

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS,  
ROCHFORD



& ST PIUS X HOCKLEY

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27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today marks the beginning of the Synod on the Family called by the Pope. A great deal of nonsense has been written and said about possible changes in Church teaching on marriage and the family, but we need to keep our heads. Something which is true is always true and cannot be changed by opinion. The Church simply does not have the power to change any teaching of Jesus because we may find awkward or inconvenient. Jesus loves us and has given us his moral teaching in scripture and through the Church because he knows what is best for us. He also knows that human life is messy because we are fallen, and he came to live that fallen life with us in order to redeem us, and help us live in union with Him in holiness by following his teachings, and he is always ready to forgive us when we fall if we truly repent. Jesus never said it would be easy, nor did he say it would be popular. But he did say it would give us eternal joy.

With every blessing, Fr Gerry



We wish you all a v e r y w a r m welcome to our P a r i s h



This weekend our second collection is for Harvest Fast Day. Your support and

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.

donations will enable our partners to work with people across the world to have access to tools and training, and empower them to become self-sufficient despite living in the most difficult of conditions. Please do remember to hand in your envelopes. We have spares too!

# Parish Sacramental Programmes

Dorien Churcher's Requiem Mass will be here at ST Teresa's Church on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 9.45am . Please do support her family at this time. All welcome. **Eternal rest grant unto them , O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen**

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.



**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.**



## Parish Rosary Group

-This is a special evening of Intercessory prayer with our parish family which begins with a drink, a chat and friendship. A very peaceful time which I urge you all to try. Looking forward to seeing you all . Every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Narthex.

## Confirmation

Our first meeting is this Sunday after 10.30 Mass. Please do keep our catechists, Helen and Elaine and all our Confirmation Candidates in your prayers.

## First Holy Communion

Thank you to all those who attended our special Mass last Sunday. Just to remind you that our classes commence on the 18<sup>th</sup> October after 10.30 Mass. Your children will now have their Mass



attendance sticker sheets and stickers can be collected from your First Holy Communion Catechists, Debbie, Bridget or Carole directly after Mass. If you have any questions about anything please do ask them.

## 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. This Sunday we extend a very warm welcome to Pierce as he receives the Sacrament of Baptism . Congratulations!

**RCIA - Starts this Monday!** If you are thinking about becoming a Catholic or simply would like to understand more about the Catholic faith then why not come along? We celebrate Mass at 7.30pm every Monday evening , why not join us for this too? **Our RCIA Catechists are Fr Gerry and Christine. If you have any questions please do speak to them as they will be more than happy to help you.**

## 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)**

**The Faith Store** is not simply a shop it is a valued outreach to our parish community. It has helped many people in so many ways . We are now calling upon more parishioners to spare a few

hours a week or fortnight to help out. We guarantee a very warm welcome to every member of our team. If you are interested in joining please call into the Faith Store .

## For the Young People

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



**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** - 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. Please call Sarah Drummond on 07765836593

thank you

**Message from St Teresa's Pre-school** - we would like to thank the parish for their overwhelming

support and generosity in response to the recent break in and vandalism of the pre-school garden. The funds raised have more than covered the costs in-

curred and we are now in a position to take stock of what has happened and how we take our pre-school forward. With the funds donated, we are now in a position where we can financially support some increased security measures for the pre-school and parish, so that events like this may never occur again.

**Legion of Mary - Annual Function 2015**

The Rayleigh Legion of Mary has invited members of Rochford and Hockley Legion to join them in this year's function which will be held in the Bethany Room beside Our Lady of Ransom church, on Sunday afternoon 11th October from 2.00pm until 4.00pm. All Senior, Auxiliary and Junior members are invited and anyone interested in the Legion of Mary. For more information contact Gerald - 207234 or Clare - 200353.

**Dates for Your Diary**

**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

**Jelly Beans Montessori Day Nursery**

*We are looking for a very special person to help our young children to grow, learn and develop. A great opportunity is available, through the apprenticeship scheme, run in conjunction with SEEVIC college to study for a Level 2/3 childcare qualification whilst working at our Ofsted Outstanding nursery. If you think you have what it takes please contact Sarah on 07765836593 to find out more.*

**St Thomas More High School**

*We are looking to add to our team of cleaners - Mornings: Mon - Friday 5.30am to 8.00am. Evenings: Mon - Friday 3.30pm to 6.00pm . Please email [recruitment@stthomasmoresouthend.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@stthomasmoresouthend.sch.uk) or telephone 01702 606763*

**Safe a life - give blood**

**Friday 9 October 1.15 - 3pm & 4.30 to 7.45pm**

**Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford.**

**For more information visit [blood.co.uk](http://blood.co.uk) or call 0300 123 23 23**

*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)*

## Prayer and Reflection

Lord, in our church I light a candle .May this candle that I light be LIGHT. May this LIGHT be for me the sign of your presence. May it enlighten my life and be a sign of my faith. May it rekindle my heart in my pain and in my difficulties. In burning this candle, I entrust to you my intentions and the intentions of those dear to me. Help me to be a light to those around me. Thank you Lord.



Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St Teresa of the Child Jesus, pray for us.

St Pius X, pray for us.



***October is the Month of the Holy Rosary and the Legion of Mary will be leading the Rosary at all weekend Masses during the month, please join in this efficacious prayer.***

### Offertory Giving

Worship  
Through  
Giving



1<sup>st</sup> collection for 27<sup>th</sup> Sept was £887.64 (inc Standing Orders)

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Home Mission Day was £150.51

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

	3	5.30pm	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Harvest Sunday	Pauline Connor RIP & Douglas Gullick RIP	ML	
Sun	4	9.00am St Pius X				
		10.30am		Rita Bolton RIP	AB	
Mon	5	7.30pm		Ints Frank & Rosealine Reilly	HR	
Tues	6	9:30am		Charlie Boylan RIP	JC	
Weds	7	9.30am	Our Lady of the Rosary			
Thurs	8	9.00am St Pius X	St Osyth, Rel	Repose of the souls of the Sylvester Family	E&T S	
Fri	9	No Mass Today				
Sat	10	9:30am				
		5:30pm	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sarah Kitchens RIP	DK	
Sun	11	9.00am St Pius X			Pro Populo	
		10.00am			Ray McEaney RIP	Grcc hs

### *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. Andrew Kelly. 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 Beatrice Close. Church Green. Golden Cross Park & King Henrys Drive.

**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 Bramerton Road Community Church and their Minister David Sebley.

**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: Mary Murphy.. Russell Short. Sheila Van de Vyver. Alain Kennedy-Fern. Ian Chandl. Len Smith. Sarah Jane Lovibond Jackson. The Farming Community.

**Friday:** The recently departed: Maureen Fulcher. Dorian Churcher. For those whose Anniversary falls at this time Margaret Gough. Patrick Canty. Julie Thompson. Tanie Bartlett. Keeley and Riley Hartnett. Natlie Micallef. Emily Widera. Gretta Nagle. John Steward. Lucy Skinner. Mark Cheng. Joe Fernandez & Thomas Graham. 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.