

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

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, a leper approaches Jesus and kneels down. Kneeling down is a sign of humility, and this is why we kneel during the consecration prayers at Mass. At the time when Jesus is physically present upon the altar, we greet him with our humility. We greet him with our willingness to submit to him. That's why kneeling is such a significant gesture in the liturgy. Then the leper speaks. He says, "Lord, if you will it, you can cure me." He doesn't say, "Cure me, Lord." or "Please, Lord, give me what I want." He surrenders control to Jesus. "If YOU will it, Lord..." That shows deep trust and faith. So Jesus touches this leper because he displays the two things necessary to be touched by the Lord; humility and faith.

The Lord touches us every day in the Eucharist, so what do WE say to the Lord before and after he touches us? We should always pray, as we're coming forward in the communion line to receive, and after we return to our pew. It doesn't have to be long, or elaborate but our prayers should be humble and full of faith: "Lord Jesus, have pity on me a sinner." "Jesus, I love you. I give my life to you." "Lord Jesus, show me my sins, and give me the grace to repent of them."

Pray with me today, my brothers and sisters, that all of us, you and I, and all the members of the Catholic Church, may realize more deeply, who they are touching when they receive communion, and more importantly, who is touching them.

With every blessing for the coming week

Fr Gerry



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.



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.

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



The local Across 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.



Also: **Saturday 18th Feb from 08.30 - 15.00:** the Jumbo Ambulance will be in Southend-on-Sea on its annual goodwill

visit to the area. Please come along and see us at **Waitrose Supermarket**, Fossetts Way, Eastern Avenue Southend-on-Sea SS2 4DQ. If anyone wishes to contact Sheila Hussey to find out more about the local ACROSS group, please ring 01268 780668. Or go to their web site: www.across-uk.org. Fr Gerry will be chaplain to the local ACROSS pilgrimage at the end of May. Why not come along and see what it's all about?



Coffee Morning at St Pius X 10am.

Come and have a coffee break during your Saturday shop, and support the Parish at the same time. A joint venture with the Ordinariate; the proceeds will go towards the renovation of St Pius X. Cakes etc very welcome!

OFFERTORY GIVING

THE 1ST COLLECTION FOR 5TH FEB WAS £805.11

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

DONATIONS FOR ST TERESA'S CHURCH REDECORATING SO FAR £1753.60. ONLY £246.40 TO GO!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.



Monthly Mass at University of Essex / SEC

An informal lunchtime Mass is being celebrated at the University

of Essex monthly during term time. Students and staff at the University and at South Essex College are welcome to join us. The next Mass will be on Monday 20th February at 12.30pm in the Campus Chaplaincy office on the second floor of the University building on Elmer Approach.



RCIA continues on Tuesday 21st February in St Teresa's Narthex. Please come and support our RCIA candidates with your presence and

experience of our Catholic faith. 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?

COFFEE, TEA & THREE 

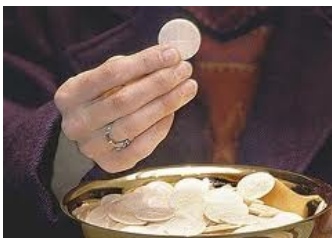
Prayer and Tea at St Teresa's Thursdays in term time

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.



A DAY'S RETREAT WITH MARY looking at her fiat, yes to God, and its implications in our lives. Led

by Tony Hickey on Saturday 25th February. Please bring packed lunch, tea and coffee available all day. Donation can be made on the day. For further information visit www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373848.



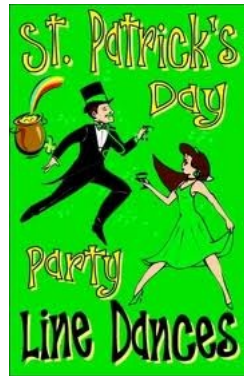
Eucharistic Ministers' Meeting Monday 27th February 7.30pm

Mass followed by a short- 30mins or so meeting. This is a very important meeting so if you are a Eucharistic Minister please make every effort to attend.



Bishop Thomas is making a visitation of the Parish on the weekend of 3rd & 4th March. He will confirm our 13 Candidates at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 4th March.

Please keep them all in your prayers.



St Patrick's Dance Saturday 10th March 8pm - midnight St Teresa's Parish Centre. Licenced Bar, traditional music by Tailor's Twist; Guest appearance by the **WORLD CHAMPION Irish Dancer, Cecily Charlton**,

accompanied by the McGahan-Lee dancers, British champions and Southern England regional Champions. This is a once in a lifetime deal! Book early to avoid disappointment! Tickets £10 Adult £4 Child, £25 Family of 4. Entrance by advance ticket ONLY.

CAFOD Join Team CAFOD and just one world 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.

Notices



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

Tel: 07799 677600.



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.



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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 418 283
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Ann Marie King	01702 200784
Paddy Lester	01702 203773

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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, 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 Betts Lane, Clayswell Court, Green Way and Lark Hill Road, Canewdon.

TUESDAY: The Sick: Katie Honeyands, Edward Cunado, Betty Allen, Dee Fage, Vicky Fage, Joseph Merceica, Lisa Hughes, Constance Longman. The people of St. Thomas of Canterbury Hullbridge CofE, and Rev Harvey read 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: Felicity Rowe, Cepta Howard, Terry Alexander, 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: Alex Brennan, Sean Walsingham, Violet Bell, Gillian Byford, Jaques Kuchly, Ernest Maskell, Martin Barry, Siobhan Phillips, Jim Wise, 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	11	5.30pm	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Matty Cahill RIP	RC
Sun	12	9.00am St Pius X		The People of the Parish	
		10.30am St Pius X		Ordinariate	
		10.30am		Charles Andrews RIP	LF
Mon	13	7.30pm		Henry & Elizabeth Elms	FM
Tues	14	9.20am	Ss Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop		
Weds	15	9.20am			
Thurs	16	10.00am St Pius X		Deceased relatives & friends of Anthony & Josephine Micallef	AM
Fri	17	9.30am St Pius X		Ordinariate	
Sat	18	9.30am			
		5.30pm			
Sun	19	9.00am St Pius X	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time		
		10.30am St Pius X		Ordinariate	
		10.30am		The People of the Parish	



Valentinus was a Roman priest martyred during the reign of Claudius the Goth [Claudius II]. Since he was caught marrying Christian couples and aiding any Christians who were being persecuted under Emperor Claudius in Rome [when helping them was considered a crime], Valentinus was arrested and imprisoned. Claudius took a liking to this prisoner -- until Valentinus made a strategic error: he tried to convert the Emperor -- whereupon this priest was condemned to death. He was beaten with clubs and stoned; when that didn't do it, he was beheaded outside the Flaminian Gate [circa 269].