

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



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26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In every relationship honesty is crucial. Our relationship with God is no different. We must be honest with God and likewise honest with ourselves.

In today's Gospel we hear the older son had no intention of working and quite honestly told his father this. This may be wrong but it is honest.

Our faith is not simply an observance of rules and regulations - it is a way of living in the truth. And the life of Jesus Christ.

Be honest with others, with yourselves and with God and you will live lives of integrity and will know true happiness.

Wishing you every blessing.

Fr Gerry



### 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.

This weekend we welcome **Fr Basil** to our parish to celebrate Mass. Fr Gerry will be in Lourdes until 5<sup>th</sup> October and will be taking with him the prayers of all our parish as he leads this Pilgrimage for Across. Please do keep him in your prayers too.

### . Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

every **Wednesday** at 2 pm. Come and spend just one hour with our Lord in prayer and reflection before you collect your children from school. It will be



the best hour of your day.

Save the date for Harvest Fast Day

Friday

3 October 2014



**Harvest Fast - 3rd October** This Friday is Fast day. CAFOD envelopes are at the back of church. Please do take one. The idea is to offer what you would have spent on your meal for this day. Thank you for your generosity.



**Confirmation** If you are in Year 9 or above please send Fr Gerry a short email to let him know you wish to be confirmed. We will begin our preparation

on the 5<sup>th</sup> October after 10.30 Mass. I am pleased to confirm that our retreat has been booked and is the weekend of 7-9 November. This is a very special part of the preparation so please return your forms as soon as possible. Thank You.

**First Holy Communion 2015** - If you have a child who is in Year 3 or above who would like to make their First Holy Communion next year please see Fr Gerry for the necessary forms. Preparation for this Sacrament will commence on **Sunday**



**5<sup>th</sup> October** after 10.30 Mass and this meeting will be for both children and parents.



**RCIA** -If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic or would simply like to know more about our faith then these sessions are for you. First session will be

**6<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm.** If you are already a catholic I also urge you to come along and support those preparing to be received into our church.

## St Teresa's & St Pius X Retreat to Abbotswick

( Navestock Side, Brentwood CM14 5SH)4th October

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to pray or just be. We are delighted to announce that Bishop Alan will be saying

Mass for us at 11am . **There are**

**only a few spaces left so**

**don't delay.** Book your place now

by contacting Tracey on 07975964726.

The cost is just £12 per person and a

packed lunch is required. We will be

making our own way there and car-share

is available. An evening meal and drinks

is booked at a local pub after for all those

interested.

# NOTICES



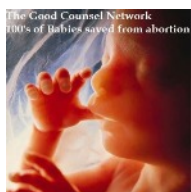
The Parish Safeguarding Officer for Children & Vulnerable Adults is Mel Packer who can be contacted on : 01702 547954 or

offgood2001@yahoo.co.uk



## 'ABBOTSWICK QUIZ

**NIGHT:** Please join us on Saturday 25th October 2014 at 7.30pm for our Quiz Night. Tickets cost £10pp with a light supper and refreshments provided. Advanced booking is essential and all are welcome! For more details, please contact Abbotswick on 01277 373959. '



## Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October

**2014**, the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the legalisation of Abortion becoming law, please pray and fast for the

end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For information on the days of Prayer and Fasting contact; The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740



**Across** - As our season draws to a close, we have two groups which need helpers,

## 2nd - 11th October 2014

National group departs from Plymouth, travels on the M5, M4, M20 down to the Channel Tunnel with stops on the way

## 16th - 25th October 2014

National group departs from Scotland, various pickups on the route to the Channel Tunnel

The perfect balance of this holiday with Our Lady is sure to bring lasting memories and spiritual fulfilment for everyone.



## OCTOBER - the month of the Rosary.

Soon it will be that time when we are reminded of the

importance of uniting our prayers with the Mother of God and conforming ourselves to Christ as revealed in the mysteries of His life. We grow in our appreciation of Christ through meditating on these mysteries. We do, however, need to be careful that our prayer does not become wordy and mechanical. Pope Paul VI said "Without contemplation, the Rosary is a body without a soul." Whether you are already in the habit of praying the Rosary and want to renew the spirit of your prayer, or whether you are new to the Rosary and want to learn how to quieten your mind and heart, [therosary3.com](http://therosary3.com) will help you enter more deeply into the Mysteries of Christ.

## JOB

### St. Thomas More High School

1x Evening Cleaner 10 hours

Mon - Friday 3.30-5.30pm

1x Evening Cleaner 15 hours

Mon - Friday 3.30pm - 6.30pm

The rate of pay is £6.51 per hour

[www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk](http://www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk)

01702 344933

### Volunteer Opportunities- St Vincent de Paul Society

#### Christmas Card Volunteer Administrator

- email [matthews@svp.org.uk](mailto:matthews@svp.org.uk)

#### PA to the CEO

-Email [matthews@svp.org.uk](mailto:matthews@svp.org.uk)

#### Fundraising Volunteer Administrator

-Email [bryana@svp.org.uk](mailto:bryana@svp.org.uk)

You will be based at Elephant & Castle and all travel costs will be reimbursed and lunch will be paid for.

### Governor

#### Recruitment

The Governing Body are mindful of the need to identify

potential Governors so

that when the Governing Body needs to recruit a new Governor there are potential Governors who can be contacted. I am therefore writing to Deanery Parishes to invite anyone who may be interested in becoming a Foundation Governor at St Bernard's to visit the school on the Governors' Day, Tuesday 3 February 2015.

Anyone interested in attending should contact the Clerk to the Governors, Mrs Sue Clancy, at the school. Her e-mail address is as follows

[sjc@stbernards.southend.sch.uk](mailto:sjc@stbernards.southend.sch.uk)

## The Wellspring Tearoom

St. Teresa's

Church

Narthex

Tuesday &

Friday, 10 -

4pm We are

non-

profitmaking ~

existing only to

serve the kingdom of God in our parish.

All are most welcome . . .

'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me.'

(John 7:3

If you would like to visit the Wellspring

but are unable to get there, Dave

Hatton (a parishioner) has kindly

offered to do free pick ups and drop

offs. Please call him on

545191/07788271012 to arrange a life.



## Church

## Giving

Sadly our offerings are down by 10%

which is a large amount for a parish as small as ours.

**Everything we own and everything we have comes from God. So, when we give, we simply offer him a very small portion of all the abundance he has already given to us. Giving is an expression of our thankfulness and praise to God. It comes from a heart of worship that recognizes that everything we give already belongs to him.**

Could you give a little more each week?

Do you *gift aid* what you do give? If you

pay by standing order-do you gift aid this?

David Whines has kindly provided a very informative information sheet on gift aid which is now available at the back of church. Please do take one. Thank You!

world as we transform the parish centre into a number of mini-restaurants celebrating the many different nationalities we are blessed to have in our parish. Thank You **A planning meeting to discuss details will be held on Tues 1st Oct at 8pm. All very welcome.**

**Future Dates for Your Diary**

**1st November - St Teresa's Church Christmas Craft Fair** 1pm until 4pm followed by **fire-works** at 7pm. This is always a great family event. If you would like to hire a stall for the craft fair please contact Debbie on 07779414736

**3rd November at 7.30 - Candlelit Mass**

**16th November - Welcome Mass** for our new reception children at St Teresa's followed by a coffee morning.

**13th December - The 'Drummonds' delicious Hotpot Supper**

**6th June - Parish trip to Epsom**

**5th July- Summer Party** in the Presbytery. Here is a little clue on our theme!



**The Faith Store-All donations gratefully received!**The shop is run entirely by volunteers - would you like to join the team ? It is a truly worthwhile way to spend a few hours of your time. If you can help please speak to either Phil Capon or pop into the shop. Thank You

**29th November - Parish Christmas do and our big fundraiser.** Come and enjoy cuisine from around the



**Offeratory Giving**

**Worship Through Giving**



1st Collection for 7th Sept £904.62 was £864.40 (£340 S/O)

Our parish needs £1600 a week

If you are a UK taxpayer, the value of your gift can be increased by 27% under the Gift Aid scheme at no extra cost. Please gift aid all donations, it makes a huge difference.

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## Mass Times at St Teresa's & St Pius X

Sat	27	5.30pm	26th Sunday of the Year	Ints - Lourdes Pilgrims	
Sun	28	9.00am St Pius X		Pro Populo	
		10:30:00		Rita Bolton RIP	AB
Mon	29	7.30pm	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels	Eucharistic Service	
Tues	30	No Mass Today			
Weds	1	09:30:00	St Therese of the Child Jesus (Lisieux)		
Thurs	2	No Mass Today	The Holy Guardian Angels		
Fri	3	No Mass Today			
Sat	4	No Mass Today	St Francis of Assisi, Rel		
		5.30pm	27th Sunday of the Year	Pro Populo	
Sun	5	9.00am St Pius X			
		10:30:00			

### *FOR YOUR PRAYERS*

**Daily:** for the building up of the Faith in our Parish:  
For those taking exams.

**Sunday:** The Sick: Barry Atherton. Jonathan Somervell. Fr Stewart Foster. Fr Paul Dynan. Lily-Rose Robinson. Mary Stacey. 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: David Pearce. Dennis Goodman. William Gough.. Russell Short. Adele Weatherley. Lisa Hughes. Anthony George. Emily Rose Gough. Christopher Carr. David Squires. and Pamela Emberson. Those who live in Spencer Gardens. Victor Gardens. The Chestnuts & White Hart Lane.

**Tuesday:** The Sick: Sarah Knight.. Chris O'Shea. Edward Cunado. Jean King. Betty Allen. Joseph Merceica. Constance Longman. Ken Cropley. The people of Hullbridge Free Church and their Minister Rev'd Brian Gibson.

**Wednesday:** The Sick: Chris Godfrey. Paul Clarke. Maureen Savage. Ethan Adlum. Delia Cheek. William McArthur. Margaret Hennessy. Sarah Fisher.

Ciaran Freal. Angele De Can. Marjorie Jay. Cassie Thompson. Samantha Robinson & Sianne Robinson.. The Queen and her ministers. that they may govern us wisely.

**Thursday:** The Sick: Ian Chandler. Julia Lamb. Alain Kennedy-Fern. Jeannette Oatley. Mary Walmsley. Mike Cross. Craig Perryman. Dorian Churcher. Louise Knight. Ann Moore. Joyce Hall. Len Smith. Sarah Jane Lovibond Jackson. Dee Fage .

**Friday:** The recently departed : Nancy Isaac and Derek Thorn . For those whose anniversaries fall this week William Challis. Ann Davis. Fr Gordon Godfrey. Ita Ryan. Hilary Green. Elizabeth Kirwan. Ted Jukes. Sarah Kitychens. Sylvia Bakert. Josephine Casey. Janusz Dobkiewicz. Donatella Garcia. Michael Lyons. Alan Miles. Antonino Polsinelli. H&J Wasilewscy. Cecelia Clap. Margaret Gough and Patrick Carty. Our Student Priests: Rick. Patrick. David. Gary. Paschal & Eamonn.

**Saturday:** The Sick: Alan Gunn. Anthony Micallef. Oliver Kelly. Drummond & Helen Clapp. Katie Autton. Jim Bourne. Jim Beck. Terry Purton. Gareth Lewis. Barty Igoe. and all those in hospital.