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



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3rd Sunday of Easter

'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this' Luke 24

Just like the very first disciples whose minds were opened to understand the scriptures.. so too are ours. Christianity is not a collection of ideas but a living people who follow Jesus and give witness to him every day. We were given new life by Christ so that we may share it with others. We do not do this by our own power but draw on the Holy Spirit to make us strong and be good witness' of Christ.. Pray to the Holy Spirit today and you will bear great fruit.

With every blessing Fr Gerry



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

have any questions about our liturgical life and the many wonderful parish groups we have please do ask.

#### Second Collection

After the suicide bombings in in the two churches in Lahore, the authorities have decreed that all Christian churches, schools, seminaries etc. must now have high surrounding walls and be equipped with razor wire, speed bumps and other security measures. SPICMA, the Catholic voluntary charity (based in Cirencester),

has raised and sent £24,000.00 to our Church so far, but a lot more money is needed. Please be as generous as you can.



RCIA - Message from Lorraine I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for the love and warmth shown to me by the parish

as I prepared to be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church. I really do feel I have made a new family and I thank you all for your continued support. God Bless you all. Lorraine



Summer Party Just a little
reminder that
we have our first
Alice in
Wonderland
Summer Party
planning

meeting on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm.** Please do come along and share your ideas. It really is fun working together and all help is very much appreciated.



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

## Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - every wed at 2pm and before 10.30 Mass each Sunday.

## Parish Sacramental Programmes



#### **First Holy Communion**



**2015** - The next meeting for children will be this Sunday after 10.30 Mass in the church. Please do keep **Chloe**, **Maddie**, **Hannah**, **Finley**, **Lucas**, **Edward**, **Maisy**, **Oliver**, **Elario**,

Joshua, Reuben, Harry, Alfie, Eloise & Ryan in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time.

#### Reconciliation

We offer our love and prayers to our First



Holy Communion Children on celebrating the Sacrament of Reconcilation last Thursday.

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Candidates will be this Sunday after 10.30 Mass. Please pray for James, Emily, Reuben, Charlotte, Rebecca and Harry as they

prepare to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and are strengthened in their Christian life.

## **Baptism**



If you you are thinking of having your child baptised please speak to Fr Gerry after Mass who

will be more than happy to arrange the necessary preparation with you. This is the greatest gift you can give your child.



## Parish Rosary Group

Every Thursday evening at 7.30 our parish has the opportunity to meet and

pray the Rosary together at St Teresa's church.

Spend just 30 minutes in prayer with us and feel the grace of Our Lady upon you.

#### Everyone very welcome!

#### **Good Counsel Network**

"On Monday 27th April, the 47th anniversary of the Abortion Act coming into force in England and Wales, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Pray especially that 'bubble zones' will not be introduced around abortion 'clinics'. With over 190,000 abortions each year, your prayer and fasting is urgently needed.

www.goodcounselnetwork.com"

The Annual Mass for Migrants in honour of St Joseph the Worker, will be held on Monday, 4th May at ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, LAMBETH **ROAD, SOUTHWARK, LONDON SE1 6HR.** There will be a banner procession at 10.30am followed by Mass at 11am. The Main Celebrant will be Archbishop Peter Smith who will be joined by other Bishops, including our own Bishop, Alan Williams, and clergy from the three Dioceses of Brentwood, Westminster and Southwark. Everyone is most welcome to attend this joyous occasion to celebrate the contribution made by migrants in our communities.

#### **Legion of Mary**

The annual Edel Quinn Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory takes place on Saturday 9th May. A coach leaves Eastwood (parking available) at approximately 9.15 am and Rayleigh



at 9.30 am and returns around 6.00 pm. All members and Parishioners are welcome.

For More information please contact: Clare - 200353/ Gerald 207234/ Jane -07906 611994/ Elaine - 257287



The Brentwood Catholic Children's **Society** is hosting an evening of classical music in the beautiful a children's charity for Essex and East London surroundings of Ingatestone Hall on

Saturday 23rd May at 7.30pm. Come and enjoy an exciting and varied programme with three professional musicians all with local ties. Tickets are f22 and include wine and nibbles. For tickets or further information, please call Amy Pether on 01268 784544 or email apether@bccs.org.uk

ST TERESA'S PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

St Teresa's & St Pius X 10 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land is at



present still booked for October. However we do need at least 9

more people to book on to it. . 'Following in the Footsteps of Jesus' Spiritual Director: Fr Gerry from London Heathrow, \% star hotels, Half board only £1,169 - 10 days/9nights. If you are interested in coming please see me for an application

> form as soon as possible.



The Catenians-Since 2009 we have been sending Rosaries to

Aboriginals in Australia and Africa. To date we have dispatched 150,000 Rosaries but many more are needed. Please may we ask you to hunt through your drawers and if you have Rosaries you no longer need please donate them to us.

A collection basket will be at the back of the church. Thank You!

St Teresa's & St Pius X Church



## The Wellspring Tearoom St Teresa's Church Narthex

Tuesday & Friday, 10-4pm.

We are non-profit making 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 but unable to get there please call Dave Hatton on 545191/007788271012 to arrange a lift.

The Faith Store This shop serves our parish community and supports our church. Good quality donations always gratefully received. New volunteers always welcome. Open 10 am - 4pm Daily! Why not pop in and grab a bargain.

**OPEN MON - SAT 10AM - 4PM** 

#### For the Young People

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service Spring Youth Gather 9th May - a perfect introductory Event for those in year 7-9 at Stubbers outdoor activity centre, Upminster.

**Children's Liturgy** - 10.30 Every Sunday at St Teresa's. New children always welcome.

**St Teresa's Mother & Baby Group** - meets every Wednesday after 9.30 Mass in the Parish Centre. Please call Angie on 07801260873

**6<sup>th</sup> Rochford (St Teresa's) Scout Group**This is a well established Scout group which is linked to our church. For all enquiries please speak to Lawrence Mills.

#### **Future Dates for Your Diary -2015**

9th May - First Holy Communion

16<sup>th</sup> May - Charity Quiz Night - 7.30 in the Parish Centre . £6 per person which includes sausage & chip supper (Veggie option available too). Bring your own drinks. 10<sup>th</sup> June - Confirmation with Bishop Alan

6<sup>th</sup> June - Race Night in the Parish Centre. Fun for the whole family.

**5**<sup>th</sup> **July** - **Parish Garden Party** - This is our annual summer party. This year our theme is Alice in Wonderland!

**11**<sup>th</sup> **July** - Holy Hour - Evening of Prayer

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

offgood2001@yahoo.co.uk



Quote from the Legion of Mary.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches

most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary." Pope Saint Pius X

## Offertory Giving



1st Collection for 29th March was £800.44 (£295.00 - Standing Orders)

Our parish needs £1600 a week

Sat	18	5.30pm		Ints Fr Gerry, Sarah & Girls	MG
Sun	19	9.00am St Pius X	3rd Sunday of Easter	Repose of the souls of the McIntyre & Sylvester Families	E&T S
		10.30am		Wilf Hall RIP	JH
Mon	20	7.30pm		Derek Martin RIP	L&B S
Tues	21	9.30am			
Weds	22	9.30am			
Thurs	23	9.00am St Pius X	St George, Patron of England		
Fri	24	No Mass Today	St Mellitus, Bp		
Sat	25	9.30am	St Mark, Ev		
		5.30pm			
Sun	26	9.00am St Pius X	4th Sunday of Easter		
		10:30am		Derek Martin RIP	JO,D

#### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Daily: That our Parish may may be set on fire with love for Jesus: For Pope Francis and Bishop Alan: Sunday: The Sick: Jonathan Somervell. Fr Stewart Foster. Fr Paul Dynan. Lily-Rose Robinson. Mary Stacey. Andrew Stevens. Sheila Clegg. Mary Smith. Derek Steward. The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

Monday: The Sick: Brett Kelly. Cassie Thompson. Denis Hanlon. Cory Lees. David Pearce. William Gough.. Andy Dawes. Anthony George. Christopher Carr. and David Squires. Those who live in Apton Hall Road. Butts Paddock. Ethelbert Road & High Mead.

Tuesday: The Sick: Alan Gunn, Jim Bourne. Julia Lamb. Sarah Knight. Chris O'Shea. Edward Cunado. Joseph Merceica. Constance Longman. Chris Godfrey. Paul Clarke. For the people of Rochford Community Church and their Ministers David Clayton. Geoff Durham. Mike Ewers & Steve Liberty. Wednesday: The Sick: Emily Rose Gough. Ethan Adlum. Delia Cheek. William McArthur. Margaret

Hennessy. Sarah Fisher. Marjorie Jay. Ciaran Freel. Jeannette Oatley. Angele De Can. The Queen and her ministers. that they may govern us wisely. Thursday: The Sick: Alain Kennedy-Fern. Mark Shepherd. Ian Chandler. Mary Walmsley. Mike Cross. Craig Perryman. Dorian Churcher. Louise Knight. Len Smith. Sarah Jane Lovibond Jackson. Dee Fage.

Friday: The recently departed: Derek Martin. Robin Szymczak. Maureen Bailey. Edward Stretch. Elizabeth Walker. Lily Jerman and James Cook For those whose anniversaries fall this week Ronald Condon. Joan Hewlett. Helen Roe. Christopher Eva. Phyllis James. William O'Brien. Patrick Reilly. Peter Budgen & Michael Gormley. Our Student Priests: Rick. Patrick. David. Gary. Paschal & Eamonn.

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

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