

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



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4th Sunday of Advent

Mary was a simple girl capable of such wonder which is what made her so extraordinary. God wants to be loved by us in our littleness and in our vulnerability. Over the Christmas period do not fret about all the things that need to be done to make the day 'perfect' but spend the time seeing things and people as Jesus sees them. This is true Christianity. Wishing you all a blessed and Happy Christmas.



With Every Blessing
Fr Gerry



As we gather to celebrate the Birth of our Saviour on Christmas Eve and

Christmas Day, may we give a gentle reminder that the collections at the Christmas Masses form a large part of the Parish Priest's income Please be generous and come prepared. Thank You

The Legion of Mary:The Legion of Mary is here to serve our parish beneath the standard of Our Lady's loving care. If you or a loved one would like a visit, there is a 'Legion of Mary Box' in the church porch, at

both St. Teresa's and St. Pius. Simply put name and phone number into the box and the Legion will contact you. We also meet every Monday at 5.00pm in the narthex. If this is

something you feel you would like to be part of then please do speak to Fr Gerry or to Gerald Miller after Mass. Why not join us at the next meeting? All very welcome.



Baptism - This weekend we welcome **Hero Cooper** into the family of God as he receives the Sacrament of Baptism. Congratulations!

RCIA - Please note meetings will resume on Monday 13th January at 8pm. I would like



to wish you all a very **H a p p y C h r i s t m a s** and look forward to continuing our journey in faith

together in the New Year.

like more information, please contact Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, 01268 281732 or frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org.

Valentine Gala Dinner - Why not treat that someone special in your life The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society invite you to join them for a fabulous evening at their Valentine's Gala Dinner, being held on Friday 14th February 2014, at Stockbrook Golf & Country Club, Billericay. With tickets

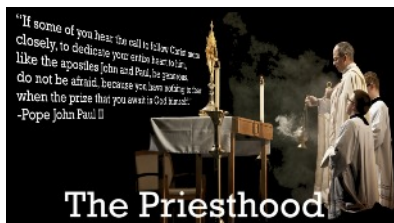


NOTICES



The Parish Safeguarding Officer for Children & Vulnerable Adults is Mel Packer who can be contacted on : 01702

547954 or offgood2001@yahoo.co.uk



11.30am Monday 30th December, Holy Trinity Church, 71 Wickhay, Basildon SS15 5AD. You are warmly invited to join seminarians from the Diocese, along with those considering Priesthood and the Religious Life, for a special Mass for Vocations. If you are discerning a vocation to Priesthood or Religious Life and would

M a s s f o r V o c a t i o n s ,

priced at £45 per person to include a drinks reception, fabulous gifts, dinner, dancing, live entertainment & much more, this is an event not to be missed! Places are limited and we would recommend you book early in order to secure your tickets.

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



Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to

one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website

www.catholicsingles.org.uk or email
info@catholicsingles.org.uk

Pilgrimages

2014-Lourdes by Air with St Helen's Parish. Please join us April 21 to 25 April. Full board. 4* Hotel. Very close to Sanctuaries. Price £520 includes flights and Hotel. Full spiritual programme led by Fr. Joseph Whisstock. Please telephone Sue on 07979 746707 for further details. £100 deposit secures place. Atol protected.



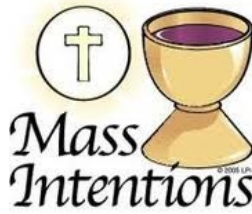
Lourdes - Summer 2014. The 25th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage runs from 26th to 31st

July 2014. From £618 by air with full board for six days, five nights, or from £418 by coach. This pilgrimage includes an experienced medical team and plenty of help for those with mobility needs. It is also ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends. There is a full programme to opt in and out of, and everyone is welcome. There are brochures at the back of the church, or visit www.brentwoodlourdes.org for much more information and to order a brochure.



Children's Liturgy - Children's Liturgy

will be taking a couple of weeks break over Christmas but I look forward to



seeing you all in the New Year. Happy Christmas to you all. Christine

Would you like a Mass said for a special intention? A Mass can be offered for the repose of the soul of someone who has died or can be offered for the sick or in thanksgiving. Simply place your offering in an envelope and hand to Fr Gerry.



If you are planning to get married in the Catholic Church next year I am pleased to

inform you that a number of dates have now been confirmed for Marriage preparation . The first three dates and venues for 2014 are:

Saturday 22nd Feb - St Georges Parish Centre, Walthamstow

Saturday 22nd March 2014 - Parish Hall, Brentwood

Sat 26th April - St George Parish Centre, Walthamstow For appointments please contact Lucy Williams on:02082271068 or E-Mail Lucy on MARRIAGECAREILFORD@HOTMAIL.COM

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Daily: for the building up of the Faith in our Parish:
For Peace in the Middle East.

Sunday: The Sick: Lily-Rose Robinson. Mary Stacey.
Margaret Spiers. Sheila Burton. Andrew Stevens.
Sheila Clegg. Mary Smith. Del Williams. Derek
Steward. The people of the Middle East and
especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

Monday: The Sick: Nancy Isaac. Adele Weatherley.
Lisa Hughes. Philomma Antony. Emily Rose Gough.
Christopher Carr. Sarah Knight. David Squires. Mike
Cross. Craig Perryman and Sheraton Copland-
Mander. Those who live in Becket Close. Church
Road. Golden Cross Road and Kings Farm.

Tuesday: The Sick: Chris O'Shea. Edward Cunado.
Patricia Spikin. Delf Williams. Jean King. Betty Allen.
Joseph Merceica. Constance Longman. Ken Cropley.
The people of St Anfrew Rochford. All Saints Sutton
& Shopland and St Mary & All saints and their
Minister David Coster.

Wednesday: The Sick: Paul Clarke. Maureen
Savage. Ethan Adlum. Delia Cheek. William
McArthur. Margaret Hennessy. Sarah Fisher.
Ciaran Freel. Angele De Can. Marjorie Jay. Cassie
Thompson. Michael King. The Queen and her
ministers. that they may govern us wisely.

Thursday: The Sick: Bert & Dorian Churcher. Louise
Knight. Ann Moore. Joanne Lloyd. Gail Airey. Joyce
Hall. Len Smith. Sarah Jane Lovibond Jackson.
James Robinson. Sianne Robinson. Samantha
Robinson. Dee Fage and Dexter Govia.

Friday: The recently departed: Nelson Mandela. .
Louise Carey. Sr Mary. For those whose
anniversaries fall this week Paul Masterson. Frank
Fenn. William King. Jack Wilson. Ben Casey. Wiebe
Loopstra. Rita Sangster. Jerzy & Halina Zylka
Krzysiu. Toriba Ballestieros. Anne Bowler. Arthur
Jones. Grace Scruby. Elizabeth Fort. Violet Purton.
Nora Emm. Alf Emm. Caroline Budeley. Augustus
Fort. Lawrance Sullivan. Olympia Coppola. Stanley
Yeadell. George Cater. Lily Downs. Albert Garcia.
Michael Green. William Jones. Frank Percival. Pat
Churchley. John Joseph Collins. Jamie Holmes and
our own needs. Pope Francis. Bishop Thomas. Our
Student Priests: Rick Fernandez. Simon Augustus-
Payne and Paschal Uche.

Saturday: The Sick: Mary Rolt. Alan Gunn. Alain
Kennedy-Fern. Anthony Micallef. Ross Giza. Oliver
Kelly. Drummond & Helen Clapp. Jim Bourne. Terry
Purton. Gareth Lewis. Bartly Igoe. and all those in
hospital.

Worship Through Giving



Offertory Giving

1st collection for 17th Nov was £994.20- £340 of which was gift aided.

You may have noticed that the Presbytery roof is being repaired at the moment. unfortunately the Victorian part of the roof has at last had its day and is costing a little over £16.000. The heating system at St Teresa's Church is on its last legs and needs replacing at a cost of approx £12.000. In addition the roof of St Teresa's School is having to be replaced next year. and the Parish has to pay 10% of the cost of this work (more on this later).



St Teresa's Pilgrimage to Rome -8th Nov 2014 - 13th Nov 2014

We are now taking bookings for our parish pilgrimage to Rome. The itinerary includes a half day tour to St Paul's Outside the Walls, St John Lateran, the Scala Sancta and St Mary Major by private coach with a local guide.

A walking tour to Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps with Vapour Trails staff member. There is also an optional guided tour of the Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel and St Peter's Basilica with Guide (Cost approx £45.00 pp)

Mass arranged for the group in a Chapel in St Peter's Grotte

Wednesday Papal Audience tickets if the Holy Father is in Rome

Price per person in a twin share - £759.00 Single Supplement £150 (Limited Availability) for 5 Nights Half Board accommodation at the Domus Carmelitana

Please see Fr Gerry for a Booking Form

Gals



Please note that Gal's is now moving to a Thursday evening and they will be

returning to their old venue, the Parish Centre. The next meeting is Thursday 9th January 2014 at 7.30pm New members always welcome.

If you would like any information on this wonderful group please contact either **Tracey** on 01702 202267 or **Elaine** on 257287

The Faith Store



3 Roche Close,
Rochford

Open Mon- Sat 10 til 4

Our parish shop is run entirely by volunteers and 100% profit made goes straight to the church for much needed funding.

We always welcome your donations of clothes, toys, books, Cds, DVDs, bric-a-brac etc.

Donation pick up is available - call Tracey on 202267

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas & Thank you very much for your support.



Sat	21	5.30pm	4th Sunday of Advent	Maria Santana Rodrigues RIP	AF
Sun	22	9.00am St Pius X 10.30am		Mattie Cahill RIP	JC
				Patsy Hegerty RIP	OR
Mon	23	7.30pm		Sr Mary RIP St. Claire Notre Dame des Missions	CH
Tues	24	5.30pm	Angels & Shepherds Mass		
		11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Pro Populo	
Weds	25	9.00 St Pius X 10.30am	Christmas Day	Alison Shepherd RIP	CC
Thurs	26	No Mass Today	St Stephen, Protomartyr		
Fri	27	No Mass Today	St John, Ap, Evangelist		
Sat	28	No Mass Today	The Holy Innocents, Mm		
		5.30pm		Pro Populo	
Sun	29	9.00am St Pius X 10.30am	The Holy Family		
Mon	30	No Mass Today			
Tues	31	9.20am		Evelyn & Charles Roots RIP	SR
Weds	1	10.00am	Mary, Mother of God	Pro Populo	
Thurs	2	9.00am St Pius X	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bpp,Dd		
Fri	3	No Mass Today			
Sat	4	9.30am 5.30pm			
Sun	5	9.00am St Pius X 10.30am	Epiphany	Pro Populo	