

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

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

As we continue to celebrate the forty days of Lent, we do so in a spiritual wilderness, in a world that seems to have forgotten its need of God. Have we too forgotten our need of God? Let us not be blinded by the passing attractions of the world, let us come to Him once more in prayer. Evening Prayer and Benediction on Sunday Evenings at 5pm, Weekday Masses, Exposition on Thursdays, Stations of the Cross on Fridays; there are many opportunities to renew your commitment to the Loving Lord this Lent. For the love of God, don't miss out!

With every blessing for the coming week

Fr Gerry



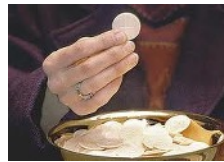
We welcome our Scout group to join us in our Mass at 10.30am Today. There will be a coffee morning afterwards in the Church Hall.



The Legion of Mary: working and praying for the Kingdom of God in our Parish. All welcome to the 5.00pm meeting on Mondays in the St Teresa's Church Narthex.



We send out three Catechumens to Brentwood Cathedral for the Rite of Election after the 10.30 Mass. **Please pray for Sadie Boslem, Matthew Carey & Trevor Edwards** as they prepare for the Easter Sacraments.



Eucharistic Ministers' Meeting Monday 27th February 7.30pm Mass followed by a short- 30 mins or so- meeting. This is a very important meeting so if you are a Eucharistic Minister please make every effort to attend.



5.00pm Sundays in Lent: Evening Prayer and Benediction at St Teresa's.

Come and offer praise and thanksgiving to God; spend some time in his loving presence; bring all your hopes, needs and fears to him.



RCIA continues on Tuesday 28th 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.

CAFOD just one world **CAFOD** Fast Day: **Lent** Friday 2nd

March A child under 5 dies every 20 seconds because of diarrhoea caused by dirty water - CAFOD invites us to help people living

without one of God's most precious resources - clean water. For this Lent only, **the Government will match £pound for £pound every donation given to CAFOD**, giving us the chance to help thousands more people gain access to water and other vital services. Your fast day envelopes will be available in church 25th and 26th February at all Masses. Please give as much as you can. Thank you.



March 2nd is National Doodle Day, which raises

money to support the work of Epilepsy Action, and this year, the Snelling family would like to invite you to come to our Doodle Day Tea Party at Sacred Heart Church Hall, Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea on Friday March 2nd from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. Come along, donate £1 to enter your doodle into the national competition, and you could win £250 worth of High Street shopping vouchers! There will be freshly baked cakes, teas and coffees and juice for children, all for a small donation. There will also be information leaflets about epilepsy, and details of the local support group that we already belong to. No need to pre-book, just turn up. Angela Snelling - 07963 204321.

OFFERTORY GIVING

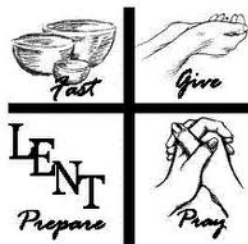
THE 1ST COLLECTION FOR 12TH FEB WAS £936.41

THE 1ST COLLECTION FOR 19TH FEB WAS £988.00

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

2ND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE WAS £42

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY.



Stations of the Cross Friday 2 March 7.30pm at St Pius X. Come and Pray the journey from Pilate's Palace to Calvary in Thanksgiving for

your faith and forgiveness. Fr Gerry will be available for Confession afterwards.



Bishop Thomas is making a visitation of the Parish on Sunday 4th March. He will celebrate the 9am Mass at St Pius X and confirm our Candidates at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 4th March.

Please keep them all in your prayers.



The next GALs (Girls And Ladies) meeting takes place on Monday 5th March 7.30 - 9.30pm in the Parish Centre. Speaker Lucy Martin

will tell us about her work with HARP - Homeless Action Research Project. **Please bring a donation of tinned or dried food** for Lucy to take with her to help in her valuable work with Southend's homeless. We look forward to seeing you there. For further information please ring Sally 541880 (after 6pm please) or Tracey 202267.

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.



SION COMMUNITY WEEKEND RETREAT

The Sion Community is organising a silent weekend retreat

from 6pm Friday 9th March to Sunday 11th March 2012. Theme: 'Contemplating the face of Christ'. The weekend is an opportunity to spend time away with the Lord through teachings, prayer & quiet. Cost: £95 residential, £65 non-residential. Book early as we have limited places. For more information, please call Allegra on 01277 215011 or e-mail allegra@sioncommunity.org.uk / admin@sioncommunity.org.uk



7 March at 7.30 pm
Brentwood Cathedral Lenten Lecture 2012 Fr Christopher Jamison OSB, writer, broadcaster

and former Abbot of Worth: The Real Big Brother: monks, religion and the media



14 March at 7.30 pm
Brentwood Cathedral Lenten Lecture Rev. Peter Judd, Dean of Chelmsford Cathedral: Huts or

Temples: The Church as a Sacred Space



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,**

21 March at 7.30 pm **Brentwood Cathedral Lenten Lecture** Fr James Mackay, assistant priest at Brentwood Cathedral: Male and Female he created them: a meditation on human relationships in God's plan of salvation



Spring Youth Gather 31st March Yr 7-9 A full day of team



sponsored 10,000ft freefall parachute jump, so why not take on the challenge of a lifetime and take a real 'Leap' this year by doing a sponsored skydive For further information contact Julie Abbott 01268 784544 /jabbott@childcareuk.org



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



Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel.

0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

building, outdoor activities, and an opportunity to meet new people. At Stubbers Outdoor Activity Centre in Upminster. The cost of the day is £20 and you will need to bring a packed lunch. Forms are available by calling 01277 265286.



Notices

The Parish Safeguarding Officer for Children &

Vulnerable Adults is Mr Richard Grimes. Tel: 07799 677600.

Babysitting



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

Childcare



BCCS Charity Skydive Saturday 30th June 2012 Headcorn, Kent. Imagine

the adrenaline rush as you leave the plane at 12,000ft, heading towards the earth at 120mph for 7,000ft of free fall, then the tranquillity as the parachute deploys and you gently descend back to terra firma. BCCS are looking for people to make a

*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.*

Catholic Deanery of Southend-on-Sea

EVENINGS OF RECOLLECTION FOR LENT 2012 at Nazareth House (London Road, Southend SS1 1PP)

Given by the four most recently ordained Priests of our Diocese:

Thursday 1st March

Fr James Mackay

Assistant Priest, Brentwood Cathedral

Thursday 8th March

Fr Daniel Kelly

Assistant Priest, St Mary, Mother of God Parish, Hornchurch

Thursday 15th March

Fr Mark Reilly

Assistant Priest, St Antony's Parish, Forest Gate

Thursday 22nd March

Fr Neil Brett

Assistant Priest, St James-the Less & St Helen Parish, Colchester

Each evening begins at 8.00pm and includes a talk/meditation followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Office of Night Prayer and Benediction.

Priests will be available for Confession each evening

There will also be refreshments afterwards in the hall with a bookstall.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Sat	25	5.30pm	First Sunday of Lent	Douglas Gullick RIP	MG
Sun	26	9.00am St Pius X		The People of the Parish	
		10.30am St Pius X			
		10.30am		Charles Andrews RIP	
Mon	27	7.30pm		Eileen Minnie Brooke	FM
Tues	28	9.20am		Liz McLachlan RIP	P O'C
Weds	29	9.20am		Fr John Gordon RIP	FM
Thurs	1	10.00am St Pius X	S David, Bishop		
Fri	2	9.30am St Pius X			
Sat	3	9.30am	Second Sunday of Lent	Ints Cepta Howard	OR
		5.30pm		The People of the Parish	
Sun	4	9.00am St Pius X			
		10.30am		Liz McLachlan RIP	BS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Orla O'Connell, James Georgier, Rebecca Dillon, Gabriella Prideaux, Cherie Holland, Jason Mulholland, Jake Kitchens, Emma Grob, Emily Martin, Rachel Boyle, Shauna Johnson, Anna Ginzler, Jolie Schisaro.

SUNDAY: The Sick: Fr Francis Coveney, 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 Blackthorn Road, Clements Hall Lane, Greensward Lane, and Lascelles Gardens.

TUESDAY: The Sick: Katie Honeyands, Edward Cunado, Betty Allen, Dee Fage, Vicky Fage, Joseph Merceica, Lisa Hughes, Constance Longman. The people of Hullbridge Free Church and Rev'd Brian Gibson their minister.

WEDNESDAY: The Sick: Ethan Adlum, 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 they 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: Eveline Cutler, Christine Prosser, recently departed; Linda Jordan, Paul Widera, Mabel Cook, John Glennie, Rita Gooding, James Kelly, James Reilly, Jeanette Spencer, Anne-Marie Tournour, 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.