

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



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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

We wish every one of you the warmest greetings in this joyous season. May the Lord continue to fill you all with his blessings in this Advent season.

Wishing you every blessing,  
Fr Gerry, Sarah, Poppy, Jemima & Sophie



Wishing you all a very warm welcome to our Parish today, especially those who are

visiting us at this special Christmas time. 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.



help raise money to allow them to

Coffee will also be served after 10.30 Mass to raise money for Pro life. Please do

carry out the vital work that they do. they do.



Christmas Offering

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

come prepared.

Thank You



RCIA - Our next meeting will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.



**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:  
*" It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you...yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand."*  
 Blessed Mother Teresa

## 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 is this

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Confirmation** - Please note that our next meeting will be on the **11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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



St Teresa's School Christmas Nativity - This was a wonderful

evening and a truly special reminder to us all exactly what Christmas should mean to each and every one of us. Well done to all the children involved and to the staff in pulling it all together. It was great to have the parish providing the refreshments and I am delighted to say that the evening raised £120 for Brentwood Catholics Children Society.

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



Spiritual Director:  
Fr Gerry

13<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Monday 29th December, Feast of St Thomas of Canterbury (Patron Saint of Pastoral Clergy). All are welcome to a Mass which will be offered for Vocations to the Priesthood, and at which Bishop Alan will preach. 11.30am, Holy Trinity Church, Basildon



## The Wellspring Tearoom

'The Wellspring' will be CLOSING for a Christmas break. Our last day is TUES 23RD DEC and we re-open on TUES 6TH JAN 2015 Thank you to all our wonderful guests .

Wishing you  
all  
a Holy  
Christmas and  
a Blessed New  
Year



## Future Dates for Your Diary -2015



**21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**25<sup>th</sup> 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, Vierne & Widor.** Free Admission - Retiring collection

**9<sup>th</sup> May** - First Holy Communion

**10<sup>th</sup> June** - Confirmation with Bishop Alan

**5<sup>th</sup> 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

Would like to wish you all a very joyful Christmas.



Phil and his team would like to thank you for your custom and support over the year and they look forward to seeing you all in 2015.

**God Bless & Happy New Year!**

### St Teresa's Christmas Tree



This year we would like you all to have the opportunity to dedicate an Angel for a loved one and place it on our parish tree. A basket is placed next to it for your offerings. All proceeds will go to **Brentwood Catholic Children's Society.**



**Youth 2000 New Year Retreat: Take Heart 29<sup>th</sup> Dec - 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2015**

An epic event to kick off the new year!

If you are 16-35 & would like a fun & meaningful way start to 2015 then TAKE HEART is for you

Check it out on [www.youth2000.org](http://www.youth2000.org)

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Daily: That in our Parish many hearts may be set on fire with love for Jesus:

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, Derek Steward, The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

Monday: The Sick: Marjorie Jay, Cassie Thompson, David Pearce, William Gough, Adele Weatherley, Andy Dawes, Anthony George, Emily Rose Gough, Christopher Carr, and David Squires. Those who live in Albert Close, Brickfields Way, Devon Gardens & Harrogate Road.

Tuesday: The Sick: Ian Chandler, Julia Lamb, Sarah Knight, Chris O'Shea, Edward Cunado, Betty Allen, Joseph Merceica, Constance Longman, Chris Godfrey, Paul Clarke. For the people of St Thomas of Canterbury and their Ministers Rev Brenda Wallace and Sue Adams.

Wednesday: The Sick: Ethan Adlum, Delia Cheek, William McArthur, Margaret Hennessy, Sarah Fisher, Ciaran Freel, Angele De Can, The Queen and her ministers, that they may govern us wisely.

Thursday: The Sick: 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 : Jean King, John Smith, John Prime. 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, Toribia Ballestieros, Anne Bowler, Arthur Jones, Grace Scruby, Elizabeth Fort, Violet Purton, Alf Emm, Nora Emm, Caroline Buckley, Augustus Fort, Lawrence Sullivan, Stanley Yeadell, Olympia Coppola, George Cater, Lily Downs, Alberto Garcia Jr, Michael Green, William Jones, Frank Percival, Pat Churchley & Jamie Holmes. Our Student Priests: Rick, Patrick, David, Gary, Paschal & Eamonn.

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

## Offertory Giving

Worship  
Through  
Giving



1<sup>st</sup> Collection for 30<sup>th</sup> 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	20	5.30pm		Mattie Cahill RIP	JC
Sun	21	9.00am St Pius X	4th Sunday of Advent	Pro Populo	
		10.30am		Alison Shepherd RIP	cc
Mon	22	No Mass Today		Reconciliation at St Georges	
Tues	23	9.30am	St John of Kęty, Priest		
Weds	24	5.30pm	Angels and Shepherds Mass	Come as a Shepherd or an Angel for this special Mass for the younger Children!	
		11.30pm	Midnight Mass	The traditional start to Christmas	
Thurs	25	9.00am St Pius X	Christmas Day	Anne Myers RIP	E&A S
		10.30am			
Fri	26	10am	St Stephen, Martyr		
Sat	27	9.30am	St John Apostle & Evangelist		
		5.30pm			
Sun	28	9.00am St Pius X	Holy Family	Deceased members of the McIntyre & Sylvester families	E&A S
		10.30am			Betty Popperwell RIP
Mon	29	No Mass Today	St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr		
Tues	30	No Mass Today			
Weds	31	No Mass Today			
Thurs	1	10.00am St Pius X	Mary the Mother of God		
Fri	2	No Mass Today	SS. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors		
Sat	3	9.30am	The Most Holy Name of Jesus		
		5.30pm		Ints Tracey & Elaine	GAL S
Sun	4	9.00am St Pius X	The Epiphany of the Lord	Ernest, Margaret and John Stacey RIP	MS
		10.30am			