

ST TERESA ROCHFORD & ST PIUS X HOCKLEY

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In our second reading St Paul exhorts us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Paul is speaking liturgically here, he is making the connection between worship (sacrifice to God) and charity (sacrifice to others). We cannot truly worship God without also showing charity to others, nor can we truly show charity to others without worship of God. All of this involves sacrifice - taking up our cross daily and following Jesus as he invites us in the Gospel.

Have a blessed, worshipful and loving week.

Fr Gerry

As part of the centenary celebrations Fr Gerry and all priests from our diocese will be away next week on retreat.



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

Baptism

If you wish your child/children to receive the Sacrament of Baptism please speak to Fr Gerry after Mass.

Confirmation

If you will be in Year 9 or above next year, now is the time to start thinking about whether you are being called to make this Sacrament.

First Holy Communion

We are pleased to announce that our First Holy Communion programme will start on Tuesday 26th September at 8pm. Receiving the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus is the greatest gift anyone can ever have. It is not a one off event but one which happens again and again, a gift we receive throughout our lives whenever we come to Mass. In the name of Jesus the Church teaches us that we should come to Mass at least every Sunday, and preferably to come to Mass through the week as well. It is therefore important that our programme this year begins with helping you as parents understand the faith and we know that you will want to play your full part in teaching your children, both by example and by word.

Children will begin their programme on Tuesday 16th January and classes will be held from 4-5pm in church. For children to take part in the course parents must have attended the Tuesday evening parent meetings.

Please see Fr Gerry for an enrolment form and

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. If you need to receive the Sacrament of Confession please call or speak to Fr Gerry.

RCIA



Our RCIA will commence on Tuesday 26th September at 8pm. This is open to everyone and is a

perfect chance to find out more about the Catholic faith. Why not come along and see what happens?

In session 1 we will be looking at:

Why we believe... anything?

Why we believe in Truth?

Why we believe in science?

All very welcome. Any questions please ask Fr Gerry or Christine.

Children's Liturgy - I am very much looking forward to resuming Liturgy for our children on Sunday 17th September. All children are very welcome to come and experience the great joy shared with us through the Word of God.

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.

Legion of Mary Juniors meet on Mondays at St. Teresa's school- 3.15-4.30pm. New members are always

welcome. **Our first meeting back is on Monday 18th September.**

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 David Whines on 01702 205269. This SVP is based at Our Lady of Ransom, Rayleigh. Would you be willing to help form a SVP group in our Parish?

The Wellspring

This will be back in September serving our community. If you would like to be part of our Wellspring please speak to Elaine.

Adoration is changing to a Friday as from September at the new time of 3.30-4.30.

On the last Friday of every Month Adoration will be from 3.30pm - 9pm and we would ask that you sign up to a time you would like to come to ensure the church is never empty.

Day of Prayer for our Parish Saturday 30th September at St Teresa's Church

9am - Morning Prayer

9.30am - Mass

10am - Coffee & Cake

10.30am - 11am - Talk - Fr Gerry

11am - 12 - Exposition concluding with midday office

12.15-1.30 Lunch

1.30 - Rosary

2pm - 3pm - Exposition with the opportunity for confession.

3pm -3.30pm - Tea & Cake

Notices

Fr Gerry has changed his day of from Monday to Friday, There will therefore be a Mass on Friday morning at 9.30am, but no Mass on Monday.

On the 16th September Alice, our wonderful organist, will be leaving for university. Alice has been playing for us every Sunday now for many years and we are very grateful to her for sharing her talent and serving God in this way. This weekend there will be a second collection for Alice to help her in a small way towards her studies. Thank you.



A missionary group from Bethlehem Nativity will visit us on weekend 16th-17th September to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of olive wood from the Holy Land to help and support the poor Christian families any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciate” (when you help the poor you help our Lord”).

Dinner & Dance In Aid of Nazareth House

This is a Knights of Saint Columba Event. Saturday 23rd September at Nazareth House Main Hall – Doors open 6:30pm for 7pm start. Delicious Fish 'N' Chips, wonderful live music and the opportunity to choose your partner and take to the dance floor.

Ticket price £10 available from Liam Rand 07952 954833, Damian Dillon 07887 678741 or email: liam.rand@btopenworld.com –

Please inform us when booking if you have specific dietary requirements.

The Really Big South Essex Sleep Out is back!

This year it's going to be even bigger and better, and we want you to be a part of it. Taking place around October 7th 2017 to mark World Homeless Day, families and community groups all across South Essex can choose to brave the elements with just a sleeping bag, or get the tent out and camp in the garden with the whole family.

So what are you waiting for? Sign up now www.essexsleepout.org Once again, everyone will receive a free pack with activities for kids to do, along with free wristbands and sponsorship forms. This is a great way for children and adults alike to have a fun evening learning about a local issue whilst raising money for HARP, so that we can help more local people overcome homelessness for good.

World Youth Day, Panama, January 2019. If you will be in year 12, or aged 17-27, in January 2019, then join the BCYS group travelling to Costa Rica and Panama for an encounter with 2 million young people from all over the world, and the Pope. This is truly a “once in a lifetime” experience and an amazing opportunity to discover and celebrate faith in Latin America. For more information, visit www.bcys.net or email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org by 15th September 2017.

'Celebrating the Work of The Holy Spirit in Our Lives'



A Diocesan Day of Celebration and Witness, which is open to all, will take place in

Brentwood Cathedral

on Saturday 4 November from 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Speakers will be Bishop Alan Williams, sm; Bishop of Brentwood; Bishop Thomas, Emeritus Bishop of Brentwood & Michelle Moran, President of ICCRS (International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services).

Dates for your Diary

12th September at 8pm - Meeting of the WHOLE PARISH in the light of the vision document 'Working Together To Evangelise Our Diocese' (which can be downloaded from the Diocesan website at dioceseofbrentwood.org/news). At this meeting we will have the opportunity to renew our commitment to Christ and His service. Your comments and suggestions will be gratefully received and passed on to the Diocese as the Bishop has requested, as part of the ongoing consultation process.

I look forward to seeing you all at that meeting. If for any reason you cannot attend, please let me know.

30th - Day of Prayer for our Parish at St Teresa's Church 9am - 3-30pm

1st Oct at 10.30am St Teresa's Feast Day Family Mass welcoming our new Reception Class. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All very welcome.

7th Oct - 'Quiz n Chips' Night at St Teresa's Church. This will be a fun evening and tickets are on sale now at just £5 per person which includes a portion of chips. Why not invite your family and friends? Teams are for 6-8 people but if you haven't got a team sorted please do still come along as we are a friendly bunch and would love to welcome you. Please speak to Tracey or Mike Heddon if you need any other information.

4th Nov - Parish Firework Party

2nd December - World Food Day

Advanced Notice: Sunday **8th July 2018** - Pastoral Visit from Bishop Alan, who will confirm our candidates at the 10.30am Mass

Finances

1st Collections

30/7/17 - £856.12

6/8/17 - £733.99

13/8/17 - £906.10

20/8/17 - £782.88

27/8/17 - £736.31

Parish finances are not good and the only money our parish receives is what YOU give, we are not funded from the diocese or any other source.

Thank you so much to those people who have returned completed planned giving forms. Forms are still available if you still require one.

Huge thanks to Alison & Laurence for all their hard work counting over the summer.

Safeguarding 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: Jules McFadden, Joyce Hall, Renate Butler, Angela Read, Jonathan Somervell, Lily-Rose Robinson, Andrew Stevens., The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

Monday: The Sick: Brian Meyers, Louise Knight, Elaine Liddon, Cory Lees, Anthony George, Christopher Carr, Mary Smith and all those in hospital. Those who are moving into Notes and Elizabeth Gardens. Those who live in Sudbury Close, Wedgewood Way, The Hylands and Wood End.

Tuesday: The Sick: Joe Nagle, Georgina Cook, Pat Murray, Christina Thomas, Eve Stocks, Jim Beck, Julia Lamb, Sarah Knight, Edward Cunado, Chris Godfrey. For the people of Rochford Congregational Church and their Ministers Rev David Saunders and Rev Andrew Leach.

Wednesday: Kevin Cosset, Gabriella Prideaux, Alan Gunn, Emily Gough, Ethan Adlum, William McArthur, Margaret Hennessy, Sarah Fisher, Marjorie Jay, Jeannette Oatley. For the Queen and her ministers, that they may govern us wisely.

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

Friday: The recently departed: Those whose anniversaries fall this week: Sylvia Yeadell, Joyce Drew, Eleanor Spiers, Bo Mann, Luke Kavanagh, Peter Connor, Derrick Crisp, Ann Cater and Vic Gooding. Our Student Priests: Rick, Patrick, David, Gary, Michael, Adrian, Paschal & Eamonn. Our new Seminarians starting in September: Alexander, Tony, Damien & Jonathan.

Saturday: The Sick: Simone Miller, Shirley Corboy, Ian Chandler, Bartly Igoe, Andy Dawes, Pdraig Evers, Oliver Kelly, Helen Clapp, Terry Purton, Gareth Lewis, Vicki Robinson, Samantha Robinson, Sianne Robinson.

		5.30pm		Diane Tilbrook RIP	DT
Sun	3	9.00am St Pius X	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
		10.30am		Anthony Manickam & Michael Nathan RIP	
Mon	4	No Mass Today			
Tues	5	No Mass Today			
Wed	6	No Mass Today			
Thur	7	No Mass Today			
Fri	8	No Mass Today	Nativity of the BVM		
Sat	9	No Mass Today			
Sat		5.30pm	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sun	10	9.00am St Pius X		Repose of the souls of the Sylvester & McIntyre Families	EG; TS
		10.30am		Pro Populo	