

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we enter the final Sunday of Advent our focus is on Mary as she prepares to give birth to her Son.

The words of the Gospel give us the second line of the Hail Mary “ Blessed are you among women and Blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus.” Down through the ages these words are echoed as the Church has prayed with Elizabeth her greeting because we too are filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit. As we prepare to greet the Christ child once more at Christmas , let us be more aware of the Christ hidden in those we meet and let us honour those who bear him.

With every blessing for the coming season.

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.

coffee and hot chocolate will be served too. Stay and enjoy some festive chat.

Christmas Offering



Just a little reminder that all the Christmas offerings go

INVITATION

Please join us for mulled wine and mince pies after 10.30 Mass this Sunday in the narthex. Tea ,



towards supporting Fr Gerry's very small annual income.



Mass for Priestly Vocations

Mass for Priestly Vocations 29th December is the Feast Day of St Thomas of Canterbury, Patron Saint of Priests and Deacons in England and Wales. To mark the occasion, as in previous years, there will be a special Mass for Priestly Vocations at 11.30am at Holy Trinity, 71 Wickhay, Basildon SS15 5AD. Fr Paul Keane will be preaching, and everyone is warmly welcome. If you are considering a vocation to the Priesthood, please contact Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, on frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org or 01268 281732. There is also a lot of information on the website www.brentwoodvocations.org

dedication on your Angel and place it on the tree. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you!



Pilgrimage to Santiago:
The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) is

planning a pilgrimage to the great shrine of St James, for those aged 18-30. The proposed date of the pilgrimage is 9th - 16th of September, 2013. If you are at a crucial point of life (going to university, gap year, new job, etc), seeking space for reflection, a challenge for the body and a spiritual renewal, then the Way of St James may be for you. Estimated costs for the pilgrimage are £650, and this includes flights and daily accommodation with breakfast and dinner. If you are interested, please contact Fr James Mackay via email: james_m79@hotmail.com

Notices



The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society provides an early

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. Without the support of the Catholic community the vital work done by the Society for children in need could not continue. There will be a crib collection to help raise vital funds and there are Angels at the back of Church for you to dedicate to a loved one. Please place your donation in the box, write your



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

YEAR OF FAITH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY DEC/JAN



Ecumenical Meal at Antica Roma on 23rd 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 .



Pilgrimage to Poland for the Year of Faith led by Fr. Gerry Drummond- St Teresa's Rochford. Monday 8th 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 **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



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Walking with Don Bosco - Patron Saint of Young People - The Pilgrimage of the Relics

of Don Bosco - Please join us for this special pilgrimage on 12th January at Westminster Cathedral. We shall be going up by train and plan to arrive just before 9. Mass will be celebrated at 2pm. If you would like more information please speak to Fr Gerry.

Fr Gerry would like to wish you all a very holy, happy and peaceful Christmas.

“ The Surprise”, a fascinating Catholic story spun around a travelling playwright who creates a set of puppets to perform one of his plays, is to be shown on EWTN. It is written by GK Chesterton, well know Catholic author. The play is 2 hours long and can be seen on Saturday 22nd December at 12.30am, Sunday 23rd at 9pm or Wednesday 26th at 3am. You can watch EWTN online at www.ewtn.co.uk or on sky 589. For Chesterton prayercards etc see;



Fr Gerry will be away from the afternoon of 26th December and will be back on Sunday 30th December 2012.

*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 Adams Glade, Briar Close, Derbydale and Harrogate Drive.

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 St Thomas of Caterbury, Hullbridge CofE and the successful appointment of a new Minister. Hockley and Rochford Methodist Churches and their Ministers Revd. Phillip Wary and Revd. Bryan Tolhurst.

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: Peter Sylvester, Frank Fenn,, William King, Jack Wilson, Ben Casey, Wiebe Loopstra, Rita Sangster, Jerzy & Halina Zylka Krzysiu, Toribia Ballestieros, Anne Bowler, Arthur Jones, Grace Scruby, Elizabeth Fort, Violet Purton, Nora Emm, Alf Emm, Caroline Buckley, Augustus Fort, Lawrance Sullivan, Olympia Coppola, Stanley Yeadell, George Cater, Lily Downs, Alberto Garcia, Michael Green, William Jones, Frank Percival, Pat Churchley, Jamie Holmes 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.

SHEPHERDS & ANGELS MASS

CHRISTMAS EVE

5.30PM

**This is a special Christmas Mass
for the children.**

**Do not forget to come dressed
up as
shepherds
& Angels!**



OFFERTORY GIVING

*THE 1ST COLLECTION FOR 9TH DEC
WAS £964.50*

*THE 2ND COLLECTION FOR ECCLE-
SIASTICAL EDUCATIONAL FUND
WAS £139.40*

*OUR PARISH STILL COSTS ABOUT
£1600 PER WEEK TO RUN. UNFORTU-
NATELY 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

		5.30pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C	Sr Bridget Harrigan RIP	
Sun	23	9.00am St Pius X		Pro Populo	
		10.30am		Matty Cahill RIP	GG
Mon	24	5.30pm	Angels & Shepherds Mass	Ints Mary-Jimmie Smith	OR
		11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Deceased members of the Reilly Family	OR
Tues	25	9.00am St Pius X	Christmas Day	Moira Conaghan RIP	CB
		10.30am			
Weds	26	9.20am	St Steven, the First Martyr	Ita Ryan & Cepta Howrd RIP	OR
Thurs	27	9.00am St Pius X	St John, Ap Ev		
Fri	28	No Mass Today	Holy Innocents		
Sat	29	9.30am			
		5.30pm	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	Pro Populo	
Sun	30	9.00am St Pius X			
		10.30am		Ints Fr Gerry	CC
Mon	31	7.30pm			
Tues	1	9.20am	Mary, Mother of God		
Weds	2	9.20am	St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen, Bpp, Rel		
Thurs	3	9.00am St Pius X			
Fri	4	No Mass Today			
Sat	5	9.30am			
		5.30pm	The Epiphany of the Lord	Pro Populo	
Sun	6	9.00am St Pius X			
		10.30am			