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**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Mr dear people,**

In today's Gospel Jesus declares that he is glorified at the very moment when Judas has gone out to betray him – the beginning of his passion death and resurrection. As Christians we are called to glorify God. We should glorify him in our way of life, by obeying his commandments rather than those of the world. The world tells us that we should glorify ourselves, put ourselves before others, but the way of Jesus is the very opposite – just think of Him washing the disciples feet!

We are also called to glorify God in our worship. Too often the way of the world creep in – chatting before Mass, arriving late, leaving before the blessing, not giving prayerful thanks after Mass. All these are signs of people taking Jesus for granted, the very opposite of giving Him glory.

We also need to give Glory to Jesus in the Mass in our attitude of reverence and attention, particularly in the manner in which we receive that precious gift of the Blessed Sacrament. This is no ordinary food, but the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Himself sacrificed for us at great cost on the Cross. Every fragment is precious because it is Jesus Himself. See how the priest carefully washes the sacred vessels and his fingers after Communion. This is why from the earliest times the universal practice of the church has been to

receive the Eucharist directly to the tongue, so that no fragments might remain on our hands as we leave the Altar rail, and why from the earliest times the universal practice of the church has been to receive kneeling. Those who receive the honour of a knighthood from her Majesty the Queen will kneel for that honour. How much more should we kneel to receive Christ himself? Wishing you all every blessing.

Fr Gerry

*Our week at a glance*

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

2-4pm - Wellspring Tearoom Open

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

2 - 4pm - Wellspring Tearoom open

7.10pm - Evening Prayer

7.30pm - Mass

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

9.10 am - Morning Prayer

9.30am - Mass

10.30 am - Legion of Mary

2 - 4pm - Wellspring Tearoom open

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

9.10am - Morning Prayer

9.30am - Mass

10am - Adoration for Children

2-4pm - Wellspring Tearoom open

7-9pm - Works of Ar+

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

9.10 - Morning Prayer

9.30am - Mass

10 - 3.15 - Wellspring Tearoom

3.30 - 4.30pm - Adoration

7pm - 9.30pm - Friday Night Youth

**Do you know someone that would like to come to Mass but cannot get there?  
We would love to hear from you.  
Please drop an email to  
frgerryd@gmail.com. Thank you**



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

**Baptism** - If you are thinking about preparing your child/children for Baptism please speak to Fr Gerry after Mass.

**First Holy Communion** -

Please continue to keep : **Serge, Jack, Zakary, Victoria, Isla, Ruby, Ellen, George, James, Ethan, Jessica, Rejoice, Harrison, Sienna, Max, Betsy, Francisco** all our children in your prayers.

**Confirmation** -

**Next Sunday we will be having our rehearsal directly after 10.30am Mass.**

Please remember in your prayers: **Noah, Dominic, Aidan, John, Sophia, Joseph, Anthony, Oliver & Robert** .

**Please Join us for Adoration every Friday - 3.30pm - 4.30pm**

**Congratulations to our First Holy Communion children who received the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ for the first time this weekend.**

***Serge Jack Zakary Victoria  
Isla Ruby Ellen George  
James Ethan Jessica Rejoice  
Harrison Sienna Max Betsy  
Franciso***



***May God Bless You Always***

**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. Meetings are held at 10.30 am on Wednesdays in the narthex of St Teresa's Church.**

New members welcome.



Members of the Legion of Mary will be leading the Holy Rosary at all Masses each weekend during the month of May.

All parishioners are welcome to join in.

### Quote from the Legion of Mary:

*The Rosary stops a busy family in its tracks, quiets the world's noise, gathers us together and focuses us on God and not ourselves. This does wonders for a family psychologically and emotionally.* - Tom Hoopes from *The Rosary of Saint John Paul II*

### **St Vincent de Paul Society -**

*Turning concern into action*

If you can help in any way please call **David Whines on 01702 205269**. This SVP is based at Our Lady of Ransom, Rayleigh.

## Notices



The Funeral arrangements for our dear Sister in Christ, **Joyce Hall** are as follows:

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 at St Peters Church, Eastwood - 11.30am**

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**Works of Art** ~ Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 7-9pm in St Teresa's Narthex. Come along and be creative! Refreshments and art materials provided. This month's theme: Our Lady of Walsingham.



**Would you like our Lady of Grace to preside in your home for a few weeks?** To watch over you and your family. To encourage you to pray for

Our Holy Mother's Intercession.

If so, please put your name down on the list at the back of both St Teresa's and St Pius X church. The Legion of Mary will arrange to visit you and bring her statue with them in Our Lady's Service.

### **ROSARY BRUNCH ~ SAT. 1ST**

**JUNE: 10am** in St Teresa's Narthex. Meet together and pray for our loved ones, our parish and Fr Gerry. Then enjoy a full English breakfast and fellowship ... What better way to start the weekend!

### **Our *Marvel*ous Summer Party to - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 12noon - 4pm**



As always, for this event to be a success we really do need your support and are hoping for a garden swarming with superheroes.

If you can help with a stall or would like to design your own superhero activity for the day please contact Christine: 07525248298

**Thank you so much.**

### **Parish Finances**

1<sup>st</sup> Collection - 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019 - £523.23

1<sup>st</sup> Collection - 12<sup>th</sup> May 2019 £748.99

**Please continue to pray for our parish, that we may raise sufficient funds to cover the many outgoings.**

**ST TERESA'S**

**FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH!**

Alternate Weeks in the Parish Centre  
**7 – 9.30pm**

**Our Next meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> May**

- \* Pizza \* Chips \* Southern Fried Chicken \*
  - \* Tuck Shop \* Soft Drinks \* Milk Shake \* Hot Choc \*
  - \* Table Soccer \* Safety Darts \* Table Tennis \*
  - \* Board Games \* Music \* FUN! \*
- Run on a donation basis ~ School Year 6 upwards ...  
Everyone Welcome!

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** is hosting its annual **Ascot Ladies' Luncheon** on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at the Rayleigh Golf & Country Club. Ladies are encouraged to dust off their best hats and enter into the spirit of a 'Day at the Races'. Tickets cost £25.00 per person for a delicious two course luncheon with tea & coffee served in our own private dining room, with plenty of time to enjoy some racing from Ascot before the school-run. Please contact Libby for more information & to book tickets on 01268 784544/ [lphillips@bccs.org.uk](mailto:lphillips@bccs.org.uk)

**CAFOD-'Our Common Home'**  
Brentwood Diocesan Creation  
Celebration Mass.

With environmental issues very much in the news, you are warmly invited to attend the launch of CAFOD's new campaign-'Our Common Home' at a

Creation Celebration Mass, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May, at 6pm, in the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay.

*If you are unable to attend but would still like to take part in the campaign, we are asking for the UK government to go further, faster on climate action.*

*Please sign our petition at <https://e-activist.com/page/36329/petition/1>*

**Education Buildings Development Officer.** 35 Hours a week - 52 weeks a year. Pay range: £45,000 - £53,000. A job description and further details will be available shortly on the Diocesan Website or can be requested by calling 01277 265284. Applicants are asked to provide a CV and a covering letter, highlighting how their skills and experience match the job description and person specification, to [sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org) by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019.

Congratulations to Lily Taylor who has recently been elected as Head girl at St Thomas More. We love hearing great news about our parishioners and we were delighted to hear of Lily's success. Well done Lily!

**If you have any items you would like to go in the newsletter please email: [stteresarochford@icloud.com](mailto:stteresarochford@icloud.com) before Thursday. Thank you, Christine**

Fr Gerry is currently experiencing problems receiving emails to [frgerry@talktalk.net](mailto:frgerry@talktalk.net). Until further notice, can all emails for Fr Gerry be sent to [frgerryd@gmail.com](mailto:frgerryd@gmail.com)

## Weekly Prayers

**Daily:** *Pray for each other, that we may hear the voice of Jesus speaking clearly to us, and that we may have hearts open to share his love.*

**Sunday:** The Sick: Karen Landy, Joe Mullany, Renate Butler, Angela Read, Jonathan Somervell, Norma Goater, Andrew Stevens. The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

**Monday:** The Sick: Stephen Kennedy, Trevor Ridgwell, Marguerite Jakes, Louise Knight, Elaine Liddon, Cory Lees, Anthony George & Mary Smith. Those who live in Briar Close, Old Ship Lane, Hall Road & Thorpe Gardens.

**Tuesday:** The Sick: Alan Gunn, Keith Short, John Rice, Nellie Smith, Graham Gardener, Mary Reilly, Pat Murray, Christina Thomas, Edward Cunado, Chris Godfrey. For the people of Rochford Congregational church and their Ministers Rev David Saunders and Rev Andrew Leach.

**Wednesday:** Gerald Miller, Eve Stocks, Jim Beck, Sarah Knight, Kevin Cosset, Ethan Adlum, Penny Stiles, William McArthur, John Hennessy, Margaret Hennessy, Sarah Fisher & Marjorie Jay. For the Queen and her ministers, that they may govern us wisely. For our own Parish Priest Fr Gerry.

**Thursday:** The Sick: Rosie, Kenneth Jobson, Venus Rubertazzi, Ellen Franklin, Ron & Jackie Gravestock, John Vasey, Baby David, Mary Norris, Sheila Van de Vyver, Len Smith & Sarah Jane Jackson. The Farming Community.

**Friday:** The recently departed: Joyce Hall, Tony Camelo and Elsie Clayton. Those whose anniversaries fall this week: Jim Bowles, Danielle Lock, Ron Smith, James Aherne, Dennis Henaghan, Mary Hartnett, Debbie Johnson, Margaret Reilly & Jean Vickery.

**Saturday:** The Sick: Bartly Igoe, Padraig Evers, Margaret Thomas, Oliver Kelly, Helen Clapp & Terry Lewis. Our Student Priests: Rick, Patrick, Gary, Michael, Adrian, Paschal, Eamonn, Alexander, Tony, Damien & Jonathan.

Sat	18	5.30pm		Jim Bowles RIP	F/ M
Sun	19	9.00am St Pius X	Fifth Sunday of Easter	Pro Populo	
		10.30am		Joyce Hall RIP	CC
Mon	20	No Mass Today			
Tues	21	7.30pm			
Wed	22	9.30am		Ints Jackie & Ron Gravestock on the 60th Wedding Anniversary	Pr PT
Thur	23	9.30am		Ints Mary Norris	JO
Friday	24	9.30am		Julie RIP & her family as they mourn	
Sat	25	No Mass Today	St Bede the Venerable, Pr,D		
		5.30pm		Pro Populo	
Sun	26	9.00am St Pius X	Sixth Sunday of Easter	Ints James Sylvester	Eg TS
		10.30am		Ivan Van De Vyver RIP	Fg SV DV