

**ST TERESA ROCHFORD &  
ST PIUS X HOCKLEY**

109 Ashington Road, Rochford, Essex SS4  
1 R F [frgerryd@gmail.com](mailto:frgerryd@gmail.com),  
[www.rcrochford.org](http://www.rcrochford.org). 01702 544334 07919  
416263

**The Solemnity of Christ The  
King**

Readings

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

Psalms 22(23) Response – **The Lord is my  
Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**

1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Blessings  
on him who comes in the name of the  
Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom  
of our father David! Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

My Dear People,

The feast of Christ the King was moved from the Last Sunday in October when the Novus Ordo was invented. In doing so it was given an eschatological character (a posh way of saying looking to the end times), where before it was intended to direct us to the Kingship of Christ in the present. Today's Gospel parable of the sheep and the goats needs to be taken in two ways. One is about the end times and the judgement to come, but the other is about the present Kingship of Christ: if we take His Kingship seriously, we will want to obey His commandments now. Jesus offers us easy ways to obey Him in the so called Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned (the

Church adds bury the dead, a very ancient work of mercy).

You all remain very much in my prayers and I ask if you too, will remember me in yours.

Wishing you every blessing,

Fr Gerry

**Read Matthew 25: 31-46**

Now let yourself have a moment of prayerful silence so that the Word of God may penetrate and enlighten your life.

Here are some questions to help you in your personal reflection.

- a) What is the meaning of this text. What has struck you most deeply?
- b) In the parable, what is the reaction of each group?
- c) What is the reaction of the King? What does he demand from his servants?
- d) What image of God does the parable reveal to us?

**Parish Finance**

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR ONLINE OFFERING**

Once again we find ourselves unable to worship publicly and appeal to you all to continue supporting your parish. We receive no help from the Government and rely totally on your help. **Please donate online** <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=brentwood>

**National Youth Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November.** This Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King, and the weekend where we especially celebrate the place of young people. St John Paul II said, "In the Church of today, you are the hope of tomorrow." Since March our Brentwood

Catholic Youth Service has offered online opportunities for prayer and service reaching thousands of people. To discover more – including a series of short videos where young people share their experience of the BCYS – go to [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net). **Donations:** This year, in addition to lost retreat income, the lack of congregations at Mass will dramatically affect the second collection that usually takes place – please give a donation to support the BCYS via the website [www.bcys.net/donate](http://www.bcys.net/donate)

### Lockdown Information

Due to the new lockdown rules we are no longer able to participate together in the public worship of Mass. However **do not stop visiting your church** as we remain open for prayer. St Teresa's Church will be open for prayer at the following times:

**Monday: 10.15am - 11.15am**

**Wednesday: 10.30am - 11.30am**

**Thursday: 10am - 11am**

**Friday: 8.30am - 9.30am**

We will also continue to live stream Mass, Morning and Evening Prayer and of course the Rosary. Please check our FB page for all streaming times.

If you are struggling in lockdown please call upon us. We are here to help you.

**Sacrament of Confirmation 2021-**If you are in Year 9 or above and would like to commence preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation and become full members of the Catholic Church please email Fr Gerry at [frgerryd@gmail.com](mailto:frgerryd@gmail.com)

**Baptism** -If you are thinking about preparing your child/children for

Baptism please speak contact Fr Gerry at [frgerryd@gmail.com](mailto:frgerryd@gmail.com)

### Winter Fundraiser



A massive thank you to everyone who has purchased a lucky square for our **Christmas giant lucky draw**. We still have a few tickets left. They are £10 each with a lucky winner walking away with £200 **JUST IN TIME FOR**

**CHRISTMAS**. If you would like to help you parish and buy a square please place your money in an envelope and mark for my intention and post through the presbytery door. Thank you so much for your support.

Christine

### SVP - Short Street Shelter

The Food Bank is **CRITICALLY** low on these items... Tinned Veg and meats/ Fruit Juice /squash/Tuna/Coffee/sugar/tea/crisps/**tinned fruit/custard/rice pudding**. Please continue to drop donations off to the church during our opening times. **THANK YOU!**

### Mary's Meals

We have incredible news! From today until 31 January 2021, public donations made to our Double The Love appeal will be doubled by the UK government, up to £2 million. This generosity will bring new hope to families in Liberia where hunger prevents children from going to school. Together, through this Double The Love campaign, we can help transform the lives of more than 43,000

hungry children across 167 primary schools in Liberia.

### Right To Life UK

A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK.

Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit [www.standupandsmile.org.uk](http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk) to email your MP asking them to support the Bill. It only takes 30 seconds.

### 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 and Christine Holloway, Trevor Ridgwell, Marguerite Jakes, Louise Knight, Cory Lees, Anthony George & Mary Smith. Those who live in Apton

Hall Road, Lower Road, Dorset Gardens and Sovereign Close.

**Tuesday:** The Sick: Andy, Brian Holt, Anne, Baby Theo, Samuel, Nellie Smith, Mary Reilly, Edward Cunado & Andrew Stevens. For the people of Bramerton Road Community Church and their Minister David Sebley.

**Wednesday:** Fr Jeff Woolnough, Fr Stewart Foster, Fr Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Kieron Dodd, Fr Liam Hayes, Geraldine Stevens, Eve Stocks, Jim Beck, Sarah Knight, Kevin Cosset, Ethan Adlum, William McArthur & 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. Those whose anniversaries fall over the next week: Maria Santana Rodrigues, Anna Kubiak, Wladyslaw Kubiak, Gerald Mann, Edward Rolt, Martin Patrick Thompson, Preston Yeadell, Alain Fern, Constance Miller, Alice Wisniewska, Janet Haslett, Jill Hughes, Frederick Taiani, Fr Francis Branney.

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

Sun	22	10.30am	Our Lord Jesus Christ The King	Pro Populo	
Mon	23	No Mass Today			
Tues	24	7.30pm	S John of the Cross C D	Fr Michael Horrax RIP	PA CT
Wed	25	9.30am	S Catherine V M	Ints Kathleen Lyons	A
Thur	26	7.30pm	S Silvester Ab	Rev John Miller RIP	PA CT
Fri	27	9.30am		Inst Sally Radley	A
Sun	29	10.30am	First Sunday of Advent (B)	Pro Populo	

