

ST TERESA ROCHFORD & ST PIUS X HOCKLEY

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3rd Sunday in Lent

Today our elect will come forward to receive the Creed, the first of the scrutinies they will receive in readiness for their reception into the Catholic Church.

The purpose of these scrutinies is for each of the elect to look within themselves to uncover and understand what is weak within them but also to bring out and strengthen all that is upright, strong and good in them. It is a time of preparation.

Jesus knows all about us, even what we do not want to face and like the woman of Samaria, Jesus has offered us living water.

Through Baptism Jesus wants to transform us, give us a new identity in himself which is why today's readings are so appropriate for the first scrutiny. Jesus continues to hold out that offer of grace to us all,

"...whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

***With every blessing,
Fr Gerry***

This weekend there will be a coffee morning in aid of Dementia. Sadly many of us will know someone who has been affected by this illness and I am sure



you will all want to give generously.



Sacramental Programmes

As Catholics, one of the most profound ways we encounter Jesus Christ is in the Sacraments.

Confirmation

Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates - Lucy, Charlie, Andrew & Debbyka as they prepare to go on Retreat to Walsingham House on the 24th March.

Our Candidates will be leading Stations of the Cross at St Teresa's Church on the 31st March at 8pm. Please come along and support them.

Thank you Helen & Elaine

First Holy Communion

Meetings continue every Tuesday evening for our parents. Please continue to bring your children to Mass. A few dates for you to be aware of:

Abbottswick - 6th May 10.30am - 3.30pm

Reconciliation - 10th May at 7pm. This is for all children and parents.

RCIA/First Holy Communion Parent Evenings

Looking forward to seeing you all this Tuesday at 8pm.

Please remember Louise & Natasha in your prayers as they prepare to be received into the Church this Easter.

If you have any questions please feel free to ask our Catechists Fr Gerry and Christine. God Bless

Baptism



This weekend **Olivia Ahmed** and **Holly Kimmins** will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism. We warmly welcome them into the family of God and offer

them both our love and our prayers. If you wish your child/children to receive the Sacrament of Baptism please speak to Fr Gerry after Mass.

Reconciliation

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we discover that God loves us no matter what we have done, and is ready to forgive whenever we turn to him in prayer.

Reconciliation is an important part of our Lent Preparation and the following **Penitential Services** are available during Lent for those who wish to receive this Sacrament:

30th March at 8pm - St John Fisher

5th April at 8pm - Our Lady of Canvey

Holy Hour - Every Wednesday 2-3pm.. Be quiet and listen because

God wants to speak to your heart. When was the last time you came and kept our Lord company?

Friendship and Prayer Group - will meet on Thur 30th March at **7.30pm at St Teresa's**. Come and meet Lyndsey who is running this wonderful group and enjoy a time of warmth, care, love and prayer. Everything said is in confidence so please feel free to share your joy, pain, laughter, tears and hopes.

How we Serve in the name of Jesus

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 meet at 5.00pm every Monday. All are very welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Society -

Turning **concern** into **action**

Our mission is to visit, befriend and offer support to any person in need in the spirit of Christian love. If this is something you can help with please call Alan Coleman on 01702 201901.

The Wellspring Tearoom - The Wellspring is now having a little break but will re-open again in a short while.

The Wellspring is a place where the hand of friendship can reach out to all and a great outreach to all those

in our community. We have been very blessed as a parish to have Elaine run the Wellspring for us and we will miss her greatly. I am very much hoping Elaine will join us again soon but in the meantime I wish her a well earned rest and extend my huge thanks to her for her love and kindness to all those who have needed solace and delicious cakes.

Whats happening in the parish

Coming soon - Share your Talents Evening at St Teresa's Church.

Children you are blessed with so many different talents and we would like to invite you all to share them with us. You may like to sing, play an instrument, dance, share a poem or story you have written or even simply show a picture you have painted? This event will take place on a Saturday night after Mass. The date is yet to be confirmed but get thinking! If you wish to share your idea now then speak to Natasha or Christine.

12th May - Joint Fundraising event with St Teresa's School at Regency Spice. This will be great fun....more information to follow shortly.

27th May at 11am - First Holy Communion Mass for our Children.

4th June at 10.30am - Confirmation Mass - Pentecost

25th June 2017 - Parish Summer Party. Would you like to help with this event? Can you help collect donations? It is great fun working together on this event and all parishioners are welcome to

Lent in our Parish

24th March - 8pm Stations of the St Teresa's at St Pius X

10th April - 8pm Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

Finances

1st Collection - £798.08 (Includes weekly S/O payments)

2nd Collection for CAFOD (Lent Fast Day) - £78.22

We receive only what you give - please be as generous as you can.



Diocesan Centenary Events 2017

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham - 22nd July 2017 :

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we celebrate the Centenary of our Diocese. Don't forget to book your place on the coach. A list is up at the back of church.

Diocese Events

Lenten talks at Nazareth House

Our next talk will be on Wednesday the 29th at 7.30pm and will be on the subject of "Abortion, the new holocaust, 50 years since the Abortion Act" and will be given by speakers from SPUC

There is no talk this week due to the Centenary Mass at Brentwood Cathedral.

Situations Vacant

Deputy Headteacher Vacancy -St Joseph the Worker Primary School, Hutton, Brentwood. The Governors are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, enthusiastic and skilled teacher as our Deputy Headteacher from September 2017. Please contact the school on 01277 227282 for an application pack and further details. Closing date is 30th March 2017.

Full Time Maternity Cover - Class Teacher -St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

The governors of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and creative primary class teacher who is sympathetic to the ethos and aims of our Catholic School. NQTs will be considered. Closing date: 18th April 2017. Interviews commencing: 2nd May 2017 Start Date: 1st September 2017 Telephone: 01268 683903

St Francis Catholic Primary School, Maldon, Head of School (L8-L12) required for September 2017

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed & strongly encouraged. Closing date for applications: Friday 24th March 2017 at close of business. Interviews will be held on: Thursday 20th April 2017. Tel.01621 856698

Notices

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is hosting an evening of classical music in Ingatestone Hall on Saturday 6th May at 7.30pm. Come and enjoy an exciting and varied programme with three professional musicians performing a selection of classical favourites. Tickets are £25 which includes prosecco and nibbles. For tickets or further information, please call Libby Phillips on 01268 784544 or email lphillips@bccs.org.uk

Thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning held by 6th Rochford last Sunday in aid of Myeloma UK which raised £182.77. This amount will not only help raise awareness of this type of cancer but it will also help provide much needed help and support to those suffering along with their families. **Please continue to keep Andy Dawes in your prayers at this time.**

Officer for Children & Vulnerable Adults is Mel Packer who can be contacted on 01702 547954

Weekly Prayers

That each one of us may know more deeply the love God has for us, and that we may have the courage to share His love.

Sunday: The Sick: Alison Mills, Joyce Hall, Sheraton Copland-Mander, Angela Read, Jonathan Somervell, Lily-Rose Robinson, Paul Clarke, Andrew Stevens, Mary Smith. The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

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Tuesday: The Sick: Pat Murray, Christina Thomas, Eve Stocks, Jim Beck, Julia Lamb, Sarah Knight, Edward Cunado, Constance Longman, Chris Godfrey. For the the people of Hullbridge Free Church and their Minister Rev'd Brian Gibson.

Wednesday: Gabriella Prideaux, Alan Gunn, Emily Gough, Ethan Adlum, William McArthur, Margaret Hennessy, Sarah Fisher, Marjorie Jay, Jeannette Oatley, The Queen

and her ministers, that they may govern us wisely.

Thursday: The Sick: Sarah Drummond, Theresa Igoe, Ron & Jackie Gravestock, John Vasey, Baby David Georgina Cook, Mary Norris, Vera Moore, Sheila Van de Vyver, Ian Chandler. Len Smith, Sarah Jane Jackson, Ava Hallmark. The Farming Community.

Friday: The recently departed: Christine Pratt, Mary Tyrrell, Brett Kelly & Bernadette Boniface. Those whose Anniversary falls at this time: Maureen Cleary, Catherine Cook, Charles Cook & Eileen Paris. Our Student Priests: Rick, Patrick, David, Gary, Paschal & Eamonn.

Saturday: The Sick: Barty Igoe, Ron Gravestock, Andy Dawes, Padraig Evers, Oliver Kelly, Helen Clapp, Terry Purton, Gareth Lewis, Vicki Robinson, Samantha Robinson, Sianne Robinson and all those in hospital

Sat	18	5.30pm	Third Sunday of Lent	Ints Christina Godfrey	
Sun	19	9.00am St Pius X		Frank Hall RIP	JH
Sun	19	10.30am		Pro Populo	
Mon	20	9.30am	St Joseph, Husband of the BVM	Ints Andy Dawes	F&S VDY
Tues	21	7.30pm		Susan Ray RIP	AC
Wed	22	9.30am			
Thur	23	9.30am			
Fri	24	No Mass Today			
Sat	25	9.30am St Pius X	The Annunciation of the Lord, Solemnity	Sister Paul Murphy RIP	E&T S
Sat	25	5.30pm	Fourth Sunday of Lent, Mothering Sunday, Laetare Sunday		
Sun	26	9.00am St Pius X		Ints Josie Kostrica	ES
Sun	26	10.30am		All Mothers	

