

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



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Ascension Sunday

As we search for meaning in our troubled world it can be very tempting to look up to heaven, wring our hands and wish that Jesus walked our streets as he did the streets of Palestine and show us all the error of our ways. However this would be to entirely ignore our calling. We have all been entrusted with a task and today's feast is a reminder to us that Jesus only left this world so that he could be with us in a more effective way.

In the coming week let us pray for a renewed outpouring of the Spirit so that we can become more effective witnesses of his love.

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 .

Today is **World Communications Day** which is kept on the Feast of the Ascension as it expresses a commitment to ‘..proclaim the Good News to the Whole World’. We have so many opportunities in this complex world of ours to communicate the Gospel and I ask that you all support the work of the

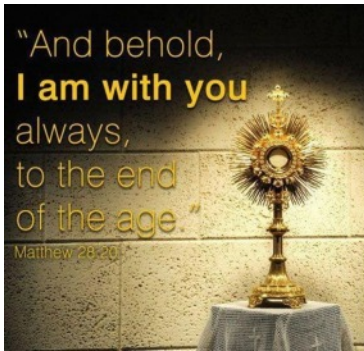
Catholic Bishop’s Conference by giving generously to the second collection this week. Please do take a prayer card with you too.

This weekend we welcome to Fr Basil who will be celebrating Mass with us. Fr Gerry will be away until the 23rd May leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Please keep him in your prayers . I know we are all in his.



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 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. The Holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you will be amazed at the results.

Parish Sacramental Programmes

First Holy Communion 2015 - This Sunday our First Holy Communion



Children celebrate their Going Forth Mass. This is a very special occasion and a wonderful opportunity for us all to join -Chloe, Maddie, Hannah, Finley, Lucas, Edward, Maisy, Oliver, Elario, Joshua, Reuben, Harry, Alfie, Eloise & Ryan as they once again receive the Blessed Sacrament. A huge thank you to our Catechists - Debbie, Bridget and Carole on preparing the children for this most sacred Sacrament.

Confirmation - Our Candidates are now in their final stages of preparation. 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 wish your child/children to receive the Sacrament of Baptism please speak to Fr Gerry after Mass who will arrange for you to receive the necessary preparation. Baptism is the greatest gift you can give your child.

Diocese News & Events

PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING - PENTECOST SUNDAY at SION

Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this month on Pentecost Sunday 24th May 2015, 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Come and Celebrate Pentecost with us. Everyone welcome.

CAFOD FAMILY BIKE

RIDE - Sunday 7th June
- through the scenic Lee Valley Park and along the canal to Broxbourne for a picnic before cycling back.



Choose from the short 10 mile ride or the longer 18 mile route. £6 entry per person, children under 18 must be accompanied. For more details visit pedalagainstopoverty2015.eventbrite.co.uk or email brentwood@cafod.org.uk or telephone 0208 502 9722.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society



and HCPT are hosting a Ladies'

Ascot Day Luncheon on Friday 19th June at the Rayleigh Golf & Country Club to coincide with Royal Ascot week. Ladies are encouraged to dust off their best hats and enter the spirit of a 'Day at the Races'. Tickets cost £20.00 per person for a delicious two course luncheon with tea & coffee. Places are

limited so book early! Please contact Libby on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk



"SVP St John Bosco Summer Camp for Boys (25th July and 1st August) and Girls

(8th August) Exciting, activity-packed week-long camping holidays in the Essex countryside with adult supervision. Come and join in the fun. Cost £145 per young person. For further details and booking form, please visit Website:

www.svpboscocamp.org.uk or speak to any member of the SVP. You may also wish to see the poster on the Church notice board." A limited number of sponsored places are available for families in need. Please contact Alan on 01702 201901

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, ¾ 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 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)

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



Alice in Wonderland Summer Party - We are now starting to collect items for our Summer party . If you have any of the following you can

donate we would be very grateful ;

- Teapots/Cups & Saucers
- Gifts/Toys for prizes
- Cups and Saucers
- Bottles

We would love donations nearer the time of chutneys, jam, and any home made produce that you make.

Thank you very much !

The Parish Safeguarding Officer for Children & Vulnerable Adults is Mel Packer who can be contacted on : 01702 547954 or offgood2001@yahoo.co.uk

For the Young People

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

6th 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 Laurence Mills on 07931349556

Situations Vacant

"The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society needs a new Social Worker to join the excellent team. Experience of direct work with children and families is essential and for an information pack please contact the Director at swebb@bccs.org.uk The role can be full or significant part time."

Future Dates for Your Diary -2015

25th May - 11am - 2pm - Faith Store Jumble Sale All proceeds go towards our church. Donations of cakes gratefully received

10th June - Confirmation with Bishop Alan

5th July - Parish Garden Party - This is our annual summer party.

Prayer and Reflection

A Prayer to Share the Life of Jesus

Loving Father, faith in Your Word is the way to wisdom. Help me to think about Your Divine Plan that I may grow in the truth. Open my eyes to Your deeds, my ears to the sound of Your call, so that my every act may help me share in the life of Jesus. Give me the grace to live the example of the love of Jesus, which I celebrate in the Eucharist and see in the Gospel. Form in me the likeness of Your Son and deepen His Life within me.

Amen



Quote from the Legion of Mary.

“Recite your Rosary with faith, with humility, with confidence, and with perseverance.” Saint Louis de Montfort

The Legion will be leading the Rosary before every Mass each weekend during the month of May. All very welcome .

Please pray for Nepal - We have all heard the heartbreaking news from Nepal this week. Our prayers are needed urgently.

Please pray for our Christian Brothers and Sisters in the Middle East. Please light a candle for peace in Syria for what is a very desperate situation,

Offertory Giving

Worship
Through
Giving



1st Collection for 3rd May was £1066.39 (£295 S/O)

Our parish needs £1600 a week

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 for St Teresa's & St Pius X

		5.30pm	Ascension Sunday		
Sun	17	9.00am St Pius X		Pro Populo	
		10.30am		Ints Pamela Emberson	JE
Mon	18	No Mass Today			
Tues	19	Eucharistic Service			
Weds	20	No Mass Today			
Thurs	21	Eucharistic Service			
Fri	22	No Mass Today			
Sat	23	9.30am			
		5.30pm	Pentecost Sunday		
Sun	24	9.00am St Pius X		Pro Populo	
		10:30:00		Denis Henaghan RIP	AH

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Daily: That our Parish 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, Anthony George, Christopher Carr, and David Squires. Those who live in Arnolds Way, Cagefield Road, Evelyn Road & Highams Road.

Tuesday: The Sick: Alan Gunn, Ann Harris, Eve Stocks, Jim Bourne, Julia Lamb, Sarah Knight, Chris O'Shea, Edward Cunado, Joseph Merceica, Constance Longman, Chris Godfrey, Paul Clarke. For the people of Rockdene Christian Fellowship and Their Minister John Stanton. Rochford Congregational Church and their Ministers Rev David Saunders and Andrew Leach.

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: Sheila Van de Vyver, 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, Lorna Pounder, Martin Ellis, and Clive Graham. For those whose anniversaries fall this week Patrick Sheehy, John Louis Castle, Jim Bowles, Ron Smith, James Aherne, Denis Henaghan & Mary Hartnett. Our Student Priests: Rick, Patrick, David, Gary, Paschal & Eamonn.

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