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Feast of Christ the King

My dear people,

We end our church year by recalling a tremendous act of love. In today's Gospel, we recall how Jesus, King of the universe, gives himself completely on the cross - a life poured out for others from the very beginning to the very end.

Jesus is our King but is no mere figurehead. He rules a Kingdom of God where justice reigns, the lowly are raised up, and the mighty are brought low.

Jesus is our King, the crucified, humiliated one whose destiny is paradise.

Jesus is our King who is mocked and taunted but is not interested in saving himself.

Even now our King stands ready not to save himself, but to save us.

This is our King - how will you serve Him?

Wishing you every blessing,

Fr Gerry

Our Week at a Glance

Monday 25th November

2 - 4pm - Wellspring Tearoom Open

Tuesday 26th November

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Wednesday 27th November

9am - St Teresa's Teddies Meet

10.30am - Legion of Mary

2-4pm - Wellspring Tearoom Open

Thursday 28th November

9.10am - Morning Prayer

9.30am - Mass

2-4pm - Wellspring Tearoom Open

Friday 29th November

9.10am - Morning Prayer

9.30am Mass (Latin)

10am - 3pm Wellspring Tearoom open

3.30pm - 4.30pm - Holy Hour

Saturday 30th November

7-10.30pm - World Food Festival
(Tickets are required in advance for this event).

This weekend we celebrate the young people in our Church and all who accompany them. Within our Diocese the **Brentwood Catholic Youth Service** (BCYS) offer retreats, pilgrimages and many other events for many thousands of young people every year; most of the work is led by volunteers, trained as young leaders in the Church. The BCYS also supports our catechists and school lay chaplains. Today Noah and Danielle will tell us more about the BCYS and there will be a collection for their vital work, or you can donate **online** at www.bcys.net/donate.

SVP - a place of help, hope and opportunity.

If you would like to know more about the SVP or if you are interested in joining the Society, please get in touch with David Whines On 01702 205269. Further information about the SVP can be found on the Society website at <https://www.svp.org.uk>

Legion of Mary

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.

Quote from the Legion of Mary:
Humility is like a pair of scales: the lower one side falls, the higher rises the other. Let us humble ourselves like the Blessed Virgin and we shall be exalted.
St John Vianney

Parish Notices

Coffee Morning at St Pius X

Come and join your fellow parishioners who are serving refreshments after Mass at St Pius on Sunday 1st December.
Please stay after Mass and enjoy a cup of tea, coffee, mince pie and a chat.
Donations towards flowers welcome.

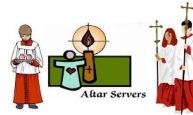
St Teresa's and St Pius X **100 CLUB** will be resuming once again - our first draw will be in January and we will start with £50! All draws after will be £25

Have you purchased your lucky number yet?

Please take an application form and return as soon as possible If you have a preference for a number please do include it on your form and if it is still available we can allocate you the number. **Your support is greatly appreciated.**

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!

Message for all Altar Servers



We will be having a practise for all Altar servers after 10.30 Mass on Sunday 8th

December. Please do make every effort to be there. Thank you

Message from Graham Thomas

I currently volunteer at a homeless shelter in



Southend called 57 West. They desperately need tinned food, tea, coffee, hot chocolate,

biscuits, blankets, coats, sleeping bags, hats, scarves and gloves. If you can donate any of these items they would be very grateful. Items can be brought to the church. Thank you very much

Message from Fr Gerry

During Advent the Sacrament of reconciliation will be available every Saturday from 5pm - 5.30pm.



On Saturday 7th December I will be available from

4.30pm - 5.30pm.

If you would like the Sacrament of Reconciliation at any other time please do call me so that we can arrange a suitable time.

Parish retreat to Walsingham

Last weekend 18 parishioners, led by Fr Gerry set off for Walsingham. It was a time of prayer, peace, reflection and friendship. We are so very grateful to Tracey for organising this

weekend and give thanks for the spiritual direction of Fr Gerry. The feedback after the retreat was hugely positive and we have decided to offer this retreat every year. We do hope others will want to join us next year.



Aid to the Church in Need - Red Wednesday 27th November Appeal

The world is largely silent when it comes to religious persecution, so it is up to us to defend religious freedom and shine a light on the suffering of persecuted Christians and others -

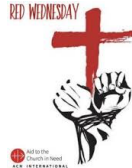
especially to Syria, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan and China. Our prayers are vital.

We are called to be visible and alongside 16 cathedrals and more

than 30 parishes around the country we will shine red. We ask you all to purchase a red candle as you leave Mass this weekend

and light them in your homes on Wednesday.

Candles are 50p each and all money raised will be going directly to this Charity.



Parish Events

Sat 30th Nov at 6.45pm.



Come and sample food from around the world for just £10 per person. (Children under 14 £5).

Our food this year is from the following countries:

Italy, America, Spain, Mexico, Peru, Philippines and India.

Fully licensed bar too!

This weekend is your last chance to purchase tickets as they cannot be bought on the night. Very few tickets remaining!

Carols Around the Crib

Our much loved family carol service will take place on **Sunday 15th December at 6pm**. As always we invite all our



musicians to take part in this lovely event. All music will be provided. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served afterwards in the narthex. Huge thanks to the musicians who have come forward so far - your music packs will be available very soon.

Diocesan Events

Advent Service of Reconciliation - St Helen's Catholic Church 11th December at 7pm. The service will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be hosting its very popular Ladies' Christmas Luncheon on **Friday 6th December** 12 for 12.30pm at the Rayleigh Golf Club, Hullbridge. Ladies will be treated to a delicious two course lunch with tea & coffee in the luxurious surroundings of a private room overlooking the golf course. Tickets cost £25.00 per person. To reserve your place, please call Libby on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk

'Calais Light are taking volunteer bookings now for our next Convoy - January 31st-2nd February 2020. We plan a long way ahead so don't delay. We're the car-sharing Refugee

action convoy which takes a bunch of like-minded, friendly volunteers to Calais to work for the weekend with refugee charities! Make it your New Year's Resolution to volunteer! Come with us! Sign up now at www.calaislight.com or on our facebook Page. Choose Love!'

Parish Finance

1st Collection - 10th Nov 2019 - £386.79

Gift Aid - If you are a tax payer all money you give to the parish can be gift aided. **Gift Aid increases the value of donations by 25%**, so it means even more money goes to the causes you care about – and it won't cost you any extra.

Next weekend we have an appeal by **Survive-Miva** - A Catholic lay association providing funding for essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas, and for the Church's pastoral care in places of difficult access. Please come prepared.

WELLSPRING TEAROOMS

Opening Hours:

Mon - Thurs 2pm - 4pm

Friday - 10am - 3pm

Our wonderful volunteers look forward to welcoming you.

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

Daily Prayers :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: Lee Davis & Sian, Karen Landy, Joe Mullany, Mark Shepherd, Renate Butler, Angela Read, Jonathan Somervell, Norma Goater, Andrew Stevens. The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

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Tuesday: The Sick: Nellie Smith, Graham Gardener, Mary Reilly, Edward Cunado & Chris Godfrey. For the people of Community Church Rochford and their Ministers David Clayton, Simon Ford and Steve Liberty.

Wednesday: Geraldine Stevens, Eve Stocks, Jim Beck, Sarah Knight, Kevin Cosset, Ethan Adlum, William McArthur,

John Hennessy, Margaret Hennessy & Marjorie Jay. For the Queen and her ministers, that they may govern us wisely. For our own Parish Priest Fr Gerry.

Thursday: The Sick: Maureen Lumholst-Smith, Linda Joyce, Kenneth Jobson, Venus Rubertazzi, Ellen Franklin, Jackie Gravestock, John Vasey, Sheila Van de Vyver & Len Smith. The Farming Community.

Friday: The recently departed: Richard Aquilina, Graham Powell & Brian Meyers. Those whose anniversaries fall over the following week: Anna Kubiak, Wladyslawe Kubiak, Gerald Mann, Edward Rolt, Martin Thompson, Preston Yeadell, Alain Fern, Constance Miller, Alice Wisniewka, Janet Haslett, Jill Hughes, Frederick Taiani, Fr Francis Branney, Kam Woon Cheng, Desmond Fernandez, John Grimes, Denis Hartnett & Anthony Parisio.

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

Sat	23	5.30pm	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Youth Sunday		
Sunday	24	9.00am St Pius X		Pro Populo	
		10.30am		Ron Gravestock RIP	JG
Monday	25	No Mass Today			
Tuesday	26	No Mass Today			
Wed	27	No Mass Today			
Thur	28	9.30am			
Friday	29	9.30 (Latin)			
Sat	30	No Mass Today	St Andrew, Ap,		
	30	5.30pm	First Sunday of Advent		
Sunday	1	9.00am St Pius X			
		10.30am		Pro Populo	