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

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ashes, made by burning palms blessed the previous Palm Sunday, symbolize the transience of our earthly lives. The body must fall temporarily into dust. This fact should serve as a challenge to spiritual accomplishments. Through grace we were "buried" in Christ in Baptism that we may rise with him and "live unto God." We explain ashes with the idea of seed . "They are not a sign of death," Fr. Merton says, "but a promise of life."

Ashes are a sacramental. Their reception with humility is a sign of penance. We wear them publicly to acknowledge our need to atone for our sins. "God desires not the death of the sinner." He is moved by our humility and comes to us in mercy.

I pray that this coming Lent may bring you a renewed spirit of humility and blessings in abundance

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.

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?

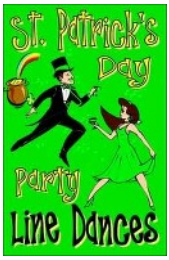
Prayer and Tea at St Teresa's Thursdays in term time 2.00pm - 3.15pm. Come and offer your prayers to Our Lord in the Blessed

Sacrament, and have a cuppa with friends old and new! All very welcome.

A DAY'S RETREAT WITH MARY looking at her fiat, her 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 your 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 dissapointment! Tickets £10 Adult £4 Child, £25 Family of 4. Entrance by advance ticket ONLY.

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.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

CAFOD just one world

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.

Notices

The Parish Safeguarding Officer for Children & Vulnerable Adults is Mr Richard Grimes. Tel: 07799 677600.

The Faith Store

3, Roche Close, Rochford (opposite the Co op)
OPEN MONDAY - SATURDAY10 til 4
_ ırish 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

We are still collecting foreign coins and notes,The jar for your contributions is at the back of church.

Father Gerry's daughter, Jemima Drummond available for babysitting. For further information please call 07957 330489.

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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.' Mathew 5:4

If you would like further information call:

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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	18	5.30pm	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Birthday Ints Sr Joanna Tracey	
Sun	19	9.00am St Pius X			
		10.30am St Pius X		Ordinariate	
		10.30am		The People of the Parish	
Mon	20	7.30pm		Fr John Gordon RIP	FM
Tues	21	9.20am		Roseann Gibbs RIP	K& BG
Weds	22	9.20am	Ash Wednesday	Mimmie McGrath RIP	
		11.00am St Pius X		The People of the Parish	
Thurs	23	10.00am St Pius X		Ints Fr A Dorricott	AS
Fri	24	9.30am St Pius X			
Sat	25	9.30am			
		5.30pm	First Sunday of Lent	The People of the Parish	
Sun	26	9.00am St Pius X			
		10.30am St Pius X			
		10.30am		Charles Andrews RIP	

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 Birch Close, Rochford, Clements Gardens, Greenlands, and Larkfield Close.

Tuesday: The Sick: Katie Honeyands, Edward Cunado, Betty Allen, Dee Fage, Vicky Fage, Joseph Merceica, Lisa Hughes, Constance Longman. The people of Hockley and Rochford Methodist Churches, and Rev Brenda Gutberlet 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: Jim Wise, Joe Aigner, John Joseph Collins, Hazel Coman, Alan Churchley, Kathleen Mahon, Tam Soo Ping Cheng, Walter T Colvill, Reita Lincoln, Elsie O'Rorke, John Collins, John Kirwan, Christine Reilly, 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.