

THE PARISH OF ST TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS ROCHFORD & ST PIUS X HOCKLEY

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The Epiphany

The Christmas Season continues with yet another view of God in the reality of history. The three visitors to Bethlehem reveal that the gift of Jesus Christ is for all people. Whether arriving on camels from Midian or bearing gold and frankincense from Sheba, all nations shall walk in the light of Christ. In the early church this meant that gentiles (Non-Jews) would have to be seen as co-heirs with the Jews, members of the same body of Christ. When we celebrate the mystery of the Epiphany, we face the mystery of Christ's identity as both God and Man, and we are challenged to respond. Because this revelation of God is universal - meant for everyone, we are presented with a challenge: do we treat some people as 'outsiders', as if they were not co-heirs of the Kingdom? Do we act as if the epiphany were only for paid up Catholics?

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 on Mondays in the Parish Centre - new members are always welcome.



Toddler Group meets in the Parish Centre after the 9.20 Mass on Wednesday: 9.45am to 12pm during term time. Everyone very welcome.

Mass by Candlelight at 8.00pm Wednesday 6th. Come and pray in a beautiful and reflective atmosphere. Why not come and pray for your family and friends, or better still why not bring the whole family to pray together?



The Funeral Mass of Terry Barrett is at 11.00am in St Teresa's, followed by cremation at Sutton Road. I know you will want to come and support his Widow Marie and her family at this time.

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.



RCIA 8.00pm in the Presbytery Weds 13th January. If you or anyone you know is interested on knowing more about the Catholic Faith or becoming a Catholic, see

Fr Gerry after Mass, contact him by phone or email, or just come along to the meeting! Everyone is very welcome, especially if you are already a Catholic. The journey into faith is one that we all share together as the Pilgrim People of God.

World Gifts
Gifts that make a difference



Let's send a gift to the world this Christmas instead of cards! There are collection pots at both churches. And

we are trying to raise £350 for training and a bicycle for a Health Worker.

Altar Servers List

5.30 am Saturday 9th January.
Aimee, Charlotte, Sophie,

10.30 am Sunday 10th January.
MC Stewart,
Cross Bearer, Emily,
Thurifer & Boat, Dean & Bandon,
Acolytes, Hannah & Victoria,
Offertory James & Rebecca,
Spare Frances,

Any Enquires Please Contact Derek on
01702 541639

Hymn Books at St Teresa's and the New Translation of the Mass

For some time we have had an ever dwindling number of increasingly dog-eared 'Celebration' hymn books.

It would be great to replace our tatty hymn books as soon as possible, but we have a problem: the new translation of the Mass, which is now over five years late, looks as if it is at last to be promulgated and directed for use in the next 12 months or so. This would make the replacement hymn books obsolete as the words for the Mass will change slightly but significantly. There will be adjustments to the Mass settings we already know, and there will probably be completely new music written for the new translation of the Mass as well.

Whilst we need to replace the hymn books as soon as we can, it makes sense for us to wait a little longer until there is a hymn book which includes the new Mass translation.

Please bear with the situation for a little longer. As soon as can, we will launch an appeal to allow everyone to buy a new Hymn book in memory of a loved one. We will print a personalised *In Memoriam* book plate for the front inside cover of the book, asking whoever uses it to pray for the person or family you would like remembered (See Below). We expect the cost to be about £10.

*Of your charity please pray for
the Repose of the Soul of*

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*In whose memory this hymn
book is given*

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	2	5.30pm		Rita Sangster RIP	Mrs E	
Sun	3	9.00am	At S Pius X	The Epiphany of the Lord	Mr Collingwood RIP	
		10.30am			Barney McDaid RIP	
Mon	4	No Mass Today				
Tues	5	11.00am	The Funeral Mass of Terrence Barratt			
Weds	6	9.20am	Henry & Elizabeth Elms RIP			
		8.00pm	Mass by Candlelight			
Thurs	7	10.00am	At S Pius X	Ernest Margaret & John Stacey RIP	MS	
Fri	8	9.20am	Henry & Elizabeth Elms RIP			
Sat	9	9.30am	Ints Jackie Lynham			OR
		5.30pm	Rita Sangster RIP			Mrs E
Sun	10	9.00am	At S Pius X	The Baptism of the Lord	Ints Jackie Gravestock	MS
		10.30am	The People of the Parish			



Wise men still seek Jesus

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

In our Cycle of Prayer we remember those who live in Barnwell Drive, Chestnut Path, Glenwood Avenue, and Kent Green Close. We Pray for the people of Rockdene Christian Fellowship and their minister John Stanton.

The Sick: Sianne Robinson, Dee Fage, Teresa Honeyands (John's Mother), Claire Dean, Samantha Robinson, Pam De Keyser, Collette Hague, Margaret Hennessy, Sarah Fisher, Elizabeth Graham, Delia Cheek, William McArthur, Gabriella Prideaux, Gail Airey, Joan Hauser, Antoinette Cane, Chris Bowler, Christopher Carr, Sarah Knight, Ross Giza, David Ward, Oliver Kelly, Lucy Fuller, Laura

Munden, Harry Clark, Marie Barrett, Jackie Gravestock, 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, Marilyn Friend, Marjorie Jay, Cassie Thompson, Ciaran Freel, Angele DeCan, Paul Clarke, Mac & Maria McFairbairn, Ken Cropley, Louise Knight, Ann Moore, Tony Micallef, Maud Livett, and all who are sick.

All the Departed, and in particular: Bill Redfern, and Terry Barrett, recently departed; Stanley Yeadell, George Cater, Lily Downs, Alberto Garcia, Michael Green, William Jones, Frank Percival, Bernard McKinney, John Nagle, and all whose years' mind fall at this time.