

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

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Happy New Year! Today we enter a new season of hope where we look forward to celebrating the birth of our Saviour and remember it as a dawning full of promise for the whole of creation.*

*The world may be in a bit of a mess but Advent is a time to express a deep yearning for God to fix things. Our faith guides us and tells us that God will always intervene.*

*Today let us light the first advent candle of hope. Let us be alert, be prepared for what lies ahead. Let us 'Love one another, and the whole human race, as much as I love you'*

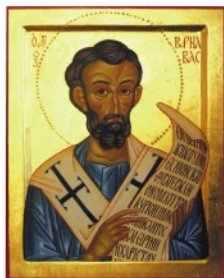
*By doing this we will live fuller, happier lives as we get closer to Jesus.*

*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 5.00pm meeting on Mondays in the St Teresa's Church Narthex



This weekend we have a second collection for the the St Barnabas Society. This provides huge support to our Parish Priest so please be as generous as you can so that this



help may continue. Thank You.

**The Nicholas Bishop** - In the Magnificat, Mary sings that the Lord casts down the mighty from their thrones and raises up the lowly. In recognition of this, churches and cathedrals throughout Europe have traditionally chosen a young person to replace the Bishop for a week.

We therefore welcome our Nicholas Bishop Louise Martin at our 10.30 family Mass.

Next week the Nicholas Bishop will preach the sermon.

First Holy Communion children will be meeting in the parish centre after Mass this Sunday. Parents are meeting in the Narthex to watch the next instalment of the beautiful "Catholicism" DVD



Next week there will be a second collection for the Promotion of Vocations. Please be as generous as

you can.

GAL'S CHRISTMAS PARTY  
is on  
MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER



7.30 - 9.30pm

at St. Teresa's Parish Centre  
Buffet, Quiz, Bingo & much, much more!

Bring your own bevvies ~ dig out your party frock



**Adult Religious Education & Formation for Ministry - Advent Talks**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7.30pm-9.30 pm

**Session One - Preparing the Way - The Prophetic Voice of John The Baptist.** The speaker is Rev Martin Boland, MA, STL

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm-9.30pm

**Session Two - Silence of the Soul - A Guide to Prayer of the Heart through images, words, music and scripture.** Facilitator - Sr Nuala Gannon, IBVM

Venue - Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. For booking and further information please call the Ministry Office on 01277 265255



**A Day With Mary - Saturday 8 December**

2012 St Cedd, High Road, Goodmayes, Ilford. Prayers will be offered for your intentions. All very welcome. Email: [dwm@adaywithmarg.org](mailto:dwm@adaywithmarg.org)

**ADVENT RETREATS**

**"I Have Done all These Things From my Youth" Fri 14th - Sun 16th Dec** An Advent Retreat for young adults aged 18 -35 who are asking questions regarding choice-making, the meaning of life etc. Led by Fr Seamus Mulholland OFM, a lecturer at the

Franciscan International Study Centre, Canterbury. For further details please call us on 01277 373848 or visit the events page of [www.free2become.org](http://www.free2become.org)

**Youth Retreat** -14th-16th December. 'Tell the World' Advent open retreat at Walsingham House for those in school years 7-9. A chance for you to enjoy a weekend retreat without the need to come with your school or Parish. £50 will cover the cost of the weekend including all your meals. Email [Jon@walsinghamhouse.org](mailto:Jon@walsinghamhouse.org) or phone 01268 515970 for an application form.

## Notices

**Carol Concert** - 8<sup>th</sup> December 2012 - Holy Trinity Church, Southchurch Boulevard, Southchurch at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 each (16 and unders FREE)

The concert comprises a wonderful selection of seasonal and popular classical music, together with a few favourite carols and festive readings. There will be mulled wine and mince pies before and after the concert.

**Legion of Mary Annual Reunion at St. Therese's Church, Laindon, Saturday 8th December. Mass at 11.30am followed by refreshments. All Legionaries and Auxiliary members welcome. For more information contact: Gerald 01702 207234**



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

## YEAR OF FAITH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY NOV/DEC 2012



**6<sup>th</sup> December 2012** - Please join us for the first of our

**Advent talks with speaker Dan Kelly who has kindly offered to share his knowledge and thoughts on Sacrosanctum Concilium. It will be a very thought provoking evening so please put this date in your diaries now. Refreshments will be provided.**



**11<sup>th</sup> Dec** - **Carol Service** - This is going to be a beautiful, candlelit service involving both

the parish and school and one not to be missed. The service begins at 7.30 and will be followed by refreshments. Put this date in your diary now as it is going to be very popular.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE FOR OUR ADULT CHOIR**

**Just a quick reminder to all those who attended the choir rehearsal last Tuesday. Our next practice takes place at 8pm on 4. December and I look forward to seeing you there.**

## **THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

### **Pilgrimage to Poland for the Year of Faith led by Fr. Gerry Drummond- St Teresa's Rochford. Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013 - 6 Days/5 Nights**

**Day 1 - Arrival in Krakow**

**Day 2 -** Guided visit to the **Bishop's Palace** in which the Holy Father Pope John Paul II gave sermons and heard confessions. There will also be a visit to **Wawel Cathedral** and a visit to the **New Basilica**.

**Day 3 -** Today we have a trip to Czestochowa, a town of special importance to John Paul II. Its focal point is the **Chapel of the Blessed Virgin** and its miraculous icon of the **Black Madonna, said to be painted by St Luke himself**.

**Day 4 - Krakow -** After breakfast excursion to **Auschwitz - Birkenau** . Witness here one of the most memorable lessons of modern European history. In the afternoon we will depart to Kalwaria **Zebrzowska**, a pilgrimage destination home to Bernardine Abbey, St Mary's Church and one of **Europe's oldest Ways of the Cross**.

The cost of this Pilgrimage is £625 per person (single room supp £130) based on half board and including all travel. If you are interested in joining this wonderful pilgrimage please see Fr Gerry for an application form.



**St Teresa's Primary School, Basildon.** We are looking for an experienced Senior Leader to support and develop the school,

which is in the process of converting to Academy status. Leadership scale L12-L18, with a relocation allowance subject to conditions. Start April or September 2013. For more details contact Carolyn Ataman at the school, 01268 553502, admin@st-teresasrc.essex.sch.uk. School visits warmly welcomed. Closing date 4th January 2013.

### **Our Lady Of Ransom School, Rayleigh**

Part-time Teacher KS2 2 days per week - Temporary contract for two terms until the end of the summer term 2013

Start date: Monday 7th January, 2013

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, highly motivated class teacher to work for two days per week with a Year 6 class. Candidates will be respectful of the Catholic ethos of our School and be able to demonstrate outstanding teaching practice.

All appointments will be subject to satisfactory references, medical clearance and CRB checks.

Please come to look around our lovely school and speak informally to our Head Teacher, Mr Parascandolo.

To make an appointment to visit the school or for further information please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on 01268-785741.

Closing date: 6th December, 2012

Interview date: 12th December, 2012

### **WANTED!**

Do any of our parishioners of long standing have photographs of Fr.Stanley Joynes, or Fr.Pat Taylor, please? Fr

Stewart Foster, the Diocesan Archivist, would like copies if possible. Please let Sharon at the Diocese if you have one that could be copied.



Do you play the organ or piano?

Music is an essential part of the Mass and is

an important part of the Liturgy of the Word. We desperately need

volunteers to play for us at 10.30 Mass. The more people that offer the less Sundays you will be required to play. Please pray about this request and see if it is what you are being called to do in your Church.

## INVITATION

**Fr Gerry & Sarah Drummond invite you to join them for a Hotpot Supper on 22-December 2012 at 7pm at the Presbytery.**



**The cost will be £5 per person and this includes a glass of wine each!**

**If you would like to join them for what will be a very festive occasion please advise them as soon as possible.**

**May hope and love fill your hearts this**



**Advent.**

## OFFERTORY GIVING

*THE 1ST COLLECTION FOR 11TH NOV WAS £1117.73*

*OUR PARISH STILL COSTS ABOUT £1600 PER WEEK TO RUN. UNFORTUNATELY THE SHORT-FALL IS NOT MADE UP BY THE DIOCESE OR THE GOVERNMENT.*

# MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Sat	1	5.30pm		Pro Populo	
Sun	2	9.00am St Pius X	First Sunday of Advent Year C	Keith, John, Doreen, Alfred & Lilian Steward RIP	T& TS
		10.30am		Wilf Hall & Fr Robert Mortimer -Anderson RIP	JH
Mon	3	7.30pm	St Francis Xavier, P		
Tues	4	9.20am		Ints John Walsh	
Weds	5	9.20am		John Colvill RIP	F&S vdV
Thurs	6	9.00am St Pius X		John Grant RIP	MG
Fri	7	No Mass Today	St Ambrose, Bp, D		
Sat	8	9.30am	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Ann Reiss RIP	
		5.30pm		Mary Murphy RIP	
Sun	9	9.00am St Pius X	Second Sunday of Advent Year C	Pro Populo	
		10.30am		John Colvill RIP	J vdV

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**DAILY: for the building up of the Faith in our Parish;**

**SUNDAY:** The Sick: Vicky Hunter, Sheila Burton, Alison Shepherd, Andrew Stevens, Sheila Clegg, Mary Smith, Del Williams, Joe Mullany, Derek Steward, Fr Andrew Dorricott, Mike Cross, Craig Perryman, . The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

**MONDAY:** The Sick: Nancy Isaac, Maria Santana Rodrigues, Philomma Antony, Emily Rose Gough, Christopher Carr, Sarah Knight, David Squires, Ellie-Mae Robinson. Those who live in Sudbury Close, Wedgewood Way, The Hylands and Wood End.

**TUESDAY:** The Sick: Margaret Lench, Ellen Gander, Maureen Savage, Edward Cunado, Betty Allen, Dee Fage, Vicky Fage, Joseph Merceica, Lisa Hughes, Elizabeth McManamon, Constance Longman. The people of Osizweni Parish in the diocese of Dundee, South Africa and their Priest Fr Tony Kazibwe.

**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, The Queen and her ministers, that the may govern us wisely.

**THURSDAY:** The Sick: Louise Knight, Ann Moore, Mark Reilly, Joanne Lloyd, Gail Airey, John Quinn, Joyce Hall, Len Smith, Dexter Jackson, James Robinson, Sianne Robinson, Samantha Robinson.

**FRIDAY:** The departed: John Colvill, Len Shrimplin, Maggie Caudy, Henry Paton, Naome Kufakwaro, Bob Hillier , George Lyus, Maria O'Redco, Harry Lench, Christina Tuohy, Alfred Brown, Edward Gough, Katie Bowler and all the Holy Souls who have none to pray for them.

**SATURDAY:** The Sick: Alan Gunn, Anthony Micallef, Ross Giza, Oliver Kelly, Drummond & Helen Clapp, Jim Bourne, Shirley Kennenson Gareth Gareth Lewis, Bartly Igoe, Dexter Govia. Ourselves and our own needs. The Pope.