

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

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*"He has shown strength with his arm, he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, he has put down the mighty from their thrones, and exalted the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away" (Lk 1: 51-53).*

*With her wise reading of history, Mary leads us to discover the criteria of God's mysterious action. Overturning the judgements of the world, he comes to the aid of the poor and lowly, to the detriment of the rich and powerful, and in a surprising way he fills with good things the humble who entrust their lives to him (cf. Redemptoris Mater, n. 37).*

*While these words of the song show us Mary as a concrete and sublime model, they give us to understand that it is especially humility of heart which attracts God's kindness.*

*L'Osservatore Romano 13 November 1996*

*May the Lord raise you up and fill you all with his blessings in this Advent season*

*Fr Gerry*



This Sunday in accordance with ancient practice, our Girl Bishop, Tariro Ngandu will preach, 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, this 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.



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



**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 continues on Tuesday 13th December in St Teresa's Narthex. Everyone is very warmly welcome.



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

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

**Carols Round the Crib**

a selection of you favourite Christmas Carols sung with Mince Pies and Christmas refreshments at

**St Teresa's Church  
Rochford**

Wednesday 14th December 7.30pm  
**All Welcome!**

**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

a sacrament of pardon and peace. It is quite literally a sacrament of reconciliation. And it always presents you with an opportunity to express your thanks to God — something, by the way, that you can never do too often.



## Notices



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

Tel: 07799 677600.

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.

### **Why Is Confession Necessary?**

Even though you may have no serious sin to confess, you always can benefit from the grace of the sacrament (by which you directly encounter the merciful, forgiving Christ). And you can receive that grace by expressing sorrow for past sins as well as your present sinfulness. By present sinfulness, I mean the inclination toward sin that all of us have — the tendency to be judgmental or unforgiving of others, the ease with which we yield to impatience, the pride that seems always to be with us, our failure at times to help those in need, our lack of faith in God's love for us, and especially our lack of faith in God's loving forgiveness.

You are a very good person, and the Lord loves you beyond your ability even to imagine. Try now to think of confession as

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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.



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

A very big thank you to everyone who took and delivered a share of the 4000 Christmas Cards for the Parish. This means that about 30% of the homes in our parish received a Christmas card from us!

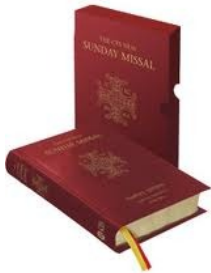
1ST COLLECTION FOR 27TH NOV WAS £1009.91 OUR PARISH COSTS £1620 PER WEEK TO RUN. UNFORTUNATELY THE SHORTFALL IS NOT MADE UP BY THE DIOCESE OR THE GOVERNMENT. THE 2ND COLLECTION FOR NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY WAS £253.00 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.

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!



I am reliably informed that the NRSV lectionary will not be introduced for at least 7 years, and probably nearer to ten. If you were thinking of waiting for this edition of the Missal to appear, it seems it will

be a very long wait. New Missals are available at the back of both churches, and we will shortly be receiving a new batch of the burgundy presentation edition. What a great Christmas present for your loved ones!



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 Drummond** is available for **babysitting**. For

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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 418 283  
 Pat Doman 07890 753 342  
 Ann Marie King 01702 200784  
 Paddy Lester 01702 203773

## 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 Chestnut Close, Glencroft, and Kensington Way.

*TUESDAY:* The Sick: Katie Honeyands, Diana Lambourne, Edward Cunado, Betty Allen, Dee Fage, Vicky Fage, Joseph Merceica, Lisa Hughes, Constance Longman. The people of St Andrew Rochford, All Saints Sutton w Shopland, and St Mary & All Saints Stambridge (CofE) 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: Lillian Trinder, Mary Rolt, Frederick Caunt, Brian Harrison-Chinn, Tom Poole, Aaron Lewis, James McLoughlin, Elizabeth Maynard, Billy Fenlon, Sarah Kufakwaro, 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 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.*

## Tuesday 13 December

In Sweden, Denmark, Norway, and Finland, Lucy is venerated in a ceremony in which a girl is elected to portray Lucia. Wearing a white gown with a red sash and a crown of candles on her head, she walks at the head of a procession of women, each holding a candle. The candles symbolize the fire that refused to take St. Lucia's life when she was sentenced to be burned. The women sing a Lucia song describing the light with which Lucia overcomes the darkness while entering the room, to the melody of the traditional Neapolitan song Santa Lucia; After finishing this song, the procession sings Christmas carols or more songs about Lucia.



## *MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS*

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

Sat	10	5.30pm	The Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday	Ints Kathleen Connolly	OR
Sun	11	9.00am St Pius X		Pat Gleadell RIP	CB
		10.30am St Pius X			
		10.30am		The People of the Parish	
Mon	12	7.30pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe	John Connaghan RIP	CB
Tues	13	9.20am	S Lucy, V, M	James Kelly RIP	
Weds	14	9.20am	S John of the Cross, Pr, D	Thomas Poole RIP	GD
		8.00pm	Carols round the Crib		
Thurs	15	10.00am St Pius X		Michael Woolcott RIP	M W
Fri	16	9.30am St Pius X	Ordinariate Mass		
Sat	17	9.30am			
		5.30pm		The People of the Parish	
Sun	18	9.00am St Pius X	The Fourth Sunday of Advent	Mattie Cahill RIP	RC
		10.30am St Pius X			
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