30pm meeting on Mondays in the Parish Centre.



RCIA begins again on Wednesday 7th December in St Teresa's Narthex. Everyone is very warmly welcome.



**GALS Christmas Party** Friday 9th December 8.30 - 10.30 in the Parish Centre. No admission fee, just please bring nibbles to share, your own drinks and a

### Taste Italia Cookery Day

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be hosting an Italian cookery event at the award winning organic cookery school Taste Italia, which is located at Ramsden Heath, Billericay. Why not add an authentic Italian flavour to your Christmas and join us on **Wednesday 7th December**, between 10.00am – 2.00pm. Tickets are priced at £45 and

wrapped gift to the value of no more than £5 for the Secret Santa. This promises to be an evening of party games and festive fun, we look forward to seeing you there! For further information please ring Sally 541880 (after 6pm please) or Tracey 202267."

include a cookery demonstration followed by a three course lunch served with wine. Places are limited so please telephone 01268 784544 to reserve you place.

## Carols by Candlelight on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.30



Next Sunday in accordance with ancient practice, our Boy Bishop will preach

on the third Sunday of Advent, to remind us that out of the mouths of babes and sucklings, the Lord finds praise to foil his enemies, and that he puts his wisdom into the hearts and mouths of all his chosen people



Legion of Mary Annual Reunion At Holy Family, Benfleet, on Sunday 11th December, Starting at 2 pm, with Rosary and Prayers, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction followed by refreshments. Ends at 4.15 pm. All members and Auxiliaries are invited along with anyone interested in the Legion of Mary. For more information, contact Mary 547526 or Gerald 207234.

**Saturday 17th December 11am.** carol singing outside the Co-op store in Rochford. We may also be giving away mince-pies (bought from the Co-op!) to passers-by. If any of your members would like to join us they will be most welcome.

**African Catholic Mission** is organising Christmas Party and Carol Service to mark the 20 years of African Mission Ministry in London. This will be held at St George's Parish Hall, 132 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, London E17 9HU on **18th December 2011 at 3pm.** Everyone is kindly invited to join the Pan-African Communities to celebrate the 20

years of Inculturation and Evangelisation. Since 1991 we have made outstanding progress: Chaplaincies and Associations have been established for African Communities - vibrancy brought to the parishes, lapsed Catholics have returned and Church pews are being filled. The poster is attached for your attention. Please come to celebrate 20 Years of God's Goodness with the African Communities.

There are two services of **Reconciliation in the Deanery** this Advent to help us prepare for Christmas: **Monday 19th at 7.30pm in S Helen's Westcliff, and Wednesday 20th at 7.30pm in Holy Family, Benfleet.** In addition, The First Holy Communion Children and their families have a **service of Reconciliation at St Teresa's at 2.30pm on Saturday 10th** to which everyone is invited, and as if this were not enough, Fr Gerry is also available from 4.30pm every Saturday at St Teresa's, and Fr Jeff, Fr Bob, or Fr Gerry are available every Saturday at 10.30am at St Pius X. If you are unable to come to any of these, Fr Gerry, and indeed any Catholic Priest is available by appointment to celebrate the sacrament of God's forgiving love at a time and place convenient to you. There is therefore no excuse for not celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**How often should we go to Confession?** The technical answer is that we need to go whenever we have committed a mortal sin. We should not receive Communion again until we have been reconciled to Christ through the Sacrament of Confession.

The better answer is that we should go as often as we can. Confession is a sacrament, and participation in all sacraments provides us with grace that helps us conform our lives to Christ. Too often we regard Confession as something we have to do, rather than something we want to do. That explains why some parents of prospective First Communicants will take their children to Confession, to fulfill to obligation to receive Confession before their First Communion, but won't take advantage of the sacrament themselves while they are there. If we treat the sacrament as a burden rather than a blessing, we'll find that the weeks slips into months, and then into years. And, at that

point, the idea of going to Confession can become daunting. It shouldn't. If you haven't been to Confession in some time, the priest will understand--and, he'll rejoice with the angels at your decision to return to the sacrament. He'll gladly take the time to help you make a good Confession. From then on, as many of the great spiritual writers of the Church recommend, going to Confession monthly is a good practice (more often if there's a particular vice or temptation that you're struggling with). And we should never refrain from receiving the sacrament because we haven't committed a mortal sin: Frequent participation in the Sacrament of Confession is a good way to weed out the destructive habits that result in mortal sin.

## Notices



The Parish Safeguarding Officer for Children & Vulnerable Adults is Mr Richard Grimes. Tel:

07799 677600.



Christmas 2011  
ST TERESA'S R.C. CHURCH, ROCHFORD  
&  
ST PIUS X R.C. CHURCH, HOCKLEY

We are very pleased to have 4000 Christmas Cards printed for the Parish, and we will shortly be delivering them. We ask that everyone take part in this by volunteering to deliver 25 -50 cards to a street near

you. The list will be available from this Sunday, so please look out for this.

1ST COLLECTION FOR 27TH NOV WAS £1009.91 OUR PARISH COSTS £1620 PER WEEK TO RUN. UNFORTUNATELY THE SHORTFALL IS NOT MADE UP BY THE DIOCESE OR THE GOVERNMENT. THE 2ND COLLECTION FOR NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY WAS £253.00 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.

**Drummond is available for babysitting.** For further information please call 07957 330489.



**MISSIO BOXES** – there are a number of empty Mission boxes at the back of the church feeling rather homesick!

☹ Please do remember to pick up your emptied boxes so that you can start filling them up again for this very good cause. If you don't have a box and would like one contact Tracey: 202267 [tracey@greengages.com](mailto:tracey@greengages.com) Thank you!

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**A TAXING OFFER FOR CHRISTMAS** The Inland Revenue will give our Parish an extra 25% to our offertory giving this

Christmas and for every following Sunday. Just one condition has to be met. You must be a taxpayer, either from your employment, pension, or investments. Even better for those who are higher rate taxpayers, each year your tax will be reduced by a similar 25% on the total of your annual offertory giving. Advent is a time for thanks-is-in-giving and this offer is one that surely we should accept with joy. For more details - please contact your Parish Gift Aid organiser, Ian Chandler.

The Parish of St Teresa of  
The Child Jesus, Rochford  
& St Pius X Hackley



Cuppa & Comfort

**Bereavement Care Group**

The group aims to give a place and time for friendship, support and encouragement to anyone experiencing loss or bereavement.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 3.30pm in St Teresa's church porch. Please come and join us for a cuppa, cake and comfort. The church is open for quiet prayer or contemplation. One-to-one support is also available.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4

If you would like further information call:

Father Gerry	07919 416 263
Pat Doman	07890 753 342
Ann Marie King	01702 200784
Paddy Lester	01702 203773



Don't forget we are still collecting foreign coins and notes, if you have been away on holiday and have left-over currency. The jar for your contributions is at the back of church.



Father Gerry's daughter, **Jemima**

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

*SUNDAY:* The Sick: Sean Walsingham, Ellen Gander, Kate Morphew's twins, Craig Perryman, Sid Williamson, Emily Rose Gough, Elizabeth McManamon, John Colvill, The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

*MONDAY:* The Sick: Philomma Antony, Christopher Carr, Sarah Knight. Audrey Northfield, Siobhan Taylor, Terry Alexander, Alex Brennan, Joanne Lloyd, Mary Stacey, David Squires, Ellie-Mae Robinson. Those who live in Cherry Orchard Road, Gladstone Road, and Kembles.

*TUESDAY:* The Sick: Katie Honeyands, Diana Lambourne, Edward Cunado, Betty Allen, Dee Fage, Vicky Fage, Joseph Merceica, Lisa Hughes, Constance Longman. The people of Ss Peter & Paul, Hockley, and for a wise appointment to the living.

*WEDNESDAY:* The Sick: Felicity Rowe, Delia Cheek, William McArthur, Collette Hague, Margaret Hennessy, Sarah Fisher, Ciaran Freel, Angele De Can, Marjorie Jay, Cassie

Thompson, Michael King, Paul Clarke, Ken Cropley, Louise Knight, Ann Moore, Mark Reilly. The Queen and her ministers, that the may govern us wisely.

*THURSDAY:* The Sick: Gail Airey, Antoinette Cane, John Quinn, Joyce Hall, Len Smith, Mary Plews, Dexter Jackson, James Robinson, Sianne Robinson, Claire Dean, Samantha Robinson. Fr John King. Those selecting the new bishop, for the needs of the diocese a wise appointment to the See of Brentwood.

*FRIDAY:* The recently departed: Betty Maskell, Betty McCarthy, Sidney Bull, The Departed: Naome Kufakwaro, Bob Hillier, George Lyus, Maria O'Redco, Harry Lench, Christina Tuohy, Alfred Brown, Edward Gough, Katie Bowler, Lillian Trinder and the Holy Souls who have none to pray for them.

*SATURDAY:* The Sick: Alan Gunn, Aaron Hobbs (wounded in combat), Tony Micallef, Ross Giza, Oliver Kelly, Drummond & Helen Clapp, Chris Sheehan, Jim Bourne, Shirley Kennenson, Gareth Lewis, Bartly Igoe, Dexter Govia. Ourselves and our own needs. The Pope's intentions.

### 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

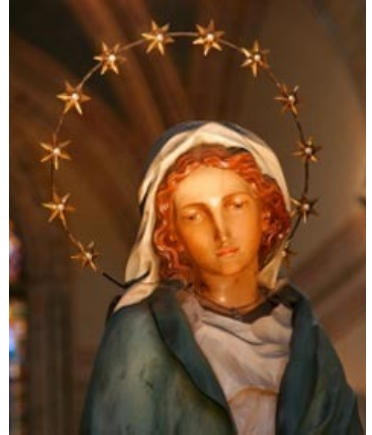


*The Parish Prayer*

*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.*

**Thursday 8 December**

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.



**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

Confessions: Saturdays 10.30-11am St Pius X, 5.00-5.30pm St Teresa's or by appointment

Sat	3	5.30pm	The Second Sunday of Advent	Jim Bowles RIP	EB
Sun	4	9.00am St Pius X		Bob Hillier RIP	MH
		10.30am St Pius X			
		10.30am		Denis Hartnett RIP	HH
Mon	5	7.30pm		John Connaghan RIP	CB
Tues	6	9.20am	S Nicholas of Myra, B, D	Fr Richard Ashton RIP	PAC T
Weds	7	9.20am	S Ambrose, Bp, D	John Connaghan RIP	CB
Thurs	8	10.00am St Pius X	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Josephine Micallef RIP	AM
Fri	9	9.30am St Pius X			
Sat	10	9.30am			
		5.30pm			
Sun	11	9.00am St Pius X	The Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday	Pat Gleadell RIP	CB
		10.30am St Pius X			
		10.30am		The People of the Parish	