

A warm welcome to
THE PARISH OF ST TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS
ROCHFORD & ST PIUS X HOCKLEY

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24th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Imagine the disappointment when Jesus acknowledges the fact that he is the Messiah, but then says he is going to be captured and put to death. How on earth could they convince anybody to follow a leader who was already predicting his own failure and demise! Jesus insists on honesty, they must not lead anybody into false expectations or misguided hopes. Anybody who wanted to follow would be a part of a movement which was destined to suffering and hardship. The disciples found it almost impossible to understand Jesus. Later we read that Jesus gathered his disciples together and made his teaching really explicit. He broke bread as a visual aid, to help them understand that his body was going to be broken. His blood was going to be poured out, just as he gave them wine to drink. This is an important lesson to learn, for many are deceived in their faith by imagining that faith in Christ acts like a barrier against trial and tribulation. Some are wrongly advised that the trusting soul does not as many problems as those who live without the Christian religion. How easy it would be to stand in the pulpit and declare that the act of faith works to bring health and wealth and immunity from the dangers which trouble others. How easy and yet how false.

What's On

The Legion of Mary: working and praying for the Kingdom of God in our Parish. Everyone is most welcome to the 5.30pm meeting in the Parish Centre - new members always welcome.

Deanery Mass at St Bernard's High School Monday 14th September 2009 at 4.15 pm
Staff of all denominations working in our Catholic schools have been invited to a Deanery Mass at St Bernard's High School and Arts College, Milton Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, at 4.00 pm for 4.15 pm on Monday 14th September 2009, followed by refreshments.

If you are working in a non-Catholic school, we would love you to join us. We would be very grateful if you would let us know if you intend to attend for catering purposes. Please contact Carmel Allen, Deputy Head Teacher, or Karen Froydenlund, Secretary, on 01702 343583 if you have any queries or to advise of your intention to join us at the Mass.

'Praying with Icons' a four week course at Fresh Horizons, Ditton Court Rd, Westcliff Tuesdays 15th Sept to 6th October; 10.30am to 12pm Cost, £2 per session. Book by ringing Sister Catherine on 01702 304931

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	5	5.30pm	The Twenty-Third	Ints Theresa Paton	
Sun	6	9.00am At S Pius X	Sunday	Ints Gabriella Prideaux	CB
		10.30am	of the Year (B)	The People of the Parish	
Mon	7	No Mass	Today		
Tues	8	9.30am	The Birthday of Our Lady	Our Schools	
Weds	9	9.20am		Ints Patrick Ryan	OR
Thurs	10	10.00am At S Pius X		Josephine Micallef RIP	AM
Fri	11	9.20am			
Sat	12	9.30am			
		5.30pm	The Twenty-Fourth	Jim Bennet RIP	LB
Sun	13	9.00am At S Pius X	Sunday	In thanksgiving for the life of Rosemary Gravestock	JG
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PARISH PRAYER

Heavenly Father, send out your light and your truth. Open our eyes to the opportunities you give us; Open our ears to hear your call; Open our hearts to your love, That we may serve you And bring others to your light Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

In our Cycle of Prayer we remember those who live in Arnolds Way, Cagefield Road, Evelyn Road and Highams Road.

The Sick: William McArthur Dorian Churcher, Gabriella Prideaux, Pauline Connor, Gail Airey, Joan Hauser, Antoinette Cane, Chris Bowler, Christopher Carr, Sarah Knight, Zita Killick, Ross Giza, David Ward, Oliver Kelly, Lucy Fuller, Laura Munden, Harry Clark, Terry & Marie Barrett, Vicki & Dee Fage, Daphne Lamb, Jackie Gravestock, Fr William Newton,

Drummond & Helen Clapp, Chris Sheehan, Jim Bourne, Shirley Kennenson, Siobhan Taylor, Gareth Lewis, Mark Reilly, Bartly Igoe, Dexter Govia, Michael King, Elizabeth Reilly, Johanna Packer, Marylin Friend, Marjorie Jay, Cassie Thompson, Ciaran Freel, Angele DeCan, Ann Francis, Paul Clarke, Mac & Maria McFairbairn, Ken Cropley, Louise Knight, Ann Moore, Tony Micallef, Maud Livett, and all who are sick.

The Departed: William Catling, Douglas Gullick, Mary Pike, Ernie Greenburgh, George Hanagan, and all whose years' mind fall at this time.

St. Teresa's Pre-School are celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the opening of our Pre-School at Rochford Hundred Golf Club on Saturday 3rd October 7.30pm. We would love for former pupils, past and present friends and parents to come along and celebrate on this special night with us. The tickets are priced £15 each. In order to purchase your tickets please either speak to Pat Green after Mass or drop into the pre-school. We hope you can join us! St. Teresa's Pre-school are also celebrating winning a silver award for our vegetable plot in the Southend in Bloom competition. The children have benefited deeply in being able to plant the seeds, water and watch the shoots come up and being able to pick the produce and of course eat it! We are all very excited at winning this and would like to thank our green fingered mum Natalie Valentine.

St John Payne Catholic School in Chelmsford will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary from September 2009 to July 2010. We would like to invite any ex-pupils and past members of staff for a reunion which will be on Saturday 3rd October 2009 at the school's Upper School Hall. More details are available on the school's website www.sjp.essex.sch.uk of the other events taking place throughout the year. We are also producing a special book to mark this historic event and this book can be pre-ordered through the school office.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be hosting a Charity Night at Romford Dogs on Wednesday 14th October. Ticket are priced at £22 per person and this includes: Entrance, 3 Course Meal with Coffee in the Chase Restaurant, and Free Race card. We are expecting this event to be really popular so please book early in order

to avoid disappointment. For further details and to book tickets call Julie on 01268 784544 or email jabbott@childcareuk.org

ST & SP MEN MEET OCT 20TH 8.00PM WHITE HORSE HOCKEY SHHH - DON'T TELL THE MISSUS!

Baby and Toddler Group

We are currently looking for volunteers to assist with this group. The group meets Wednesday mornings from 10am to 12pm during term time. Please contact Sandra Stilwell on 01702 258929 if you are interested in offering your assistance.

From George (Bethlehem Art.)
We are writing to express our greatest thanks to you and your parishioners for all of the support we received on our visit to your parish. As I am sure you are aware, the work that we do to support the Christian families of the Holy Land is immensely important. However, all of the work that we do would not be possible if we did not have the support of priests and Parishioners. So once again Father, on behalf of the Christian families please accept our most heartfelt thanks to You and Your Parishioners for all of your support. Thank you and God Bless.

Altar Server's List next week

Sunday 20th September 10.30 am

MC	Stuart,
Cross Bearer,	Rebecca,
Book Bearer,	Dean,
Thurifer & Boat,	Charlotte & Sophie C,
Candle Bearers,	Emily & Victoria,
Offertory	Francis & Aimee,
Spare	Sophie D,
Any Enquires Please Contact Derek on 01702 541639	

or Tony Castle (who is leading the Course) on 01702 218660 or just turn up!

Informative Talk by Fr Stephen Langridge followed by an open discussion DOES DEATH FROM AIDS RESULT FROM THE ATTITUDE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? Drawing upon information from the World Health Organisation, the United Nations and the Contraceptive Industry Catholic Church Hall, Church Hill, Epping. Tues 13th October 8pm Everyone welcome to attend and take part in the discussion

The Parish Council Meets on Wednesday 16 at 8pm in the Parish Centre.

The Essex Recusant Society meets on Saturday 19th September at 2.30 p.m. at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood. Dr. James Hagerty, author of a recent biography of Cardinal Hinsley, will give a talk entitled, 'Cardinal Hinsley: the cross and the flag'. For further details please contact Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.

BCCS Celebrity Sporting Dinner

As part of their anniversary celebrations, BCCS will be hosting a Sporting Dinner on Thursday 17th September at The Chichester Hotel, Rayleigh with guest speaker Ray Parlour. Tickets are £45 and include a 3 course dinner, along with the opportunity to speak with Ray as well as having your photograph taken with him. To book your tickets, please call Julie Abbott 01268 784544 / jabbott@childcareuk.org

Those who made their confirmation in July will receive their certificates at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 19th. Una and Martin have asked that the girls who sang join them for the music so please talk to them about this.

A Workshop for Catechists 'Connecting with Jesus' - with Mrs Elizabeth O'Brien (Special Needs Adviser, Diocese of Birmingham) Saturday 26th September. 9.30am - 2.45pm, Cathedral Conference Hall, Brentwood. Supporting children, young people and adults with learning difficulties and disabilities. For booking and further information, please contact the Adult RE & Formation for Ministry office on 01277 265219/257 or email deniseholder@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

The Diocese will be celebrating a special **Mass for Marriage and Family** in the Cathedral on Saturday 26th September 2009 at 3.30 pm.

Parish Quiz Night on Saturday, September 26th and tickets, at £5 each, will go on sale Sunday 13th Sept. for further details call Anne Bourne on 01702 205792

BE LIKE BRIGHT STARS Training and Resources day for Youth Leaders, Catechists,

and all those who want to see more happening for young people in our parish. The day will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wansted, next Saturday, 19th September, 10.00am - 4.15pm. There is a brilliant range of speakers, and many interesting ideas will be offered. For more information, and registration, please call 01277 265286 or go to www.bcys.net/brightstars.

National Day of Prayer & Fasting For Life. On Tuesday 29th September, Feast of St Michael the Archangel, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For more information contact; The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740 or email info@goodcounselnetwork.freeserve.co.uk