

A warm welcome to
THE PARISH OF ST TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS
ROCHFORD & ST PIUS X HOCKLEY

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The Ascension of the Lord. We celebrate today Christ's ascension to his eternal glory in heaven and express our Christian hope that where he, our Head, has gone before us, we will one day follow, to live for ever in the Kingdom of our Father. Fr Gerry is away this weekend and we welcome Fr Richard Rowe to celebrate the Masses with us.

What's On

Monday **The Legion of Mary** . Everyone is most welcome to the 5.30pm meeting in the Parish Centre - new members always welcome.

Exposition this month at St Pius X on Tuesday 26th May at 10.00am.

'The Sacraments as works of the Holy Spirit' A series of talks given by Priests, religious and the Laity at Nazareth House, London rd, Westcliff-on-sea, Essex from Tuesday 26th-Fri 29th May 2009. The evenings begin at 7.30pm with a book & CD's stall. The talks start at 8pm and will cover the Sacraments and the Sacramentals. The talks are followed by exposition and night prayer in the chapel, with refreshments to follow back in the hall. All welcome.

Friday May 29th "Share the Story", this is a chance to celebrate with our Gypsy and Traveller community and to find out more about their culture and their history and to dispel a few myths. Everyone is welcome to join us for this very special evening in the Cathedral Halls, Brentwood. For more information call CJSR on 01277 265290 or email cjsr@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Sunday 31 May 6.30pm
Ecumenical May Devotion to
Mary, Our Mother
at St Teresa's Rochford.
Evening Prayer and Benediction
Preacher: Fr Lee Bennett SSC
Vicar of S Mary South Benfleet

In the presence of the Image of
Our Lady of Walsingham
from
Ss Peter & Paul Anglican Church, Hockley
(By kind permission of
The Rev'd Jeffery Woolnough SSC)

G.A.Ls. (Girls & Ladies) The next meeting is on Monday, 1st June, will be a demonstration from body shop on their spa wisdom range - great for relaxation and

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	23	5.30pm	The Ascension	Anne Bowler RIP
Sun	24	9.00am At S Pius X	of	The People of the Parish
		10.30am	Our Lord Jesus Christ	Jim Bowles RIP TB
Mon	25		St Bede the Venerable, Priest & Teacher of the	No Mass Today
Tues	26	7.30pm	St Philip Neri, Priest	Eucharistic Service
Weds	27		St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	No Mass Today
Thurs	28	10.00am At S Pius X		Eucharistic Service
Fri	29			No Mass Today
Sat	30			No Mass This Morning
		5.30pm	The Feast	Ints Moira Lock 90th birthday TB
Sun	31	9.00am At S Pius X	of	The People of the Parish
		10.30am	Pentecost	Ints Peter & Michael Wilson TW

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Sick: Michael Autton, Antoinette Cane, aran Freel, Angele DeCan, Ann Francis, Chris Bowler, Christopher Carr, Sarah Paul Clarke, Maria McFairbairn, Ken Crop-Knight, Zita Killick, Ross Giza, David Ward, ley, Louise Knight, Ann Moore, Tony Michael Kelly, Lucy Fuller, Laura Munden, Harry Clark, Terry & Marie Barrett, Vicki & Dee Fage, Daphne Lamb, Jackie Gravestock, Fr William Newton, Drummond & Helen Clapp, Chris Sheehan, Jim Bourne, Shirley Kennenson, Siobhan Taylor, Gareth Lewis, Mark Reilly, Bartly Igoe, Sam Robinson, Dexter Govia, Amanda Walsh, Michael King, Elizabeth Reilly, Johanna Packer, Sylvia Carter, Linda Rowland, Sarah Flint, Marylin Friend, Marjorie Jay, Cassie Thompson, Ci-

The Departed: the recently departed, Jim Bowles, Ron Smith, Dennis Henaghan, James Aherne, Mary Hartnett, Debbie Johnson, Jean Vickery, Margaret Reilly, James Daly, Charlie Spiteri, Anna Segoone, Rosia Halsey, John Waskett, Jeanne Loughford, and all whose years' mind fall at this time.

please contact St Helen's 01702 342324 and they will be able to pass on a message.

Situations Vacant

I have received a letter from a Catholic lady in Clacton who is anxious that someone should keep an eye on her sister's



Who is this little fellow?

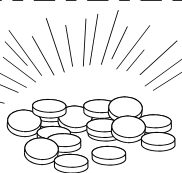
grave in Hall Road Lawn cemetery. If anyone could take on this task could you speak to Fr Gerry after Mass or drop him a line.

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/PAINTER /DECORATOR**
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**Altar Servers Rota
Next week: May 31st 10.30 Mass.**

**Stewart / Derek MC
Sophie Cross Bearer
Dean Thurifer & Boat
Emily & Victoria Candle Bearers
Rebecca & James Offertory**

**Offering
Total**



1st Collection for 17 May was £1004.94. 2nd Collection for World Communications raised £50. Our parish costs approximately £1620 each week to run. Thank you all for your continued generosity.

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.

pampering. We meet in St. Teresa's Parish Centre at 7.30 p.m. and we would especially welcome new faces so please feel free to come along. Maureen 01702 201688

Tuesdays at 1.30pm in the Presbytery **RCIA in the Afternoon, begins again after Half-Term.** finishes at 3pm. Come and learn more about the faith over a cup of tea and a biscuit!

Wednesday **Baby & Toddler Group** meets next on 3rd June after the half term after the 9.20am Mass. Everyone very welcome!

Wednesday **RCIA** meets next on 4th June after the half term at 8.00pm in the presbytery.

The **Parish AGM**, will be held over coffee after the 1.30am Mass on Sunday **June 28th**. There are two vacancies on the Parish Council which need to be filled. You will be expected to take on a real leadership role, if you feel that the Lord is calling you to serve the Church in this way. Please speak to Fr Gerry after Mass. Please make every effort to attend. The meeting should last no longer than 30 minutes.

ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE - A Marriage Encounter Weekend gives married couples time to look at their relationship. The weekend is spent listening to a series of presentations on various aspects of relationship. After each presentation some time is spent together as a couple, reflecting on what has been heard. It is a private weekend with no group discussions. The next Weekend to be held is at Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent, on 26th - 28th June 2009. If you are interested please call Caroline & Michael L'Estrange on 01277 841051 or go to

www.wwme.org.uk, through which you can also arrange a booking.

Advanced notice: Bishop Thomas will be making his Parish Visitation on Wednesday 8th July.

PARISH NEWS

ST. TERESA'S & ST. PIUS CHARITY SHOP ('The Faith Store') We still need more volunteers to offer a **regular** time to man the shop. No one will be left alone, and full training will be given, so this might be just the thing to get you out of bed in the morning! There are volunteer forms in the church porch for you to fill in and return to Tracey. If you have a few hours a week or fortnight that you could spare or would like to find out more, please call Tracey on 202267.

Val Hawes Commissioning

Many of you will know that Val Hawes has been preparing to be commissioned as a Pastoral Assistant over the last year at Brentwood Cathedral, and you will have seen her taking on a more active and visible role in the parish in preparation for this. The Bishop will be commissioning her at **7.30pm on Friday 10th July** at the Cathedral, and it would be excellent if we could be there to support her.

The Church Shop in Leigh will close for good on Saturday 6 June. We are moving to smaller premises at St Helen's church, Milton Road, Westcliff, and will be providing the same wide range of First Communion goods and Christmas goods which attract customers from far and wide. We shall be changing the phone number but you should be able to contact us on 01702 710409 or if you have any difficulties