

A warm welcome to

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

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A very warm welcome to you all on the Second Sunday of Easter otherwise known as Low Sunday. The first reading today presents us with a rosy picture of life in the very early Church, with everyone getting along well and people living their faith filled lives in great generosity of spirit. The challenge for them and for us as well, is to continue to live that same generous and faith filled life. Fortunately, the Lord does not leave us orphans, but gives us the power of the Holy Spirit to help us.

What's On

The Legion of Mary meets each Monday at 5.30 pm in the Parish Centre - new members always welcome.

Baby & Toddler Group recommences at the beginning of the Summer Term on Wednesdays after the 9.20am Mass

Tuesdays at 1.30pm beginning on 21st in the Presbytery **RCIA in the Afternoon, finishing at 3pm.**

RCIA recommences on Wednesday 22nd April. Everyone is very welcome.

Legion of Mary The annual Edil Quinn Pilgrimage to Aylesford takes place on Saturday 9th May. A coach leaves Rayleigh at approximately 9.15 am and returns around 6.00 pm. For more information contact: Clare - 200353 or Olive - 540418

PARISH NEWS

A huge thank you to you all for your kindness, your cards, prayers, and very generous gifts this Easter. Sarah, the Girls and I are most grateful to you all, and we continue to hold you all very much in our thoughts and prayers.

With every blessing

Fr Gerry.

ST. TERESA'S & ST. PIUS CHARITY SHOP the Diocese has now agreed in principle to us having a shop next to Somerfield's in Rochford. We are currently in the process of organising this venture, but it cannot begin without volunteers. If you have a couple of hours a week or fortnight that you could spare or would like to find out more, please call Tracey on 202267. There is also more info in the Easter News from the Pews.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	18	5.30pm		The Second	The People of the Par-
Sun	19	9.00am	At S Pius X	Sunday of	Ints Ted Mahoney ^{AS}
		10.30am		Easter	
Mon	20	No Mass Today			
Tues	21	7.30pm			
Weds	22	9.20am			
Thurs	23	10.00am	At S Pius X	St George, Martyr, Patron of England	In Thanksgiving the Sylvester Family ^{AS}
Fri	24	9.20am		St Mellitus, Bishop	
Sat	25	9.30am		St Mark, Evangelist	
		5.30pm		The Third	The People of the Par-
Sun	26	9.00am	At S Pius X	Sunday of	Louisa Maria Beach ^{VB}
		10.30am		Easter	Mary Purcell RIP

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.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick: Antoinette Cane, Chris Bowler, Marilyn Friend, Cyril Hall, Marjorie Jay, Christopher Carr, Sarah Knight, Zita Killick, sie Thompson, Ciaran Freel, Angele DeCan, Ross Giza, David Ward, Oliver Kelly, Lucy Ann Francis, Paul Clarke, Maria McFairbairn, Fuller, Laura Munden, Harry Clark, Terry & Ken Copley, Dee Fage, Louise Knight, Ann Marie Barrett, Vicki Fage, Daphne Lamb, Moore, Tony Micallef, Maud Livett, and all Jackie Gravestock, Fr William Newton, Drummond & Helen Clapp, Chris Sheehan, Jim

Bourne, Shirley Kennenson, Siobhan Taylor, Gareth Lewis, Mark Reilly, Bartly Igoe, Sam Robinson, Dexter Govia, Amanda Walsh, Michael King, Elizabeth Reilly, Johanna Pack-er, Sylvia Carter, Linda Rowland, Sarah Flint,

The Departed: June Bishop, Nellie Reilly, Peter Cracknell, Ashley Gooding, Helen Roe, Ray Asciak, William O'Brien, Patrick Reilly, Michael Gormley, and all whose years' mind fall this week.

Hockley Area Action Plan. The District Council is working on an Action Plan for Hockley Town Centre. All six proposals appear to propose using the garden area at the side of St Pius X Church as a walk-through between Main Road and Spa Road. At the moment the Council are taking comments regarding the plans, which are available both on the District Council web site and elsewhere. Fr Gerry would be very interested in comments from parishioners. If any of these plans ever see the light of day, this could present us with an opportunity for providing facilities for the town and raising the Parish profile at the same time. So far no approach has been made to the Parish regarding the possibility of purchase or use of this land. Watch this space.

Consultation on the **London Southend Airport & Environs Joint Area Action Plan Preferred Options** has been extended until 15th May 2009. If you want to have a look at the plans for Southend Airport or have your say, a copy of the document, together with further information, can be downloaded from the following web page: <http://www.rochford.gov.uk/rdc/main.asp?page=1527&atoz=1>

Alternatively, copies can be viewed at Rochford District and Southend Borough Council Offices, public libraries within Rochford District and Southend Borough, and at Rayleigh Civic Suite.

Accommodation

Sheltered Accommodation for the Elderly (60+) Flat 26 St. Annes, St. Anne's Close (off Whitmore Way), Stifford Clays Grays Essex RM16 2AY A Double 1 Bedroom 1st floor flat with wet room. Newly Refurbished, Modern, Self Contained, Gas Central Heat-

ing. Passenger and stair lifts available. Warden and Careline assisted. CCTV and Secure entry systems. Communal gardens, laundry and lounge. Charity run. Within short walking distance from shops, health centre, buses and church. £136.33 per week inclusive of services and support charges. Contact Brentwood Branch (CWL) Housing Association Ltd on 01702 510523

Jobs

Holy Cross Catholic Primary School Daiglen Drive, South Ockendon, Essex RM15 5RP Tel: 01708 853000 **Headteacher** required Sept '09 Group 3 School ISR L18 - L24 Governors wish to appoint an enthusiastic practising catholic to lead, motivate and inspire our school community. For details please contact Mrs P Morris at the school office. Closing date 22 April'09

Events Manager, Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. If you have a heart for young people, the ability to put together faith based and social events for 11-18 year olds, and experience in running events for 150+ people, you could be the ideal candidate to be our next Events Manager. Vacancy from Sept 1st. Closing date for applications 23rd April. Full details on our website, www.bcys.net/jobs

1st Collection for 1st March was £1024.38 Our parish costs approximately £1620 each week to run. So far we have had donations of £255 towards the sound system for Hockley. Thank you all for your continued generosity.

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