

**ST TERESA ROCHFORD &  
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**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

My dear people,

This week you will notice we have included Ember Days in the calendar. Sadly when the liturgy was vandalised in the 1950s and 1960s Ember Days were suppressed in the Novus Ordo but remain part of the Traditional calendar.

Ember Days are days of fasting and prayer on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after the Feast of St Lucy in December, after Ash Wednesday, after Whit Sunday and after 14<sup>th</sup> September (Exaltation of the Holy Cross). Pope Callistus (217-222) is generally agreed to have introduced Ember Days, "Baptising" the Roman festivals of harvest and seed time. They teach us to thank God for the gifts of creation and to use them in moderation. They are also traditionally times of Ordination, and so became times of prayer for the Priesthood.

I would encourage you all to celebrate this coming Friday, Wednesday and Saturday by extending your Friday fast to the other two days, and to say extra prayers in thanksgiving for the harvest and the Priesthood.

Wishing you every blessing,  
Fr Gerry

**Live Streaming in the Parish**

<b>Sun 20th Sept</b>	10am – Morning Prayer 10.30am - Mass
<b>Mon 21st Sept</b>	Fr Gerry's Day Off
<b>Tues 22nd Sept</b>	No Streaming Today
<b>Wed 23rd Sept</b>	6pm - Evening Prayer
<b>Thurs 24th Sept</b>	1.30pm Rosary
<b>Friday 25th Sept</b>	9am – Morning Prayer 9.30am – Mass 1.30pm - Rosary

**Readings this Sunday**

**First Reading – Book of Isaiah  
55:6-9**

**Psalm 145 Response – “The Lord is near to all who call upon him.”**

**Second Reading: Saint Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24,27**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!. Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16**

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Fr Gerry is available for Confession after every Mass or if you would prefer please give him a call on 07919 416263 to arrange a mutually convenient

## Quote from the Legion of Mary:

*'During little sufferings pray by making the invocation, "Mary!" and tell Her you want it all to serve whatever Intentions are most acceptable to Her. Thus you put your sufferings like a chisel in the Hands of a master sculptor.'* – St. Maximilian Kolbe

## Notices

Every Tuesday night with Fr Gerry.

We hope you can join us socially distanced in the narthex

**Please note that this will not be taking place this**

**Tuesday and will return the following week.**



**Mass in the Extraordinary Form - THIS SUNDAY here at St Teresa's at 4pm.** We do hope you will join us. Our Celebrant will be **Fr Michael Halsall.**

## Face Masks

**There are still a few remaining at the back of church if you wish to purchase one (suggested donation of**

**a minimum of £3.00). Many thanks to Ana Marie for all her hard work in helping to keep us safe.**

## School News

**Do you have a child due to start school in September 2021?**



**St Teresa's Catholic Primary School** are holding an open afternoon on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 4pm - 7pm

Why not come along and see the wonderful facilities we have to offer.

To make an appointment to attend please call us on 01702 547918

## Certificate of Practice

Fr Gerry will be available on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2.30pm - 4pm to issue certificates. Certificates will be issued based on Mass attendance prior to lockdown.

## Situations Vacant

**Listed below are Brentwood Diocesan Catholic School Vacancies which you will find are posted on the Diocesan website.**

The following vacancies are currently being recruited for:

- [Teaching Assistant – St Joachim's Primary School, Custom House, London](#)
- [Headteacher – St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School, Grays](#)
- [Deputy Headteacher – Sacred Heart Primary School, Southend-On-Sea](#)

· [Deputy Headteacher – St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, Stanford-Le-Hope](#)

· [Headteacher – Holy Family Primary School, Benfleet](#)

## Sacrament of Confirmation



If you are in Year 9 or above and would like to commence preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation next year please email

[frgerryd@gmail.com](mailto:frgerryd@gmail.com)

## Harvest Home Appeal

Can you donate food for homeless people in Southend this Harvest?

**Sheila Jones** from our parish will be arranging a collection from the

27<sup>th</sup> September - 18<sup>th</sup> October.

There will be a box placed in the narthex for your items.

Even if you can only spare one item, together, our donations will add up to make a big impact. Thank you.



## Brentwood Catholic Children’s



**Society** will be selling Christmas Cards once again this year. This is a good opportunity for them to raise much needed funds

and to spread awareness of the wonderful work that they do. We hope that you will want to purchase these

cards to support them. Throughout lockdown they continued supporting students and staff in all schools and do an amazing job.

All information can be found on their webpage: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/christmas/christmas-cards>

If you would like to have a quick view of their cards an application form is on our notice board at the back of church.

## Parish Finance

1<sup>st</sup> Collection - £305.45 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Holy Land £63.36

**We are aware that a number of you are still unable to attend Mass but could we please ask that you continue to support your parish with your weekly offering.**

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=brentwood>

Please click on the link above remembering to specify either Hockley or Rochford.

If you are attending Mass, your weekly offerings can be placed in the basket at the entrance or exit to the church.

**Please continue to support your parish.**

**Second Collection** - This Sunday after every Mass for Home Mission Sunday.

All Masses, of course, are offered to the glory of God and for the salvation of the whole world but, usually, there is also a specific intention. If you would like a Mass said please place your offering and intention in an envelope and give to Fr Gerry. Thank you.

## Daily Prayers:

Pray for one another, that we may each hear the voice of Jesus speaking clearly to us, and that we may have hearts open to share his love, and courage to share the Gospel.

**Sunday:** The Sick: Mary Fugl, Martin Chandler, Lee Davis & Sian, Karen Landy, Joe Mullany, Mark, Renate Butler, Angela Read, Jonathan Somervell, Norma Goater. The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.



**Monday:** The Sick: Stephen Kennedy, Ron Holloway, Trevor Ridgwell, Marguerite Jakes, Louise Knight, Cory Lees, Anthony George & Mary Smith. Those who live in Allerton Close, Leicester Avenue, Crouch View Crescent & South Fambridge.

**Tuesday:** The Sick: Andy, Brian Holt, Anne, Baby Theo, Samuel, Nellie Smith, Mary Reilly, Edward Cunado & Andrew Stevens. For the people of Hockley SS Peter and Paul and their Minister Fr Kenneth Havey.

**Wednesday:** Fr Jeff Woolnough, Fr Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Kieron Dodd, Fr Liam Hayes, Geraldine Stevens, Eve Stocks, Jim Beck, Sarah Knight, Kevin Cosset, Ethan Adlum, William McArthur, 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, Kenneth Jobson, Venus Rubertazzi, Ellen Franklin, Jackie Gravestock, John Vasey, Sheila Van de Vyver & Len Smith. The Farming Community.

**Friday:** The recently departed: Carter and Cesar Collins, John Hennessy & Christopher Godfrey **Those whose anniversaries fall over this week:** George Hanagan, Anna Kuchly, Vitolina Price, Doreen Steward, Eileen Smith, Hazel Parisio, Ronnie Lee, Marie Louise Nathan, William Challis, Ann Davis Fr Gordon Godfrey & Ita Ryan.

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

Sun	20	9am	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Pro Populo	
		10.30am			
		4pm (Latin)	XVI Sunday after Pentecost		
Mon	21	No Mass Today			
Tues	22	No Mass Today			
Wed	23	1.30pm	Ember Day	Requiem Mass for Christopher Godfrey	
Thur	24	No Mass Today			
Friday	25	9.30am	Ember Day	Ints Kathleen Lyons	AD
Sat	26	No Mass Today	Ember Day		
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