

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

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PENTECOST

At Easter we were born anew as children of God. Like infants we sought our Mother's nourishing milk, the holy Eucharist: carefree and happy we grew up in our Father's house. As we became older, Mother Church warned us that the happy time of childhood would pass. She taught us that we were strangers and pilgrims on this earth, that we must suffer and be patient (the third Sunday after Easter). Now at Pentecost we have come of age. Confirmation, the sacrament of spiritual adulthood, follows the same pattern.

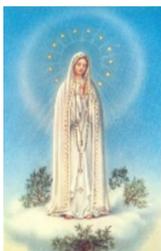
Already in the old dispensation, Israel observed a festival called Pentecost, or the Feast of Weeks. It was a day of thanksgiving for the wheat harvest and also the annual memorial to the promulgation of the Law on Mt. Sinai. The old foreshadowed the new, now we are observing the true harvest of souls.

Pentecost marks the actual founding of the Church. On the first Pentecost the Church began to expand. Today she stands before us, vigorous and youthful, ready to continue her earthly pilgrimage that will terminate only with the end of time.

Wishing you every blessing this 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. Please speak to either Fr Gerry or ring Gerald Miller on 01702 20723. The Legion of Mary will be leading the Rosary during the month of May after Mass at St Pius X . 5th May-2nd June.



they always allow God's power to work through them. Congratulations.



At our Pentecost Vigil Mass we welcome back many of our past candidates of Confirmation as they celebrate the anniversary of their own special day. Everyone is very welcome to join them for doughnuts and hot chocolate after Mass.

This weekend as we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost we offer our love and prayers to **Abigail Conyard** and **Vincent Graves** as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. May



Sion

Praise & Worship Evening at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on Pentecost Sunday 19th May 2013 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Everyone welcome.

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FIND A CURE.
JOIN US.

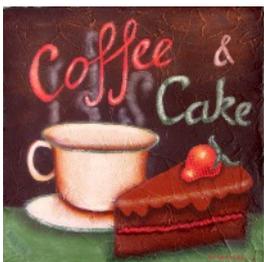
Hylands House Walk
 Sunday 9 June 2013,
 10am Join us on a 2-mile or 7-mile walk in the historical landscaped parkland of Hylands House on the outskirts of Chelsford and help us to improve life for everyone affected by Parkinson's. 0207 963 9367
Parkinsons.org.uk/east

The next meeting of the **Essex Recusant Society** (Brentwood Diocesan Historical Society) will take place at SS Peter and Paul, High Road, Ilford on 25th May 2013 at 2.30 pm. Dr. James Hagerty, author of a new and scholarly autobiography of the late Cardinal Heenan will be giving a talk entitled, 'John Carmel Heenan - The Brentwood Days'. The book will be launched at the event and signed copies will be available to buy."



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham - 25 May 2013. I hope many of you will go from your parishes.

The sisters at Abbotswick kindly are organising a coach from Brentwood. Suggested donation towards the travel cost £10. Departure 8am. For more details visit www.abbotswick.org or call Sr Gabriela 01277 - 373959



There will be a coffee Morning at **St Pius X** at 10 am on 22nd June. These are a lovely opportunity to meet other

parishioners and welcome the new. Please do support them if you can. Cakes always welcome too!



YOUNG PEOPLE'S SEMINAR - 2013. AN INVITATION TO YOUNG CATHOLIC PEOPLE AGED 16 TO 22 YEARS. THEME. 'LIVING MY LIFE IN FAITH'. 16TH- 19TH JULY 2013. HINSLEY HALL LEEDS info@hinsley-hall.co.uk

NOTICES



Why not get together with friends and join us for an exclusive Ladies Luncheon!

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society and HCPT

the Pilgrimage Trust, will be holding an exclusive 'ladies' only, luncheon at The Rayleigh Club, Rayleigh (formally Lords Golf & Country Club) on Wednesday 26th June 2013. Guests will be treated to a delicious two course luncheon with tea & coffee served in the luxurious surroundings of a private room over-looking the golf course at this exclusive club. Tickets cost £17.50 per person and with lunch being served at 12.30 there will still be plenty of time to collect the children from school if you need to! Places are limited to 80 so please book early in order to avoid disappointment.

Contact: Julie Abbott 01268 784544 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk



We are very fortunate to have The Parish Safeguarding Officer for Children & Vulnerable Adults is Mr Richard Grimes. Tel: 07799 67760

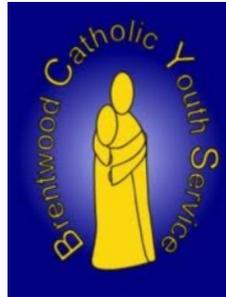


Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome. In September 2009 he became Rector of the Collegio Bellarmino in Rome, a large Jesuit Community for post-graduate students. He is the author of ten books on spirituality and fundamental theology



The Gift - a new BBC series. Would you like to participate in a BBC

programme that will help people try and make amends for something that they have done or express their gratitude to someone that has changed their life. Contact the production company via www.walltowall.co.uk/thegift.aspx; the deadline is end of May, 2013!



BCYS Vacancy - Diocesan Youth Director - The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service is looking to appoint a committed Catholic with management experience to lead

the Diocesan Youth Service. The role would be based in Brentwood but would require significant travel around the Diocese, in particular to Walsingham House, our Youth Retreat Centre in Canvey Island. Further details of the role and how to apply can be found at www.bcys.net/work-with-us. Closing date for applications is 10am on Wednesday 29th May.



.'What Hope for Faith?

For Catechists ~ Thursday 11 July 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.; Large Cathedral Hall . If any

Catechists are interested in attending please speak to Fr Gerry so that we can get an idea of numbers.

It would be helpful to us, for catering purposes, to have an indication of numbers by Thursday 4th July.



Pilgrimage to The Holy Land this

August 19th - 27th (8 nights half board) flying from London. Follow the footsteps of Christ praying for the healing of Humanity and in support of Christians living in The Holy Land. Price £1250" Please ring Keith or Jonathan on 01423 531 222 for full itinerary



YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

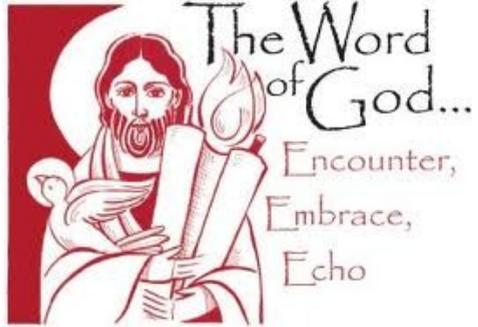
This week in the Year of Faith let us think about being ready to say we are sorry and to know that God is always ready to forgive.

guaranteed a very warm welcome and we hope that you will experience the Lord's love as you return to Church to become regular members of our congregation once again. if you are already a regular, please think about who you would like to join you. Invites will be available at the back of Church. A delicious shared buffet will be served afterwards so put the date in your

On the 2nd June at 4pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament . This is part of a worldwide



Holy hour for the Year of Faith. On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Holy Father will preside over a special Eucharistic adoration that will extend at the same time all over the world involving the cathedrals and parishes in each diocese. For one hour, the whole world will be united in prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please mark this special date in your diaries and lets fill the church and pray with Catholics all over the world.



diary!

Vatican II: The Legacy. A series of talks for the Year of Faith - Summer Series

Thursday Evenings, 7.30pm to 9pm, Cathedral House Conference Room

May 23rd The Four Pillars of Vatican II Mgr George Stokes, diocesan Director of Education, explores the four Constitutions of Vatican II: on the Church, Revelation, the Liturgy, and the Church in the Modern World.

May 30th Memories of Vatican II - Fr James Hawes, parish priest of Epping, was a student in Rome during Vatican II. He looks back at the Council and considers its legacy.

June 6th Ecumenism: an evaluation Rev Dr David Chapman is heavily involved in ecumenical dialogue on behalf of the Methodist Church. He asks what the ecu-

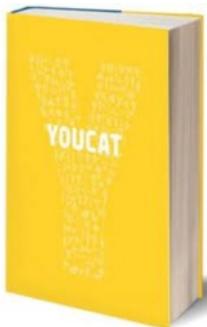


'Back to Church Mass - 9th June at 10.30 am - This Mass is especially for all those who have been absent from Mass for a while and would like to return. You will be

menism promoted by Vatican II has achieved.

Parish Library

Do not forget we have a great selection of books at the back of each church for you to borrow and read.



This is a fabulous read and guess what, it is not just for the youth!

. PRESBYTERY PARTY! Grand 50's Style Parish Party at the Presbytery 7th July. Come and enjoy some old fashioned fair games. enjoy a tasty lunch and an ice cream amongst friends. This will be a big fundraiser for the church so please put this date in your diaries. Plans are well underway and our next meeting to really get things moving will take place on Monday 3rd June at 8pm. We do need



more people on the day and a list will be going up in the porch for you all to sign up! It will be a brilliant day with some

fun nostalgic moments!



Please note Fr Gerry will be away on retreat from the 20th May - 24th May. This is a very delayed post-Easter break. Please see Mass times for details of services taking place next week. Thank you.



Offertory Giving

1st Collection for 5th May was £1021.17 £340 of which is gift aided

1st Collection for 28th April was £1002.49 £340 of which is gift aided

2nd Collection for Ecclesiastical Education Fund was £166.35

1st collection for 21st april was £931.34 £340 of which is gift aided

our Parish still costs about £1600 per week to run. Unfortunately the short-fall is not made up by the diocese or the government.

In every pew you will find a peach offertory envelope for you to gift aid your offering. Every penny truly helps the church!

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

Sat	18	5.30pm		Jim Bowles RIP	
Sun	19	9.00am St Pius X	Pentecost	Pro Populo	
		10.30am		Wilf Hall RIP	JH
Mon	20	No Mass Today			
Tues	21	9.20am		Eucharistic Service	
Weds	22	No Mass Today			
Thurs	23	9.00am St Pius X	St Bede the Venerable. Pr. D	Eucharistic Service	
Fri	24	No Mass Today			
Sat	25	11.00am	First Holy Communion		
		5.30pm			
Sun	26	9.00am St Pius X	The Most Holy Trinity	Pro Populo	
		10.30am		Ivan Van De Vyver RIP	

A very big thank you to those of you who regularly use the Parish Prayer list. You will have noticed that we have been praying for the same people for some time, and over this time we have unfortunately lost touch with their original intentions. If you wish these names to continue on the list, can you please let us know by email to rochford@dioceseofbrentwood.org

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Daily: for the building up of the Faith in our Parish..

Sunday: The Sick: Dodo Benson. Sheila Burton. Alison Shepherd. Andrew Stevens. Sheila Clegg. Mary Smith. Del Williams. Derek Steward. The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

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Tuesday: The Sick: Maureen Savage. Edward Cunado. Betty Allen. Joseph Merceica. Constance Longman. Paul Clarke. Ken Cropley. The people of Hockley and Rochford Methodist Church and their Ministers Revd. Pjillip Warrey and Brian Gibson

Wednesday: The Sick: Ethan Adlum. Delia Cheek. William McArthur. Margaret Hennessy. Sarah Fisher. Ciaran Freal. Angele De Can. Marjorie Jay.

Cassie Thompson. Michael King. The Queen and her ministers. that the may govern us wisely.

Thursday: The Sick: Chris Martin. Lisa Hughes. Elizabeth McManamon. Bert and Dorian Churcher. Louise Knight. Ann Moore. Mark Reilly. Joanne Lloyd. Gail Airey. Joyce Hall. Len Smith.

Friday: The departed: Fr Andrew Dorricott.. Jim Bowles. Ron Smith. James Aherne. Dennis Henaghan.. Mary Hartnett. Debbie Johnson. Margaret Reilly. Jean Vickery. James Daly and all the Holy Souls who have none to pray for them.

Saturday: The Sick: Alan Gunn. Alain Kennedy-Fern. Anthony Micallef. Ross Giza. Oliver Kelly. Drummond & Helen Clapp. Jim Bourne. Shirley Kennenson Gareth Lewis. Bartly Igoe. Dexter Govia. Ourselves and our own needs. Our Student Priests: Rick Fernandez. Simon Augustus-Payne and Paschal Uche. The Pope.