

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS,  
ROCHFORD



& ST PIUS X HOCKLEY

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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's Gospel reading is a wonderful reminder of how great our call is to evangelise. Jesus opened the ear of the deaf man, that he might hear in a new and startling way the good news of salvation. When we hear the Word of God we need to open up our heart and mind to it and really feel that deep personal connection to Jesus. Only when we do this can we really proclaim the good news with clarity and conviction.

I therefore say to you this week (and always) - Love God. Love all people. Be disciples.

With every blessing,

Fr Gerry



We wish *Teresa's and St Pius X.* I warmly invite you all a *you to join us for Mass and v e r y refreshments afterwards.* If you can *help out in any way by serving welcome tea/coffee or baking cakes that would be great.*

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.

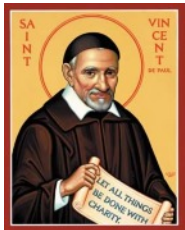
*On Wednesday Bishop Alan will be celebrating Mass for us at 7.30 pm and I know he is very much looking forward to meeting the parishioners of St*

## Whats happening in the Parish?



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 please leave your details in the 'Legion of Mary Box' in the church porch . We also meet every Monday at 5.00pm in the narthex. Why not come along? You would receive a truly lovely welcome. We also have a Junior Legion of Mary every Monday at St Teresa's School whereby all the children play a special role in leading the Rosary, taking minutes and allocating work to help those in need.



This is St Vincent de Paul Society Awareness Month -We are aware of all the Loneliness, Poverty/Debt, Lack of holidays, Food poverty, Sick, Bereaved &

Hospitalised in the Parish, and so the list goes on. If you know of anyone we can help, please let us know. Leaflets/ Posters will be distributed during the month to publicise our work. Your parish representatives are: David Whines 01702 205269 & Alan Coleman 01702 201901



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - every Wednesday at 2pm. Jesus is your Friend - share your worries with Him, pray for your needs or simply give thanks for His great love.

Ministry of the Word Training - 26<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Registration will be at 10.15 am. Full details of this session can be found at the back of church. Why not come along and use the day as a wonderful retreat? For further information please speak to John Emberson



**Parish Rosary Group** - Every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Narthex. A special evening of Intercessory prayer with our parish family. A very peaceful time which

I urge you all to try. On the 1<sup>st</sup> October we will be having an very special evening marking the Feast Day of St Theresa. Join us to watch a wonderful DVD about her and share a few light refreshments. All welcome.



**Home Mission Sunday - 20th September :** PROCLAIM God's Mercy. We pray for

the work of Evangelisation, remembering especially those whom we know to be distant from the life of faith. A special invite goes out to you all to attend Mass this weekend and feel real joy in your faith. A buffet lunch will be offered after 10.30 Mass to mark this special day. A list is now up at the back

of church for all those able to contribute to this shared lunch.

## **Parish Sacramental Programmes**

### **Confirmation**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> September, after 10.30 Mass there will be a short meeting for parents and candidates with Fr Gerry who will tell you a little more about the Sacrament. We then invite candidates to meet us on the 4<sup>th</sup> October . We look forward to seeing you all very soon. If you are in Year 9 or above you are not too late to email Fr Gerry!!

### **First Holy Communion**

If your child is in Year 3 or above and would like to make their First Holy Communion please collect an application form from the back of church. Preparation for this Sacrament commences



with a special Mass on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 am.

### **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.

**RCIA** - We are very much looking forward to resuming our RCIA programme on 5<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm. If you would like to understand more about the Catholic faith then why not come along? It is great that our First Holy Communion parents will be joining us too. **There is nothing more beautiful than to know Jesus and to share our friendship with Him .** I therefore welcome you all . Why not join us for Mass at 7.30pm first.

### **Parish Outreach**

**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. .

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

**(Closed Wednesday) Thank you for all your support.**

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)

## Diocese Events

### **Brentwood East Curia Legion of Mary Retreat**

**St. John Bosco Hall, Holy Family Church Benfleet. Saturday 12th September, 2015.**

**All Parishioners are welcome to join Legion of Mary members at this one day Retreat, commencing 10.00 AM with Mass. A talk by Fr. Mark Swires. A shared table lunch followed by Exposition and an opportunity for Confession. Concluding with Benediction at 2.15 pm. For more information on transport etc please contact Clare on 200353 or Gerald on 207234.**

**'Healing Mass at Abbotswick, House of Prayer, Brentwood to be celebrated by Fr Eamonn Power at 2.30pm Wednesday 16th September 2015. Please call 01277 373959 or visit [www.abbotswick.org](http://www.abbotswick.org) for more information. All are welcome!'**

## **For the Young People**

**Children's Liturgy - Family Mass 10.30 Every Sunday at St Teresa's. All welcome.**



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

**St Teresa's Catholic Primary School -** where making the journey through life is about building relationships: with God and with one another. Head Teacher: Mrs Nikki Stevens - Tel No. 01702 547918

**St Teresa's Pre-School -** For Information on our small, friendly pre-school please call Teresa Wilson on 07980 388786

**Jelly Beans Montessori -** For children aged 1.5 - 5 years. Full day care available throughout the week. Location - Catholic Church, Southend Road, Hockley. For further Information please call Sarah Drummond on 07765836593

**6<sup>th</sup> Rochford Scouts -** Our local scout group linked to St Teresa's. For Further Information please call Laurence Mills on 07931 349556

## **Dates for Your Diary**

***20th September - Home Mission Sunday***

***1<sup>st</sup> October - An evening about St Theresa***

***7<sup>th</sup> November - Firework Spectacular***

***28<sup>th</sup> November - Food Festival***

***8<sup>th</sup> December - Inauguration Mass at Brentwood Cathedral to start the Year Of Mercy***

***26<sup>th</sup> June 2016 - Parish Summer Party***

## Prayer and Reflection

**Repentance** is not a one-time event. It is a continual process as we grow in holiness and seek to imitate Christ. A great aid to this conversion process is the daily examination of conscience and the regular practice of confession. These two things will make us much better prepared to receive all the graces that God wants to give us.

As part of their Mission week ( 7th - 11th Sept ) Our Lady of Canvey is offering us all the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the 8th and 9th Sept @7.30pm.

*Quote from the Legion Of Mary*

***O Mary, conceived without sin.***

***Pray for us who have recourse to you.***



### Offertory Giving

1<sup>st</sup> collection for 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug was £721.14

Our parish costs £1600 a week to run.

*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... Your generosity is very much appreciated. Thank You*

## MASS TIMES FOR ST TERESA'S & ST PIUS X

Sat	5	5.30pm	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Pauline Connor RIP	P7P
Sun	6	9.00am St Pius X			
		10.30am		Fr Anthony Sacre RIP	PAC T
Mon	7	7.30pm		Ints Patricia Short	CC
Tues	8	9.30am	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Canon Patrick Carey RIP	
Weds	9	19:30		Ints Br Pius	FG
Thurs	10	No Mass Today			
Fri	11	No Mass Today			
Sat	12	No Mass Today			
		5.30pm	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Pro Populo	
Sun	13	9.00am St Pius X			
		10.30am		Across Pilgrimage to Lourdes	

### *FOR YOUR PRAYERS*

**Daily:** That our Parish may be set on fire with the love of Jesus; For Pope Francis and Bishop Alan;

**Sunday:** The Sick: Angela Read, Douglas Greenfield, Jonathan Somervell, Dee Fage, Fr Paul Dynan, Lily-Rose Robinson, Paul Clarke, Andrew Stevens, Sheila Clegg, Mary Smith. The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

**Monday:** The Sick: Alan Coleman, Brett Kelly, Louise Knight, Cassie Thompson, Denis Hanlon, Cory Lees, David Pearce, William Gough, Anthony George, Christopher Carr, and David Squires. Those who live in Banyard Way, Cherry Orchard Road, Gladstone Road & Kembles.

**Tuesday:** The Sick: Alan Gunn, Ann Harris, Elaine Liddon, Eve Stocks, Jim Bourne, Julia Lamb, Sarah Knight, Chris O'Shea, Edward Cunado, Constance Longman, Chris Godfrey. For the people of Ashingdon Elim Church and their Ministers Rev. David Redbond, Rev. Simon Law, Keith Maynard, Tony Tween & Dean Courtier.

**Wednesday:** The Sick: Emily Rose Gough, Ethan Adlum, Delia Cheek, William McArthur, Margaret Hennessy, Sarah Fisher, Marjorie Jay, 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, Ian Chandler, Mary Walmsley, Mike Cross, Craig Perryman, Dorian Churcher, Len Smith, Sarah Jane Lovibond Jackson, The Farming Community.

**Friday:** The recently departed: Mary Stacey & Pauline Connor. For those whose Anniversary falls at this time Luke Kavanagh, Bo Mann, Rosa Coleman, Peter Connor, Derrick Crisp, Ann Cater, Gabrielle Whines, John Drinkwater Yeadell and William Gray. 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, Vicki Robinson, Samantha Robinson & Sianne Robinson and all those in hospital.