

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's gospel Jesus goes to the synagogue and teaches there. After the scribe's catechesis on the Law, Jesus no doubt reads a prophetic text and gives the homily as he did at Nazareth. He provokes wonder and astonishment in his hearers. Unlike the scribes, who were anxious to explain the letter of the Law on the basis of commentaries received from their masters, Jesus speaks from his own authority. He confirms that authority when he heals the man with an unclean spirit. That healing gives rise to the question, "Who is this man?" Many are uneasy with such healing miracles. Like the people in Capernaum, we must confront the same question, "Who is this man?"

With every blessing for the coming week

Fr Gerry



St Teresa's church is being redecorated!

We still have a little while to wait for the plaster to dry out before painting can begin. In the meantime normal services will continue. The work will be costing about £1500 and we have already had generous donations amounting to over £1000. There will be a second collection after Mass for the next few Sundays to raise the balance and pay for the painting. Please be a generous as you can to help brighten up our church building.



The first GAL's (Girls & Ladies) meeting of 2012 takes place on Monday 6th February 7.30 - 9.30 pm in the Parish Centre at St Teresa's. This month's talk

is "New York, New York" - speaker Ann Hardy will take us around Manhattan with tea at the Plaza, shopping at Macy's and memories of the first immigrants to land at Ellis Island. Members £1, non-members £2 - warm welcome guaranteed!!! For further information please ring Sally 541880 (after 6pm please) or Tracey 202267.

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.



COFFEE, TEA & THEE

2.00pm - 3.15pm. Come and offer your prayers to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and have a cuppa with friends old and new! All very welcome.



RCIA continues on Tuesday 31st January in St Teresa's Narthex. We will be continuing to think about prayer. The Catechism tells us that "the prayer of the People of God flourishes in the shadow of God's dwelling

place." This session will help us with some of the *practical* aspects of prayer - how to pray, when to pray, where to pray, what to pray, what to expect, what not to expect. I was very surprised and pleased to note that so many of you have flourishing prayer lives that only 6 people came to the last session. Everyone is very warmly welcome.



Thursday 2nd
February 7.30pm
Cathedral Conference
Centre, Brentwood.

The Personal Ordinate of Our Lady of Walsingham

The Rt Rev Mgr Keith
Newton will speak on
the purpose and

structure of the Ordinate. A suggested donation of £5 per person. For advance booking, please contact the Adult RE Office on 01277 265255 or email are&fm@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Prayer and
Tea at St
Teresa's
Thursdays
in term
time

OFFERTORY GIVING

1ST COLLECTION FOR 15TH JAN WAS
£929.85

THE 1ST COLLECTION FOR 22ND JANU-
ARY WAS £1026.24

OUR PARISH COSTS £1620 PER WEEK
TO RUN. UNFORTUNATELY THE
SHORTFALL IS NOT MADE UP BY THE
DIOCESE OR THE GOVERNMENT.

THE COLLECTION FOR PAX CHRISTI
WAS £212

DONATIONS FOR CHURCH PLASTERING
SO FAR £1547.29

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY.



**ST. THOMAS MORE
OLD BOYS' ANNUAL
DINNER** - Saturday
4th February - 7:30pm
for 8pm. All old boys
and masters
welcome, whether

members or not, to our traditional fare, 5 star, five-course cuisine in the school canteen, £20 for members - £25 for non-members - Wines and beers available to purchase on the evening. Catch up with old chums; enjoy convivial company and OLD BOY GUEST SPEAKER, David O'Ryan's experiences of an around the world yacht race. Tickets for the dinner available from the Membership Secretary, Liam Rand, liam.rand@btopenworld.com - cheques payable to: St. Thomas More Old Boys' Association and posted to 19 Chelsea Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. SS1 2YL - phone to book and pay on the night 07952

954833. (Smart dress, Old Boys' tie if possible) THE ASSOCIATION is actively seeking new members. The £10 annual membership fee is spent helping our old school maintain those traditional values and standards we all enjoyed as well as helping to purchase those little extras that make all the difference to the students, particularly during these difficult times - along with social events, including a Memorial Mass and buffet dinner (free of charge to members and their partners), a golf day, among other events throughout the year. Annual membership enquiries phone Liam Rand - 07952 954833 or e-mail: liam.rand@btopenworld.com.



The local Cross group are holding a Pampering Evening on Friday Feb 17th 7.15-10.30pm at St Peter's Eastwood

to raise funds to take very sick pilgrims to Lourdes on the Jumbulance. For further information please contact Sheila Hussey 01268 780668 £1 only entry.



Join Team CAFOD and help us celebrate 50

years of helping others . We are aiming for 50 people from across the diocese to take part in the 120ft abseil down Harlow Water Tower on Sunday 6th May and also for 50 riders to take part in the Lee Valley Bike Ride (10 mile family ride or longer 19 mile ride) on Saturday 27th May. (Abseilers must be over 16 years, no upper age limit!) For more details email brentwood@cafod.org.uk or telephone 020 8502 9722.



OASIS OF PEACE MARIAN PRAYER DAY

On Saturday February 11th 2012 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 11, Church Hill, Epping, Essex, CM16 4RA, from 10.30

a.m. to 4 p.m. Includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Talk and discussion. Please bring packed lunch - drinks provided. More information from Susan on 01992 575017 or marys_nook@talktalk.net.



The Annual Diocesan Catholic Fellowship Mass, for people with special needs and their Carers, is at

the Cathedral on 12th February at 3.00pm. We encourage any families with special needs to come and join us and of course anyone who wishes to come along is very welcome. Refreshments afterwards in the Cathedral Hall

Notices



The Parish Safeguarding Officer for Children & Vulnerable Adults is Mr Richard Grimes. Tel: 07799

677600.



Don't forget we are still collecting foreign coins and notes, The jar for your contributions is at the back of church.

Babysitting



Father Gerry's daughter, Jemima Drummond available for babysitting. For further information please call 07957

330489.



Rome by air: 4 Nights, 28th May - 1 June. £465** which

includes 4 nights at Palazzola (www.palazzola.it). For more information about the excursions, papal audience etc, please contact Mrs Siobhan Frecker, Parker Travel Ltd, parker-travel@hotmail.com or 07932 634589. Please note this does not include the cost of the flight as the prices of flights are very variable. Flights will be charged separately and will be charged according to the best price at the time of receipt of a deposit. ** subject to a minimum group size of 30.

CATHOLIC PARLIAMENTARY AND PUBLIC POLICY INTERNSHIPS



For the last nine years the Catholics Bishops Conference has

organised Parliamentary and Public Policy Internships for recently graduated Catholics. This year we are looking to offer 8 internships: Five interns will be placed with Christian MPs at Westminster; two in Public Policy with CAFOD and CARITAS

Social Action Network; and one in a media internship at Archbishop's House Westminster. All internships will run from September 2012 - July 2013 and include accommodation and subsistence allowances. Full details and an application form can be found on our website: <http://www.catholicnews.org.uk/interns> Completed application forms must either be emailed to interns@cbcew.org.uk or posted to: Michaela Kelly, Head of HR, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX. The closing date is 5pm on 29th February 2012 and Assessment days will be 28th and 29th March 2012. If you know anyone who may be interested in this opportunity, please encourage them to apply.

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



Meets next Saturday!

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	07939 418 288
Pat Doman	07930 753 342
Ann Marie King	01702 200784
Paddy Lester	01702 203773



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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SUNDAY: The Sick: Derek Steward, Fr Andrew Dorricott, Florence Rolt, Sean Walsingham, Ellen Gander, 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: Fr Conrad Smith, Philomma Antony, Christopher Carr, Sarah Knight. Audrey Northfield, Siobhan Taylor, Mary Stacey, David Squires, Ellie-Mae Robinson. Those who live in Belchamps Way, Claybank Avenue, Graysons Close, and Lambourne Hall Road.

TUESDAY: The Sick: Katie Honeyands, Edward Cunado, Betty Allen, Dee Fage, Vicky Fage, Joseph Merceica, Lisa Hughes, Constance Longman. The people of Emmanuel Hockley & St. Mary's Ashingdon, and Revd Peter Howard Smith their minister.

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: Cepta Howard, Terry Alexander, Alex Brennan, Joanne Lloyd, Gail Airey, John Quinn, Joyce Hall, Len Smith, Mary Plews, Dexter Jackson, James Robinson, Sianne Robinson, Claire Dean, Samantha Robinson. Those selecting the new Bishop of Brentwood.

FRIDAY: The Departed: Fr John Meehan, Christina Bolger, Reg Smith, Mary Paton, Fred Bowles, Reg Gray, Elizabeth Percival, John Vaesen, Barry O'Mahony, and the Holy Souls who have none to pray for them.

SATURDAY: The Sick: Alan Gunn, Aaron Hobbs (wounded in combat), Anthony 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 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,

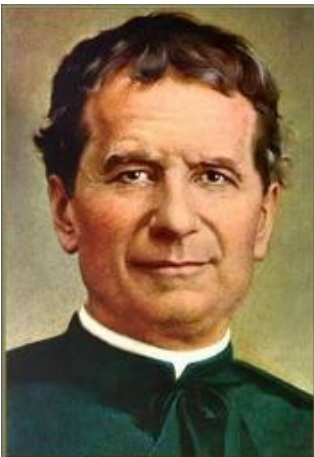
That we may serve you And bring others to your light,

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Sat	28	5.30pm	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Fr John King RIP	PAC T
Sun	29	9.00am St Pius X		Ints Pat & Mary Rickard	
		10.30am St Pius X		Ordinarate	
		10.30am		Lynden Ricketts RIP	ER
Mon	30	7.30pm		Fr John Meehan RIP	PAC T
Tues	31	9.20am	S John Bosco, Pr		
Weds	1	9.20am			
Thurs	2	10.00am St Pius X	Presentation of the Lord		
Fri	3	9.30am St Pius X	St Blaize, B, M		
Sat	4	9.30am			
		5.30pm	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	The People of the Parish	
Sun	5	9.00am St Pius X			
		10.30am			



St John Bosco is remembered as a man who dedicated his life to the service of abandoned young people. Over 150 years ago he challenged the way young people were treated in the desperate poverty that existed at that time in the city of Turin, Italy. He was driven by first-hand experience of the effects of dreadful poverty and hunger on the young people he came across, he was determined to change their condition. Others were inspired to follow him in responding to the needs of the young. John Bosco created an order in the Catholic Church, called the Salesians.