

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



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2nd Sunday of Advent

For God alone my soul waits in silence.

For my hope is from him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation.

My fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honour;

My mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times. O people:

Pour out your heart before him:

God is a refuge for us. (Psalm 62: 5-7)

Wishing you every blessing.

Fr Gerry



Wishing you all a very warm welcome to our Parish today. If you have any questions about our liturgical life and the many wonderful parish

groups we have please do ask. Anyone you ask will be happy to help you and if they cannot answer your question they know who will.



This weekend we especially welcome Ethan Miller into the family of God.

Ethan is being Baptised on Sunday at

St Teresa's and we offer him our love and congratulations.



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.

Why not come along to our next meeting which is on the 8th December at **8pm**. Everyone is **very** welcome, especially if you are already a Catholic. The journey into faith is one that we all share together as the Pilgrim People of God. **Why not arrive at 7.30 and join us for Mass first.**



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

A Thought from The Legion of Mary:

"We never give more honour to Jesus than when we honour his Mother, and we honour her simply and solely to honour him all the more perfectly. We go to her only as a way leading to the goal we seek - Jesus, her Son."
Saint Louis Marie de Montfort, 'True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin'

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - every wed at 2pm
Come and spend one hour with the Lord in

Prayer.



First Holy Communion

2015 - Our children preparing to make their First Holy Communion meet this Sunday after 10.30 Mass in the church. Please do keep all our young children and their catechists in your prayers. Parents please join us on Monday night at 8pm in the Narthex as we continue with our Symbolon Course.

Confirmation -



Please note that our next meeting will be this after 10.30 Mass in the narthex. Please do keep our young people preparing to receive this Sacrament in

your prayers.



Parish Rosary Group-Our next Parish Rosary Group meets on Thursday

11th December at 7.30pm. We very much look forward to welcoming you all and promise you a peaceful and reflective evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray with other members of the parish whilst offering quiet time for us all .

NOTICES



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

offgood2001@yahoo.co.uk

Advent Preparations at St Teresa's & St Pius X



Read 'Mark' & Pray - Please join us every Sunday of Advent as we look at the Gospel of Mark. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow each session to allow time for quiet prayer and reflection with our Lord. You will also be given the opportunity to say Evening Prayer. We will be meeting this Sunday 3-4.30.

Parish Council Meeting - There will be a Parish Council Meeting this Wednesday at 8pm in the Narthex.



Fr Gerry & Sarah invite you to join them for a delicious **Hotpot supper next Saturday evening.**

Spaces are limited simply due to the number of meals they can cook so if you would like to go please put your name down on the list at the back of church this weekend. The cost is just £5 per person. Supper and a glass of wine is included. It is truly worth every penny!

INVITATION



St Teresa's
School
Christmas
Performance -
Monday 15th
December at

7pm

Please join our parish school and share in the joy of our young people as they perform the Nativity in **St Teresa's Church**. As a parish we will be supporting the school on the night by serving refreshments afterwards. If you would like to help or can bake some cakes this would be brilliant. Please do let either Christine or Debbie know. All money raised will go to **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society**.

Carol Singing

On the 20th December from 10-11am members of Community Church Rochford will be carol singing outside the Havens Shop in the Square. We have all been invited to join them.

St Teresa's & St Pius X 10 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land 'Following in the Footsteps of Jesus'



**Spiritual Director:
Fr Gerry**

**13th - 22nd October
2015 from London
Heathrow, ¾ star**

hotels, Half board only £1,169 - 10 days/9nights. Application forms are available at the back of church.



Coffee Mornings

There will be a coffee morning this Sunday to raise money to help support people wishing to go to Lourdes. Please do stay for a cup of tea and a chat. This is a great opportunity to raise money for this worthy cause.

Next weekend coffee will be served to raise money for a charity called **Dig Deep** which aims to educate people and assist in the provision of clean water and sanitation in Kenya enabling people to break the cycle of poverty.



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.

Future Dates for Your Diary

12th December - Christmas Market at St Teresa's School

15th December - 7pm St Teresa's School Christmas Performance

21st December - Coffee morning in aid of Prolife.



21st January - Ecumenical Meal at **Antica Roma** to mark Christian Unity Week. Tickets are now on sale. £11.95

per person for two courses. Please sign up at the back of Church. A deposit of £5 per person is needed. Please book with Chris. Thank You. **Please note that there are just 15 places left.**

5th July - Parish Garden Party - This is our annual summer party and we are once again looking forward to welcoming you all for a fun afternoon. This year our theme is **Alice in Wonderland!**



THE FAITH STORE

Why not visit our parish shop? Good quality, clean donations are always gratefully received and we can now take electrical items.

Why not volunteer yourself? This is a great way to support your parish at NO cost to you! Please contact Phil on 07855108547 or come into the shop.

Mass Times at St Teresa's & St Pius X

Sat	6	5.30pm	2nd Sunday of Advent		
Sun	7	9.00am St Pius X		Malvern Smith RIP	KS
		10:30		Pro Populo	
Mon	8	7.30pm	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
Tues	9	9.20am	St Juan Diego Cuahtlatzoatzin		
Weds	10	9.20am			
Thurs	11	9.00am St Pius X	St Damasus I, Pope		
Fri	12	No Mass Today	Our Lady of Guadalupe		
Sat	13	9.30am	St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr		
		5.30pm	3rd Sunday of Advent	Pro Populo	
Sun	14	9.00am St Pius X		Malvern Smith RIP	KS
		10:30			

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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

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. William Gough. Adele Weatherley. Lisa Hughes. Andy Dawes. Anthony George. Emily Rose Gough. Christopher Carr. and David Squires. Those who live in Suffolk Court. Weir Pond Road. The Mews and Woodlands Park.

Tuesday: The Sick: Sarah Knight.. Chris O'Shea. Edward Cunado. Jean King. Betty Allen. Joseph Merceica. Constance Longman. Ken Cropley. For the people of Emmanuel Church & St Mary's Church and their Minister Revd Peter Howard Smith

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. Samantha Robinson & Sianne Robinson.. The Queen and her ministers. that they may govern us wisely.

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

Friday: The recently departed :Iris Light.. For those whose anniversaries fall this week Harry Lench. Christina Tuohy. Alfred Brown. Edward Gough. Katie Bowler. Lillian Trinder. Mary Rolt. Frederick Caunt. Brian Harrison-Chinn and Tom Poole. 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. Bartly Igoe. and all those in hospital.