The Parish of St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Rochford
& St Pius X Hockley
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PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER

WHEN fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will,
Starve, scourge, deride me I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools, for I also had my hour,
One far fierce hour and sweet,
There was a shout about my ears.
And palms before my feet.

The Donkey
GK Chesterton

The frank admission of his sorry state allows the donkey to speak of his moment of glory with dignity and true humility. We should draw the lesson from this that when we frankly acknowledge our own faults and failings we too shall be given our moment of glory: the everlasting glory of being members of the Body of Christ!

With very blessing for Holy week and Easter

Fr Gerry

5.00pm Sunday for the last time this 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.

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.

Easter Hamper & Egg Raffle. 50p a ticket. Draw on Easter Day.

Walk for Water with CAFOD this Lent - 2 ½ mile leisurely walk plus trail for children, around Hanningfield reservoir on Friday 13th April to show solidarity with the 783,000 people that don't have access to clean water and sanitation. Suggested £5 donation per adult, children free. Meet at the visitor centre (Hawkswood Road, Downham, Billericay, Essex CM11 1WT) from 1.30 pm for a 2pm start. No need to book, just turn up or phone the CAFOD Brentwood office on 020 8502 9722 with any queries.

The Sisters at Abbotswick invite you to visit there newly relaunched website www.walsinghamcommunity.org and to take advantage of the glorious spring weather to get to know the Diocesan House of Prayer. Next event: Sun 15th April 2012, Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions starting from 11am until 4pm. For further information call 01277 373959

The Campion School

Jubilee Mass for Former Students and Staff followed by 'Night of the Round Tables' Celebration Dinner. Governors, staff and pupils invite you to help us celebrate 50 years of The Campion School. In this our Golden Jubilee year we are hosting a celebration dinner to be held on Saturday, 21st April 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Main Hall. Mass will be celebrated at 6.30 pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fr Andrew Headon will be the main celebrant. If you are a former student of Campion or member of staff and would like tickets (£30 each) for this event please contact Mrs Noddings at the school (01708 452332 ext 223). I do hope you will be able to join us and that you will also tell anyone else you are in contact with who are 'friends of Campion' in order to make this a really special evening.'

OASIS OF PEACE MARIAN PRAYER DAY: On Saturday April 28th 2012 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 11, Church Hill, Epping, Essex, CM16 4RA, from 10.30 a.m. (with coffee) to 4 p.m. Led by Rev. Father Brian McGrath, OFM. Includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confession, Talks, testimonies and discussion. Please bring packed lunch – drinks provided

Race Night at St Thomas More Hall in Hadleigh on Sat 28th of April 7 for 7.30pm tickets are £8.00 each including fish n chip supper. We are also selling horses at £2.00 ea in aid of this years trip to Lourdes with Across please support us if you can Dianne n Terry Alexander on 01702 535751

Notices

The Benedict Guild raises money to pay for the fabric of the St Teresa's & St Pius X churches. Monthly Draw tickets can be had from John and Anita Frampton. There are 12 draws per year for £25 each, and at the beginning of December special extra draws of **£100** and **£50**. Tickets are £12 each and cover the whole year: that's £1 a month. Why not get extra tickets for friends and family? You've got to be in it to win it!

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

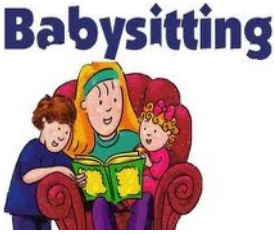
The Governors of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School in Stanford-le-Hope are seeking to appoint a KS Leader and a Class Teacher from September 2012. Practising Catholics or committed to supporting the strong Catholic ethos of the school .

Enthusiastic and inspirational teachers with a passion for engaging children in learning and high expectations of achievement and attainment. Informal visits are warmly welcomed and encouraged and can be arranged with the school office. Closing date noon Thursday 19th April 2012. Online application pack available and further details available on website www.stjosephsprimary.thurrock.sch.uk. Alternatively contact Mrs Jackson on 01375 672217, e-mail admin@stjosephsprimary.thurrock.sch.uk.

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

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SEMINAR -2012. AN INVITATION TO YOUNG CATHOLIC PEOPLE AGED 17 TO 22 YEARS. THEME. 'WHAT AM I ASKED TO DO WITH MY LIFE?' 10TH– 13TH JULY 2012. HINSLEY HALL LEEDS. Offered by the Knights of St Columba, Head Office: 75, Hillington Road South, Glasgow. G52 2AE. Details from Fr Gerry.

Have you filled the spare change tube recently?



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

International Eucharistic Congress: Dublin 10th -17th June 2012 an international gathering of the laity, religious and priests to promote the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Catholic Church, to improve our understanding and celebration of the liturgy and draw attention to the social dimension of the Eucharist. Apart from the daily Mass the Congress includes liturgical and cultural events, catechesis, testimonies and workshops. A Congress normally takes place every four years. The first Eucharistic Congress took place in Lille, France on 21st June 1881. Eighty years on people from around the world will be gathering in Dublin. 2012 marks the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Second Vatican Council, an important moment of renewal and deepening of the Church's teaching and understanding of herself as the Body of Christ and the People of God. The Eucharistic Congress in 2012 celebrates this important anniversary with the theme drawn from Lumen Gentium: "The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another" For more information: srnuala@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel: 01277 2652219.

Offertory Giving

The 1st collection for 25th March was £869.20

Our Parish costs £1620 per week to run. Unfortunately the short-fall is not made up by the Diocese or the government.

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

Be a Saint; what else is there?

Please Remember In Your Prayers

Sunday: The Sick Fr Francis Coveney, Derek Steward, Fr Andrew Dorricott, 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: Ann Whines, Colin Burwell, Fr Conrad Smith, Philomma Antony, Christopher Carr, Sarah Knight, Audrey Northfield, Siobhan Taylor, Mary Stacey, David Squires, Ellie-Mae Robinson. Those who live in Bradley Way, Cornwall Gardens, Hainault Avenue, Lever Lane Bramerton Road, Craven Close, Hamilton Gardens, and Pagglesham Road.

Tuesday: The Sick: Maureen Savage, Miriam Gardner, Katie Honeyands, Edward Cunado, Betty Allen, Dee Fage, Vicky Fage, Joseph Merceica, Lisa Hughes, Constance Longman. The people of Rockdene Christian Fellowship and John Stanton their pastor, and Rochford Congregational Church andRev David Saunders and Rev Andrew Leach their ministers.

Wednesday: The Sick: Ethan Adlum, 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: 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 Recently Departed;John Stuttle; those whose anniversaries fall this week: James Drew, Lilian Williams, Richard Prideaux, Keith Steward, John Tuohy, Royce Trinder, Sydney King, Ray Asciak, William Bailham, Mary Caunt, Nicholas Hartigan, Ashley Fort 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.

Mass Times and Intentions

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

Sat	31	5.30pm	Palm Sunday	The People of the Parish	
Sun	1	9.00am St Pius X		Paddy Scranney RIP	
		10.30am		Eileen Collins RIP	
Fig Monday	2	7.30pm		Fr John Gordon RIP	FM
		8.00pm	Ecumenical Stations of the Cross		
Temple Tuesday	3	9.30am			
Spy Wednesday	4	9.30am			
		7.30pm	Mass of Chrism at Brentwood Cathedral		
Maundy Thursday	5	8.00pm St Teresa	The Mass of the Lord's Supper	Fr John Gordon RIP	FM
		8.00pm St Pius X			
Good Friday	6	10.00am	Children's Stations of the Cross		
		3.00pm St Teresa	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion		
		3.00pm St Pius X			
Holy Saturday	7	10.00am	Morning Prayer and the return of the Creed and the Lords's Prayer		
		8.00pm St Teresa	The Easter Vigil and Mass of Easter Night		
		8.00pm St Pius X			
Easter Sunday	8	9.00am St Pius X	Easter Day		
		10.30am St Pius X			
		10.30am St Teresa		The People of the Parish	
Easter Monday	9	7.30pm			
Easter Tuesday	10	9.20am			
Easter Wednesday	11	9.20am			
Easter Thursday	12	10.00am St Pius X			
Easter Friday	13	9.30am St Pius X			
Easter Saturday	14	9.30am			
		5.30pm	Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	Cepta Howard RIP	OR
Divine Mercy Sunday	15	9.00am St Pius X		The People of the Parish	
		10.30am		Ashley Fort RIP	AMF