

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



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3rd Sunday of Advent

Advent is a season of great joy and celebration it is also a penitential season. God's heart. God's arms are always wide open : it is for us to go into them, allow ourselves to be enfolded. The Sacrament of Reconciliation , like all Sacraments, allows us a direct encounter with God through Jesus Christ that can be had in no other way. I urge you all to meet and know the Lords's Mercy, forgiveness and healing this Advent, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

There will be Reconciliation at St George's Church, Shoeburyness on Monday 22nd December at 7pm. See you all there!

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 welcome **Jess Moorcroft** who will be speaking to us about her attempts 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. **Coffee will also be served after 10.30 Mass to raise money for this worthy cause.**



RCIA - Our next meeting will be held on the **5th January 2015 at 8pm.** . 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 this meeting? **What better way is there to start the new year then allowing yourselves the opportunity of not only deepening**

your faith but sharing it with others too!
 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. **First Holy Communion** parents please do continue to attend as it is a fantastic course and would benefit your children wishing to make this important Sacrament greatly. Cheese & Wine will be served for us all to share on this evening.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - every wed at 2pm
Come and spend one

hour with the Lord in Prayer.

First Holy Communion

2015 - The next meeting for children preparing to make their First Holy Communion Sunday 21st December after 10.30 Mass in the church. Please do keep all our young children and their catechists in your prayers. Parents please continue to join us on Monday nights at 8pm as we continue with our Symbolon Course.



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:
"Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children." St. John Vianney

Confirmation -

Please note that our next meeting will be on the **11th January** 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 the 15th January at 7.30pm. We very much look forward to welcoming you all and promise you a peaceful and reflective evening.

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 . You will also be given the opportunity to say Evening Prayer. We will be meeting this Sunday 3-4.30



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. Help on

the evening would be greatly appreciated! All money raised will go to **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society**. Could we please ask for your cake donations to be brought either to Mass on Sunday or to the School on Monday. Thank you in advance for your support.

"In Conversation with Bishop Alan" - **THIS Thursday** - an evening for young adults aged 17-35, with a unique opportunity to hear Bishop Alan share his vocational journey. Bishop Alan has served as a school chaplain, uni chaplain, parish priest, shrine director and superior of his religious order. He is a mountaineer and a scientist. But what inspired him to become a priest? Hear his story on Thursday 18th December, Cathedral House Conference Room, 7.30-10.00pm including fish & chip supper. Full details at www.brentwoodvocations.org. The evening is free, but registration is required - call Fr Dominic, Vocations Director, on 01268 281732 or email frdominic@brentwoodvocations.org

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

Next weekend there will be a coffee morning to raise money for Prolife. Please do support Bridget and Rebecca in their attempts to raise much needed funds to allow this charity to carry out its work.



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 2015



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.

25th January 2015 - Organ Recital in Aid of Iraqi Christians in Need (ICIN) supporting refugee families in Northern Iraq. St



Teresa's Church @5pm. Works by Boellmann, Messiaen, Schubert, Vierner & Widor. Free Admission - Retiring collection

9th May - First Holy Communion

10th June - Confirmation with Bishop Alan

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.



Altar Servers practise for the Christmas period will be on Saturday 20th Dec

10-112am. All servers are required to attend.



Thank You to those people who have kindly offered their help to clean and maintain our church. Your help really is invaluable and serves the whole parish community. It is not too late to sign up. There is a list at the back of the church for your details and days you are free to help. If you have any questions please ask Bridget Smith who will be happy to help you.

GALS - As you know Tracey & Elaine



have decided to step down from GALS after many years of hard work and well deserved success in running this wonderful group. The

Lord has called them in another way and perhaps someone reading this notice is being called right now to help

with this role. It is a well established and supportive group which really must continue in our parish. Please do pray about whether this is something you can do - it meets on the first Thursday of every month. Mass will be offered for Elaine & Tracey in recognition of their wonderful work on Saturday 3rd January at 5.30pm.

St Teresa's Christmas Tree



You will see that we now have our tree up ready to be decorated. We would like you all to have the opportunity to dedicate an Angel for a

loved one and place it on the tree. A basket is placed next to it for your offerings. All proceeds will go to **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society**.

Offertory Giving

Worship
Through
Giving



1st Collection for 30th Nov was £915.88 (£305 - S/O)

Our parish needs £1600 a week

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.

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Mass Times at St Teresa's & St Pius X

Sat	13	5.30pm	3rd Sunday of Advent	Jim Bowles RIP	EB
Sun	14	9.00am St Pius X		Malvern Smith RIP	KS
		10:30		Pro Populo	
Mon	15	No Mass Today		School Concert	
Tues	16	9.20am		Jean King RIP	
Weds	17	9.20am		The Reilly Family RIP	OR
Thurs	18	9.00am St Pius X		Sr Mary Concepta	EB
Fri	19	No Mass Today			
Sat	20	9.30am	4th Sunday of Advent		
		5.30pm		Mattie Cahill RIP	JC
Sun	21	9.00am St Pius X		Pro Populo	
		10:30:00		Alison Shepherd RIP	CC



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 Adams Glade, Briar Close, Derbydale and Harrogate Drive.

Tuesday: The Sick: Sarah Knight, Chris O'Shea, Edward Cunado, Jean King, Betty Allen, Joseph Merceica, Constance Longman, Ken Cropley. For the people of Bramerton Road Community Church and their Minister David Sebley.

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, Frederick Caunt, Brian Harrison-Chinn, Tom Poole Aaron Lewis, James McLoughlin, Elizabeth Maynard, Billy Fenlon, Sarah Kufakwaro, Charles Scruby, Mattie Cahill, Florence Collins, Keith Henaghan & Paul Masterson. Our Student Priests: Rick, Patrick, David, Gary, Paschal & Eamonn.

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