

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



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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

In two weeks time our RCIA candidates will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church and this should be a time for us ALL to look at how spiritually we live our own lives.. The wonderful Sacraments we are given are not merely symbols or a pretty ceremony, it is Christ reaching out to us and making things fresh and new for us. In Baptism we receive new life, in Reconciliation we are given a fresh start, in Confirmation we are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and in the Eucharist we are eating the True Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, without which "you shall not have life in you" (John 6:53). In the final weeks of Lent let us think more deeply about how we can grow spiritually to be free to live in the promise of new life.

With Every Blessing this Holy Season

Fr Gerry



**The Legion of Frugal Lunch** - After 10.30 Mass this

**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

Sunday. It is still not too late to buy your ticket. For just £5 per person you will be served a lovely lunch whilst at the same time help the most needy of our world. There will also be a raffle. All proceeds will be going to CAFOD. If you would like a ticket please speak to either Julie McFadden or Chris Challis.



**Stations of the Cross-Friday at 7.30. This week they will be at St Pius X.** Do try and attend and make this part of your Lenten Journey.



Our next meeting is this Tuesday at 8pm. In just a couple of weeks time our RCIA candidates will be received into full communion with the

off to work. It was great to see so many faces last week.

**Coffee & Cake** - A huge thank you to the Legion of Mary who very kindly served coffee and cake



Catholic Church. This will be a truly joyous moment for them. Please do keep **Nicola Birkett, Julia Lamb, Erin Williams, Cindy Johnson and Rebecca Clark** in your prayers.

after 5.30 Mass last Saturday. Meeting together after Mass is a fantastic way for us to chat together, share news and meet parishioners we may not already know. A coffee morning rota is at the back of the church and it would be great to see a few more people signing up. It is not hard work, everything is there for you (apart from the cakes) and you would be carrying out such a great role. Thank You!

### Confirmation



There will be a meeting after 10.30 Mass on the 13<sup>th</sup> April for all C o n f i r m a t i o n candidates. Please also note that the retreat at Walsingham House is now confirmed for the weekend of 2-4<sup>th</sup> May.

Please keep our candidates **Frances, Alice, Charlotte, Sophie, Aimee, Sophie, Kacper, George, Alice, Michelle & Rebecca** in your prayers.

### NOTICES



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

547954 or [offgood2001@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:offgood2001@yahoo.co.uk)

**First Holy Communion** - the next meeting will be Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April after 10.30 Mass. Please do remember to keep our children in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time.

You will be sorry to hear that Rita Bolton Died on Friday morning having lost her fight against cancer. Please remember her in your prayers, and also Tony her son who mourns her loss. Details of her funeral will be given in due course.



Every **Wednesday** during Lent Fr Gerry will be saying Mass at 6.30 am. A perfect

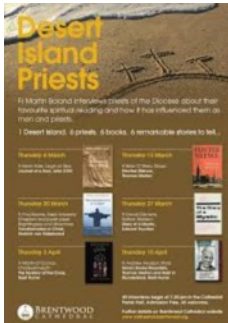
way to start the day and to offer that little extra to the Lord during this period of giving and preparation. After Mass why not join us for a bacon roll and coffee before you set

40 Days for Life Closing Event Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> of April at 7pm in St Benedict's, Ealing Abbey, parish hall, Ealing. An evening of brilliant pro-life speakers, testimonies and food and drink.



Come and celebrate the end of London's only 40 day pro-life campaign as a result of which over 15 mothers have chosen life for their children! For more info call Good Counsel Network 0207 7231 740 or email [info@goodcounselnetwork.com](mailto:info@goodcounselnetwork.com)

Cathedral, London. Mass begins at 11am and will be preceded by a banner procession at 10.30am. If you require more information please contact Davina Bolt 01277 265234 email [davina@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:davina@dioceseofbrentwood.org)".



On Thursday 10th April at 7.30 pm , Fr Andrew Headon will be interviewed in the last Desert Island Priests series. Come and hear what makes your priests tick spiritually? All welcome to these events. For more

details go to [www.cathedral-brentwood.org](http://www.cathedral-brentwood.org)



**CAFOD EVENTS**

Family Walk and Children's treasure trail on Wednesday 9th April at

Hanningfield Reservoir, nr Billericay Bring your own picnic. Refreshments available from the Cafe. Sorry no dogs. £5 suggested donation per adult, children go free. No need to book, just turn up on the day. Meet at the Visitors Centre from 11 am for an 11.30 start.

**Mass for Migrants:** the annual Mass for Migrants, in honour of St Joseph the Worker, will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 5th May in Westminster

**“Let us Entertain You 2”**

A Candlelit evening of song and music presented and performed by St Bernard’s Chamber Choir at Our Lady Of Ransom Church, Rayleigh - Friday 7th May at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5.00 Under 11’s Free . Refreshments will be available after the Performance. For Tickets please call Jean Marshall on 07790675854

**Dates for your Diary**

**12th April - Parish ‘Quiet Day’ in preparation for Holy Week.** This is a perfect way to reflect on Holy Week and to think about your faith away from the normal pressures of a Saturday.



**14th April - Ecumenical Stations of the Cross** at St Teresa’s Church at 7.30 pm with all the other churches in the local area. Please make this a date in your diary. Refreshments will

be served afterwards.



**6th July - Parish Garden Party** Our theme this year will be ‘Peter

Pan' with an emphasis on having fun and not growing up. **This is a big and important fundraiser and social event for the parish all help would be greatly appreciated. Our next meeting will take place at 8pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April . Look forward to seeing you all there.**

Pope Francis Tweets:



@ Pontifex

**We cannot be tepid disciples. The Church needs our courage in order to give witness to truth.**



**St Teresa's Choir - Rehearsals for Easter**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April - 11 am - 12.30

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 11.am - 12.30

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April - 8 - 9pm

Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April 8 - 9pm

Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 5.30 - 7.30pm

**Please do come along, all welcome!**

**Parish Evangelism Group**

In response to our Holy Father Pope Francis our parish is answering the call to embark on a new chapter of evangelisation. With

the help of the Holy Spirit and Our Lady we want to be a church which goes forth , a church which spreads the joy of the Gospel to all those around us.

Our meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April gave us an opportunity to look at how we can help those around us feel welcome within our parish community.



We also spoke at length about the need for us all to grow spiritually and to be able to respond to

God's love more fully in our lives . Tracey Heddon shared with us a wonderful vision she has for our parish and plans for this are now underway. Tracey will be revealing these plans over the next couple of weeks . We ask that you pray that the Holy Spirit pours over each and everyone of us allowing us to answer God's call to share our faith and ultimately His love. Thank you to all those who attended what was a very positive, joyful meeting.

**A thought from the Legio Mariae: 'The Rosary means lingering in the sphere of Mary's life, the content of which is Christ.'**  
ROMANO GUARDINI (1885-1968)

**Worship Through Giving**



**Offertory Giving**

1st Collections:for 16<sup>th</sup> March was £850.83 - £340 of which was Standing Orders.

1st Collection for 23<sup>rd</sup> March was £936.36

Collection for Lent Fast Day (CAFOD) was £425.27



## St Teresa's Pilgrimage to Rome -8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014 - 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Grotto 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

### *FOR YOUR PRAYERS*

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

Sunday: The Sick: Fr Stewart Foster, Fr Paul Dynan, 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: Audrey Northfield, Dennis Goodman, William Gough, Nancy Isaac, Adele Weatherley, Lisa Hughes, Anthony George, Emily Rose Gough, Christopher Carr, David Squires, and Pamela Emberson. Those who live in Brackendale Close, Cornhill Avenue, Hall Road and Lesney Gardens.

Tuesday: The Sick: Chris Godfrey, Sarah Knight, Anthony Igoe, Chris O'Shea, Edward Cunado, Patricia Spikin, Delf Williams, Jean King, Betty Allen, Joseph Merceica, Constance Longman, Ken Cropley. The people of St Andres Rochford and All Saints Sutton with Shopland and St Mary & All Saints Stambridge and the right appointment of a Vicar.

Wednesday: The Sick: Chris Godfrey, 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: Julia Lamb, Alain Kennedy-Fern, Jeannette Oatley, Mike Cross, Craig Perryman, 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: Rita Bolton, Malvern Smith, Victor Beach, & Peter Edgely. For those whose anniversaries fall this week Keith Steward, John Tuohy, Royce Trinder, Sidney King and Ray Asciaik For 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, Anthony Micallef, Ross Giza, Oliver Kelly, Drummond & Helen Clapp, Katie Autton, Jim Bourne, Terry Purton, Gareth Lewis, Bartly Igoe, and all those in hospital.



# Mass Times and Intentions

Sat	5	5.30pm	5th Sunday of Lent	Sonya Lumholst-Smith RIP; Royce Trinder RIP	ML-S; JT
Sun	6	9.00am St Pius X		Mal Smith RIP	B&LS
		10.30am		Pro Populo	
Mon	7	7.30pm		Royce Trinder RIP	JT
Tues	8	9.20am		The Holy Souls	GD
Weds	9	6.30am			
Thurs	10	9.00am St Pius X			
Fri	11	9.00am St Pius X			
Sat	12	9.30am			
		5.30pm	Palm Sunday	Ints Julia Lamb	
Sun	13	9.00am St Pius			
		10.30am		Pro Populo	

*In preparation for Holy Week*

*Quiet Day*

*St Teresa's Church, Rochford*

*Sat April 12<sup>th</sup>*

*10.30 - 4.30*



*Addresses*

*Benediction at Noon*

*Opportunity for Confession*

*Bring a Packed Lunch*

*Drinks Provided*

