

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

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*The first reading today is beautiful. It expresses great hope and expectation of a Saviour who will come from the east like the dawn. We are reminded that turning to God will conquer the negative things in our lives and that in his coming we will see the light of his glory, his mercy and his justice. This is the same message that John the Baptist is telling his followers.*

*John tells us that we must turn away from our sins. We must turn towards God asking his pardon and forgiveness. Have you thought about when you will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent? Unless we include this in our preparation we will not truly be ready for the coming of the Saviour this Christmas.*

*If you carry feelings of being wronged by others let them go. If you have fallen out with family or friends make peace with them. With peace inside of us we can really turn to God and prepare our hearts to receive him. 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

**The Nicholas Bishop** - This weekend we welcome back Louise Martin who was inaugurated

last week as our Nicholas Bishop to preach the sermon.



This weekend we welcome **Lauren & Matthew Gwyer** into the Family of God as they celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. Congratulations and welcome!

**This weekend there will be a second collection for the Promotion of Vocations. Please be as generous as you can.**



### **Adult Religious Education & Formation for Ministry - Advent Talk**

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

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7.30-9.30pm

**Session Three - The Annunciation to Mary - A Woman of Great Faith.** Speaker - Rev Mark Reilly, MA, PhD, STL

### **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 or phone 01268 515970 for an application form.

## **Notices**



**T h e  
Brentwood  
Catholic  
Children's  
Society  
provides an  
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**intervention service to children, young people and their families which enables them to address difficulties that may be impeding their educational, social and emotional development. Their Mission Statement enshrines the principle that assistance is provided to any child in need. A great deal of the work of the Society is done in our schools in Essex and East London. The finance comes from a mixture of sources but without the support of the Catholic community the vital work done by the Society for children in need could not continue. Please be as generous as you can. I have always said that such work and support is pure Gospel. "**



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



Ecumenical Meal at Antica Roma on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013 at 7.30 pm - A meal has been arranged with all

the other Churches in the area as part of Christian Unity Week. It would be great if a few from our parish could attend to enjoy what will be a lovely meal and a great start to the new year. The menu is £10 per head for two courses and if you would like to book a place please give Chris Challis a £5 deposit and let her know your choice of main course and starter as soon as possible. Looking forward to seeing you there .

## YEAR OF FAITH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY DEC/JAN



### 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.



### 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**



**Advent Talk -13<sup>th</sup> Dec at 8pm in the Narthex.** We are very fortunate to have Fr Adrian Graffy coming to speak to us about the Bible. He is a fantastic speaker and his

talk will be informative yet humorous too. This is the perfect opportunity to help you prepare for Advent during this Year of Faith.

**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 **Zebrzdowska**, 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.

**HEADTEACHER VACANCY: St Mary's Primary in Tilbury** are seeking a new Headteacher to start in April or September 2013. The closing date is 7th January, please contact the school for an application pack, we welcome informal visits, please contact Mrs Alison Bishop at the school to arrange to arrange a

visit. Tel: 01375843254  
admin@tilburystmarys.thurrock.sch.uk



Give Blood has recently launched a **100 thousand new donors in 100 days** campaign to encourage people to come forward to donate blood. Why not be one of these people and give an extra special present to someone this Christmas? There is never enough blood so this challenge is a very pressing one. Please call 0300 123 23 23 or visit [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk) Thank you very much.



**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<sup>nd</sup> 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.**



**Wyvern Community Transport** is a non-profit organisation which provides transport for all who need it in our region - mainly including, Rochford, Castle Point, Southend on Sea and many need to go to Basildon or parts of Chelmsford Borough - Wickford, S. Woodham Ferrers, etc. It is often called Dial-a-Ride or Community Transport and it can be used by people of any age, any ability, perhaps living where there is no public transport, with needs to go on any journey - doctor/hospital/dental/optical

appointments, social and church groups, visit friends, shopping, entertainment, school, college, etc.

If this service can be of any assistance to you please call the Rochford Scheme on 01268753513 or email [manager@wyvernct.co.uk](mailto:manager@wyvernct.co.uk)

*Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent!*



### OFFERTORY GIVING

*THE 1<sup>ST</sup> COLLECTION FOR 25<sup>TH</sup> NOV WAS £977.32*

*THE COLLECTION FOR THE BISHOPS RETIREMENT WAS £231.78*

*THE 1<sup>ST</sup> COLLECTION FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> DEC WAS £963.24.*

*THE 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION FOR NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY WAS £32*

*COLLECTION FOR ST BARNABAS SOCIETY WAS £223.82*

*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	8	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	
Mon	10	No Mass Today				
Tues	11	9.20am		Annie Riely RIP	B&J M	
Weds	12	9.20am		Julia Tracey RIP		
Thurs	13	9.00am St Pius X	St Lucy, V, M			
Fri	14	No Mass Today	St John of the Cross, Pr, D			
Sat	15	9.30am		Danny Leahy RIP		
		5.30pm	Third Sunday of Advent Year C	Douglas Gullick RIP	MG	
Sun	16	9.00am St Pius X				
		10.30am		Edith Smedley RIP	P&J C	

## 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 Sudeley Gardens, The Laxtons, and Woodland Close.

**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 Emmanuel Church & St Mary's Church and their Minister Revd Peter Howard Smith

**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: Doreen Cassidy, Alfred Brown, Edward Gough, Katie Bowler, Lillian Trinder, Mary Rolt, Frederick Caunt, Brian Harrison-Chinn, Tom Poole, Aaron Lewis, James McLoughlin, Elizabeth Maynard 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.