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

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Sixth Sunday of the Year

"Happy are you." Our consumer society claims to give us happiness, but we know very well that it is incapable of doing so. The beatitudes present a wholly different perspective. To the poor, to the hungry, to those who weep and are rejected, Jesus declares: "Happy are you." To the rich, to the powerful, to the satisfied, to the clever, he declares: "Woe to you." Those who recognize that God is their only hope will be satisfied beyond measure; whereas those who presume that the sustenance of their lives depends on their own achievement are doomed to fail. The church in our day cannot afford to support the false hope of a consumption-oriented society. Wealth and power, money and armaments, will not bring life and happiness. Only those who seek the kingdom of God will find all else besides. "Better is the scanty store of the just than the great wealth of the wicked, for the power of the wicked shall be broken, but the Lord supports the just" (Ps 37:16-17).

#### what's on



This Weekend we celebrate St Valentine's Day - a feast that rejoices in romantic love and lifelong marriage. In many countries of the world, the feast coincides with

Marriage Week. At all the Masses this weekend will be a celebration for couples both married and courting, followed by a free glass of fizz! Come and celebrate the joy of romantic love with the Lord!



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.

No RCIA this week due to 8.00pm Ash Wednesday Mass at St Teresa's.



National Day of Prayer & Fasting For Life. On Ash Wednesday, 17th February, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For more information contact; The Good Counsel

Network on 020 7723 1740 or e-mail info@goodcounselnetwork.freeserve.co.uk



22 February has been set aside as a Day of Prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as priests and people of the Church of England consider the future in the light of Anglicanorum Coetibus. Fr Gerry

will be celebrating Mass at Ss Peter and

Paul, Hockley at 12 Noon, and will consecrate a Host for Exposition through the rest of the day at that Mass. At this time of discernment for them it is very important that we be as helpful and welcoming as possible. Please come and spend time in prayer through the day, either for the Mass, or for a few minutes with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, or for Benediction which Fr Gerry will give at 8.00pm. Refreshments will be available through the day.



Thursday 25th February the Parish Finance Committee meets in the Presbytery at 8.00pm to discuss the budget for next year with the Diocesan Finance

Board. Please pray for the members of the Finance Committee and for the success of this meeting.



CAFOD
Lent Fast
Day is on
Friday
26th Feb-

ruary and *is the 50th Anniversary of Fast Day*. Please help celebrate this by joining together with us in the Lenten observance of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.



HOPE - Inspiration for Catholics working with young people. Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February Friends Meeting House, Euston, London Tickets

£12.50/ £14.00. For further information and booking go to the following website www.cymfed.org.

G.A.Ls. (Girls & Ladies) Monday, 1st March, 7.30 p.m. St. Teresa's Parish Centre Debbie from Beckyloumemories is coming to give us a demonstration on all sorts of different crafts and we can have a go at making a (very simple) gift box. I'm told she is a very talented lady so we look forward to her demonostration. If you would like to go to the Bellhouse on Monday, 10th May, please bring £5 deposit. Maureen 01702 201688



BRES Spring Lecture
2010 - 4 March 2010,
7.30pm - 9.00pm at Cathedral House, Brentwood.
Theme:
"Priesthood: the biblical

**roots".** This will be led by Rev Dr Adrian Graffy, Author and Director of CEF. Cost £5 - Tel. 01277 265285



The Essex Recusant Society will have an outing to the church of St. Patrick, Soho Square on Saturday 20th February. This will be an opportunity to see the church before it closes for a year at the end of February

for restoration work to take place. We will be shown vestments and other items of interest not usually on show to the public. We will meet inside the church at 2 p.m. If you wish to attend or to find out about joining the Society, please contact Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.



St Patricks Day Party 20 March - Party to be held in the Parish Centre 7.30pm. Details to follow

#### Notices

Notices should be sent to Fr Gerry by Friday for inclusion in the bulletin the following Sunday.

Your will be sad to know that Tom Woolcott, long time member of our Parish, died on 31 December last year. His funeral was at Our Lady of Lourdes on 21 January. Please keep him in your prayers.

### SENIOR NURSE FOR DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE



Phyllis Keating will be standing down as Senior Nurse in Lourdes next year. The senior nurse will be member of a

team of priests and other personnel who travel to Lourdes each year as part of the diocesan pilgrimage. The aim is to enable sick, disabled and elderly people to make a safe and holy pilgrimage.

The work is voluntary but incredibly rewarding and a life-changing experience and ideally requires an on-going commitment. Although the pilgrimage is for only about six days at the end of July, the organisation/planning begins months ahead. Sick pilgrims are contacted by phone and visited at home as necessary.

The required qualifications would be a RGN, on the NMC register - community experience will be an advantage. A CRB check will be carried out and a current passport will be necessary As some travel is involved, it would be beneficial to be a car driver.

For further information and an informal chat please call the current Senior Nurse, Phyllis Keating, on 020 8598 8996 after 7pm.

#### **Church Cleaning**

We all use the church, and we all contribute to the need for our churches to be cleaned. Church cleaning should take no more than about an hour a week provided everyone pulls their weight and takes

their turn. We need teams of six

for St Teresa's and three for St Pius X. When everyone's name is on the list this means cleaning for an hour every six months, which is not a burden. Smiling sweetly at Father and claiming there is no time is no longer an option: it is not fair on everyone else. There is a Cleaning Rota at the back of both churches now. Please make sure your name is on it, or Father will ring you up and ask you why. Cleaners for St Teresa's this week are Mike & Tracey 202267; A Northfield; Ruth 545625; Pat 549678; Elaine 257287.



If you, or someone you know are interested in learning a musical instrument (or just brushing up) please give Graham Hunter a call or feel free to pass on his

details: 41 Weir Pond Road, Rochford, Essex, SS4 1AH 01702 540010 or 07724 088 511 www.grahamhunter.net He is CRB checked and registered as a teacher with the Musicians Union.



Teresa's The buy a

Each book will have a personalised In Memoriam book plate inside the front cover (see below), asking whoever uses it to pray

Hymn Books at St for the person or family you would like remembered. The cost of each hymn book new Hymn book ap- including book plate is just £10. If you want peal continues apace, to order a new Hymn book, we only need a and we now have few more and they are going very fast! So over 150 hymn books fill in a form and place it in the envelope ordered! These will provided together with your £10. You can be used for the first hand this in either in the offertory or in time this weekend, person to Fr Gerry or pop it through the Presbytery door. Remember, these Hymn books will be in use for many years. Think of all the prayers!



Cleaning Rota:

Week ending 23 Feb: Mike & Tracey 202267; A Northfield; Ruth 545625; Pat 549678; Elaine 257287. Week ending 2 Mar: Jola;

Sandra 528401

Thank you all for volunteering!

#### Altar Servers List

5.30 pm Saturday 20th February, Aimee, Charlotte, Sophie,

10.30 am Sunday 21st February,

MC Stewart, **Cross Bearer** Dean.

Thurifer & Boat Rebecca & Stewart, Acolyte Francis & Brandon,

Offertory Hannah & James.

5.30 pm Saturday 27th February, Aimee, Charlotte, Sophie,

10.30 am Sunday 28th February,

MC Alice/Dean, **Cross Bearer** Emily,

Thurifer & Boat Rebecca & Stewart,

Acolyte Francis & James, Offertory Victoria & Brandon.

Any Enquires Please Contact Derek on

01702 541639

### 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



I Our Parish needs £1620 per week to break even.

The Total Collected for Anchor House was £85.93

Thank you all for your continued aenerositu.

# Lent at St Teresa & St Pius X

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD: THE FORGOTTEN HALF OF THE MASS. FOUR THURSDAY SESSIONS 8 - 9.00pm in St Teresa's Porch:



• 11 March The Bible is Interesting

• 18 March The Bible is Easy

• 25 March The Bible is Readable







### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

In our Cycle of Prayer we remember those who live in Belchamps Way, Claybank Avenue, Graysons Close, Lambourne Hall Road, Belvedere Avenue, Clayspring Close, Great Eastern Road, and Lark Hill Road, Ashingdon. We pray for the people of Bramerton Road Community Church and their Minister David Sebley; and St. Thomas of Canterbury Cof-Church and their Minister, Revd Harvey Reed.

The Sick: James Robinson, Cathy Cahill Darren Richardson, Manas Singyom, 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, 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, Marylin 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: Jaques Kuchly, Ernest Maskell, Martin Barrym, Siobhan Phillips, Jim Wise, John Joseph Collins, Alan Churchley, Kathleen Mahon, Walter T Colvill, Elsie O'Rorke, John Collins, John Kirwan, Christine Reilly, Linda Jordan, Paul Widera, and all whose years' mind fall at this time.

# MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

| Sat   | 13 | 5.30pm                                 | Sixth Sunday of the Year | Mattie Cahill RIP                                   | JC       |
|-------|----|--|--------------------------|---|----------|
| Sun   | 14 | 9.00am S Pius X                        |                          | The People of the Parish                            |          |
|       |    | 10.30am                                | the real                 | Bernardette Behan RIP                               | BF       |
| Mon   | 15 | No Mass Today                          |                          |   |          |
| Tues  | 16 | 7.30pm                                 |                          | Eucharistic Service                                 |          |
| Weds  | 17 | 8.00pm St Teresa's                     | Ash Wednesday            |   |          |
| Thurs | 18 | 10.00am S Pius X                       |                          | Eucharistic Service                                 |          |
| Fri   | 19 | No Mass Today                          |                          |   |          |
| Sat   | 20 | No Mass Today                          |                          |   |          |
|       |    | 5.30pm                                 |                          | Gwen Hand RIP                                       |          |
| Sun   | 21 | 9.00am At S Pius X                     | First Sunday of Lent     | Annie McGill RIP                                    | JL       |
|       |    | 10.30am                                | - Lent                   | Ints The Hall Family                                | JH       |
| Mon   | 22 | 12 Noon at Ss Peter<br>& Paul, Hockley | The Chair of St<br>Peter | For Unity   |          |
| Tues  | 23 | 7.30pm                                 |                          | Wilf Hall RIP                                       | JH       |
| Weds  | 24 | 9.20am                                 |                          | In Thanksgiving for<br>Michael Wilson's Recovery    | T&<br>MW |
| Thurs | 25 | 10.00am S Pius X                       |                          | Relatives & friends of Josephine & Anthony Micallef | AM       |
| Fri   | 26 | No Mass Today                          |                          |   |          |
| Sat   | 27 | 9.30am                                 |                          |   |          |
|       |    | 5.30pm                                 |                          |   |          |
| Sun   | 28 | 9.00am S Pius X                        | Second Sunday<br>of Lent | In Thanksgiving for<br>Sr Mary Francis's Recovery   | T&<br>MW |
|       |    | 10.30am                                | -                        | The People of the Parish                            |          |

