

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

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Jesus' baptism was a defining moment in his life and marked the beginning of his public ministry. We learn the true identity of Jesus. He was revealed by the Father as being divine as well as human.

Jesus goes into the waters of the world's sinfulness and emerges into the glory of the Father's acceptance. His ministry was effectively living the baptised life in union with God.

Our baptism should be a defining moment in our own lives. We too are cleansed from sin through sharing in Christ's death and resurrection and are chosen by God to share the Good News.

Today on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord let us reflect on our own baptism and its significance in our lives. Our task as Christians is to live the baptized life. We must welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit into our lives and imitate the teaching of Christ and his Church. Unless we reject sin and teach others by good example we cannot claim to be true disciples of Jesus.

Is the effect of your baptism symbolic or real?

With Every Blessing

Fr Gerry



This weekend is the White Flower Appeal for the Work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, **SPUC**. Please be as generous as you can.



First Holy Communion Children continue their preparation for this special Sacrament after 10.30 Mass.



This Sunday we welcome **Ruby & Phoebe Pittaway** into the family of God as they receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Congratulations and welcome.



Pax Christi Peace  
 Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January  
 2013. The Bishops of  
 England and Wales  
 invite us to make next

Sunday a day of prayer for world peace and to reflect on the theme Pope Benedict has chosen for the annual World Peace Day, taking up one of the Beatitudes : ‘Blessed are the Peacemakers’. There will be a second collection after Mass so please be as generous as you can.

**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.



Tuesdays and Wednesdays in term time: **Baby & Toddler Group** meets in the Parish Centre after the 9.20 Mass. Everyone very welcome.



Thursday 2.00-3.00pm **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.** Come and spend a while in adoration and contemplation.



Thursday 8.00pm in the Narthex. **RCIA** continues. Do come along and share your

faith with those preparing for the Easter Sacraments.

## Notices



**Coalition for Marriage Volunteers Meeting in Benfleet Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

**Venue:** Hollywood Function Rooms, 140 Shipwrights Drive, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex SS7 1RF

**Time :** 8pm-9pm (includes tea and coffee)

This brief meeting will provide an update on the Government’s same-sex marriage plans, as well as discussing how the CAM campaign can be taken forward locally. This is a public meeting for anyone concerned to protect marriage. Please make every effort to attend.



Come and See - Open Day and Exhibition at Nazareth House Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 11 am - 1pm/ 2pm - 4pm.

Refreshments available. All welcome.

**Vocations Discernment Group** - open to all aged 17 - 30, meeting in Brentwood on Friday 1st February. This is a flourishing group of young adults who are more deeply considering their vocation, particularly to Priesthood and the Religious Life. Being part of the group does not mean any commitment - it is a chance to hear interesting and varied vocation stories, along with others of similar age. The speaker for February is Sr Walburga, who recently made her first vows with the Benedictine Community in Minster, Kent. Come and hear

how a young woman of the 21st Century discerned joining a community with a tradition almost unchanged for well over 1000 years. The evening also includes a fish and chip supper, and time for prayer. For full information, contact the Vocations Director, [frdominic@brent](mailto:frdominic@brent)

Hilliard, PA to the Principal: e-mail [d..hilliard@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk](mailto:d..hilliard@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk); telephone 01206 516842. Applications will only be accepted on the college application form and should be addressed to the Principal.

Closing date: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013  
at noon



St Teresa's Parish Centre - As a parish we are very fortunate to have a parish centre which helps bring both our parish and the wider community together. However it does require a bit of care and help with the cleaning is desperately required. If you could spare just a couple of hours every month then please speak to Angie Pittaway on 07801260873 who will be drawing up a rota. Thank you!

**The Explore Experience**

([www.theexploreeperience.co.uk/](http://www.theexploreeperience.co.uk/)) is currently looking to employ a Local Development Officer in the Diocese to support the Explore Project. This post is part time - one day per week. Location negotiable. For full details, job description and how to apply, please contact Phil Butcher, [phil@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:phil@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or 01277 265252. Please tell your friends and family about this opportunity. Deadline for applications 31st January 2013



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



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**Year 4 Class Teacher - Full time Required for 15th April, 2013**

The Governing Body of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School is looking to appoint an outstanding, enthusiastic and highly-motivated class teacher to join our



St Benedict's College - Vice Principal required for Easter 2013 or earlier. For an application pack or to arrange an

informal visit, please contact Mrs Diane



**24<sup>th</sup> April 2013** - Question of Faith Evening. This will be your chance to come and listen to a panel of priests answer questions you may have relating to the Year of Faith. 8pm - 9.30pm . Refreshments will be provided. More information to follow.

*The Year of Faith is a great gift to us. As our faith grows so does our awareness of Gods love for us. As a parish let us continue on our journey in this year of faith bearing in our hearts the hope of finding all the joy there is in believing and of rediscovering the enthusiasm of communicating the truths of the faith to all.*

# FAITH



## Year of Faith Events

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2013** - Year of Faith Steering Group meeting at 8pm in the Narthex.



**28<sup>th</sup> January 2013**- Mass by candlelight. 7.30pm. A beautiful Mass and a chance for Fr Gerry to offer Mass for all your intentions.

**3<sup>rd</sup> February 2013** - Year of Faith Youth Group - Youth Mass. This is being organised by the Youth of our parish and will be the first of many events.

You are all very welcome.



**Lent** - Beautiful DVD series on the Saints. More information to follow.

## OFFERTORY GIVING

*THE 1ST COLLECTION FOR 16TH DEC WAS £1028.78*

*THE 1ST COLLECTION FOR 23<sup>RD</sup> DEC WAS £899.55.*

*THE 1<sup>ST</sup> COLLECTION FOR 30<sup>TH</sup> DEC WAS £919.68*

*THE COLLECTION FOR ANGELS ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE WAS £63.73. . THIS IS FOR BCCS.*

*COLLECTION FOR BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDRENS SOCIETY WAS £171.81*

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

# THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*Sh-h-h-h, if you are going to talk in My house, please talk to Me. I am in the tabernacle. I am the Blessed Sacrament, tell me All Your problems, and between us we CAN solve them all. Please don't Distract anyone else from talking To Me in My house.*

*Thank you,*



*Your Saviour*

*The Blessed Sacrament Is The Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.*

# MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Sat	12	5.30pm	The Baptism of the Lord	Ints Sr Anna Treacy		
Sun	13	9.00am St Pius X		Pro Populo		
		10.30am				
Mon	14	7.30pm		Henry & Elizabeth Elms RIP		
Tues	15	9.20am		Rev John Gordon RIP		
Weds	16	9.20am		Eucharistic Service		
Thurs	17	9.00am St Pius X	Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity	For the unity of Christians		
Fri	18	No Mass Today				
Sat	19	9.30am		Elizabeth & Patrick Reilly RIP	OR	
		5.30pm	Second Sunday of the Year			
Sun	20	9.00am St Pius X				
		10.30am				

## FOR 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: Sarah-Jane Lovibond Jackson, Nancy Isaac, Philomma Antony, Emily Rose Gough, Christopher Carr, Sarah Knight, David Squires, Ellie-Mae Robinson. Those who live in Albert Close, Brickfields Way, Devon Gardens 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 Rochford Community Church and their Ministers David Clayton, Geoff Durham, Mike Ewers and Steve Liberty.

**WEDNESDAY:** The Sick: Ethan Adlum, Delia Cheek, William McArthur, Collette Hague, Margaret Hennessy, Sarah Fisher, Ciaran Freely, 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: Doris Boulter, Patrick Gibbons, Joseph Victor Nathan, Geoffrey Cook, Moira Lock, Elioizabeth Reilly, Mary Milne, Tim O'Driscoll, Yoyce Ryan,, Mary Moss, Family Trinder, Oliver King 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.