

ST TERESA ROCHFORD & ST PIUS X HOCKLEY

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was very encouraging to see so many people attend our parish meeting on Tuesday. We have all been reminded of that need to renew our commitment to Christ and His service and I believe that together our parish can thrive.

As Bishop Alan has said, the Vision shared with us is still very much part of the ongoing consultation process and it is therefore very important that you read the document carefully and offer feedback on the following questions:

- A) Do you agree that striving for Renewal and Restructuring is a good way to pursue our Vision?
YES /NO
- B) Are you satisfied that the 12-Point Plan for Renewal covers the right strands of work?
YES/NO
- C) Are you satisfied that the Framework provides a good model for us to Restructure our Diocese?
YES/NO

If you have answered Yes to any of these questions: are there points of detail you would like to comment upon?

If you have answered No to any of these questions, please set out brief reasons. Answers to these questions should be sent to myself and the Diocese by 30 September.

Your comments and suggestions will be gratefully received and passed on to the Diocese as part of the ongoing consultation process.

Have a blessed, worshipful and loving week.

Fr Gerry

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. Welcoming new people into our parish is something we do well in this parish and welcoming parishioners as they bring their child/children for Baptism is an important part of our mission. If you would like to help with this important ministry please have a chat with Fr Gerry.

Confirmation

If you are in Year 9 or above it is now time to start thinking about whether you are being called to make this Sacrament. If the answer is YES then candidates are asked to email Fr Gerry (frgerry@talktalk.net) by the end of September. Our first meeting for parents (and candidates) will take place on the 8th October after 10.30 Mass. If you would like any further information or would like to be involved in helping

the group please speak to Helen or Elaine.

First Holy Communion

We are pleased to announce that our First Holy Communion programme will start on Sunday 24th September and we invite all children and parents to our First Holy Communion Inscription Mass at 10.30am.

Our first meeting will take place 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.

If you would like an enrolment form or would like to help with the running of this group please speak to Fr Gerry. Thank you.

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 - Looking forward to seeing you all this Sunday.

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
September is SVP Awareness Month.
The theme this year is 'Welcome the Stranger'. Posters are now on display in the church so please do take time each week to focus on a different poster.

If you can help in any way please call **David Whines on 01702 205269.** This SVP is based at Our Lady of Ransom, Rayleigh. **Perhaps this is the month we could think seriously about forming our own SVP group in the parish?**

Adoration - Every Friday 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

Do not forget that our wonderful **Wellspring** will be re-opening in October.. If you would like to be part

of this special outreach please speak to Elaine.

Notices

A MESSAGE FROM ALICE BARNES

I would like to say a huge thank you for the support I have received from the Parish. Thank you to everyone who contributed to my gifts, I couldn't be more blessed to have served the many years I have at St Teresa's and I look forward to coming back in December! Love Alice x

The **Legion of Mary Annual Retreat** will be at Our Lady of Canvey Church, Canvey Island on Saturday 23rd September, commencing with Mass at 10.00am, with a talk, Coffee and lunch breaks. Members of the Legion of Mary are invited along with all Parishioners.

For more information, contact Clare on 200353
Or Gerald 207234.

Evangelisation - In light of our recent meeting who would like to attend this??

Bishop Mark O'Toole, head of the Department of Evangelisation and Catechesis of CCBEW will give a lecture entitled, **How to be a disciple making disciple: Prayer, Faith, Loving Service and the Sacramental Life** to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism. Doors of St Patrick's Church, Soho Square

will open at 6:30 pm and Bishop Mark will begin his lecture at 7. Admission £5 at the door.
Registration: guildofourladyandstjos_eph@gmail.com
Please let me know!

Memorial Mass for Sister Mary Stephen Saturday 7th October 2017 @ 11.30am at St Bernard's High .If you knew Sister Mary Stephen and wish to come to the Memorial Mass you are very welcome. We ask that you let us know so seating is adequate and the venue is appropriate. Please email sboga.stbernards@yahoo.co.uk if you would like to attend.

Dates for your Diary

19th September - Parish Council Meeting at 8pm. If you have anything you would like raised at this meeting please speak to a member of the Parish Council.

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
24th June - Parish Summer Party
Advanced Notice: Sunday
8th July 2018 - Pastoral Visit from Bishop Alan, who will confirm our candidates at the 10.30am Mass

Finances

1st Collections

10th September - £776.35 (Includes Standing Orders of £245)

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. It is not too late to complete a planned giving form. Thank you so much.

Today is Home Mission Sunday and there will be a second collection after every Mass.

The Home Mission Office exists to help the Church throughout England and Wales to share the joy of the Gospel. The money received for this collection ensures that the Catholic Faith Centre is resourced and is able to respond to those who have questions about the Catholic Faith.

Coffee Mornings

This Sunday Ruth, Frank and Pat will be serving coffee and cake after 10.30 Mass. We hope you will stay awhile and enjoy a chat with friends, old and new. A coffee morning rota is now up at the back of church if you would like to sign up for one.

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 Suffolk Court, Weir Pond Road, The Mews & Woodlands Park.

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 Ashingdon Elis Church and their Ministers Rev. David Redbond, Rev Simon Law, Pastor Keith Maynard, Rev Tony Tween & Rev Dean Coutier.

Wednesday: Kevin Cosset, Gabriella Prideaux, Alan Gunn, Pat Short, 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: Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor, Francis Jones, John Mitchell & Joyce Bates. Those whose anniversaries fall this week: Catherine & Fred Whittlesey, Anne McGowan, Niall McNamee, Anny Kuchly, Eileen Smith, Mary Pike, Ernie Greenburgh, Kitty King, George Hanagan, Doreen Steward & Violin Price. 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.

	16	5.30pm			Ints Bishop Alan Williams	
Sun	17	9.00am St Pius X	Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Ints Ayesha Ahmed Khan	SB
		10.30am			Ints Pat Short & Alan Gunn	CC
Mon	18	No Mass Today				
Tues	19	7.30pm			Ints Susan & Barbara	MG
Weds	20	9.30am	S Andrew Kim Taegon, Pr & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Comps, Mm		Canon Peter Gilbert RIP	PAC T
Thur	21	9.30am	S Matthew, Ap, Ev		Elizabeth McFadden RIP	T&J MCF
Fri	22	9.30am				
Sat	23	9.30am St Pius X	S Pius of Pietrelcina		Cecelia & John Clapp RIP	FRG
Sat		5.30pm	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Charles Mann RIP	
Sun	24	9.00am St Pius X				Pro Populo
		10.30am			First Holy Communion	