

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

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First Sunday of Lent

At the end of his time of fasting, weakened by lack of food and water, Jesus faced the temptations of the Evil One. Jesus was tempted to take the easy path rather than the path God had chosen for him, a path that would lead to his being rejected by all, condemned, beaten and crucified. Jesus armed with the Scriptures, the love of the Father and the strength of the Spirit rejected Satan and the easy road. Jesus strode out of the desert unbeaten and started the journey to the Cross, his destiny from the beginning of time. We too face temptations during our lives to take the easy path, to stay silent when we should empower the voiceless, to see that we are fed when we should enable all to feed at the Table of the Lord, to be self-centred rather than God-centred. At those times we can take comfort that Our Lord and Saviour was tempted. Armed with the Scriptures, the love of the God and the strength of the Spirit, may we too stay resolute and remain on the path God has set for each of us. In this season of Lent we pray that we may follow Christ to the Cross, climb onto the Cross with our Lord and die to ourselves so that we may live for others. Our Lord and God suffered and died for us. How can we do any less?

WHAT'S ON



Please pray for those to be Enrolled in RCIA this Sunday at the Cathedral: Vikki Saunders, Elaine Hennessy, and Heather Hartnett.



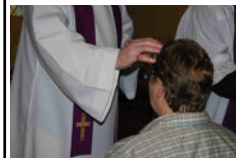
This Monday 22 February has been set aside as a **Day of Prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit** as priests and people of the Church of England consider the future in the light of *Anglicanorum Coetibus*. **Fr Gerry**

will be celebrating the Mass at Ss Peter and Paul, Hockley at 12 Noon, and will consecrate a Host for Exposition through the rest of the days. 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.

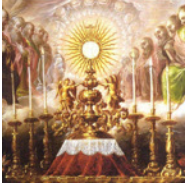


The Legion of Mary: working and praying for the Kingdom of God in our Parish. Everyone is most welcome to the 5.30pm meeting on Mondays in the Parish Centre - new members are always welcome.



Tuesday 7.30pm: Healing Mass with Anointing and laying on of hands at St Teresa's.

Come for healing of mind, body, or spirit for yourself or for someone else. All welcome!



Wednesday 10.30am At St Pius X: Exposition and Benediction. Come and stay a while in the quiet presence of the Lord.

Wednesday 8.00pm: RCIA in the Presbytery.



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 February 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 27th 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 demonstration. If you would like to go to the Bellhouse on Monday, 10th May, please bring £5 deposit. Maureen 01702 201688



Wednesday 3rd 8.00pm **Benediction by Candlelight.** Come and Pray a while in the presence of the Lord.



Thursdays in Lent from 4th March 8.00-9.30pm in St Teresa's Porch: Parish Lent Course 2010: Getting to know Scripture: come and get to know your Bible better!



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 Isabel Parks on 01268 289678.



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



St Bernard's Old Girls Association and Friends of St Bernard's. A day visit to the Convent of Our Lady & St Bernard, Stroud, by

Cooks Coaches. Saturday 15th May 2010 - £15-00 Further details: Jacquie Paterson 01702 587507 or Mary Johnson 01702 474342. e-mail: bjlpat@talktalk.net

NOTICES

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



Last Weekend we celebrated St Valentine's Day - a feast that rejoices in romantic love and lifelong marriage. I'd like to share

this note form one parishioner:

Hi Fr Gerry,

Just wanted to thank you for the Mass celebrating romantic love on St Valentine's day. In the media we are bombarded with images of celebrities falling in and out of love and marriages which seem to last about as long as it takes for the ink to dry in the register, so it was refreshing to participate in a celebration of what true love is all about. In our own case the fact that it coincided with my new wedding ring made

it particularly special - although I had tried the ring on several times before Saturday, it didn't feel like a wedding ring until it was blessed by you and put on my finger by my husband. I had never taken off my previous ring since our wedding almost 24 years ago until it became so tight that it had to be cut off, so to receive my new ring in church surrounded by the parish family was perfect. I understand that several parishioners brought non-Catholic partners to the Masses this weekend specifically for this celebration, which is fantastic. Perhaps it could become a regular feature for future years? Married life isn't all hearts and flowers, a spiritual boost helps focus us on what is important within marriage. In most cases, couples don't generally renew their vows until their silver wedding - 25 years is a long time to wait & I'm sure many of us would appreciate the chance to reaffirm our vows annually or in the case of widowed parishioners to remember their spouse in a special way.

Thanks again, regards, *Sally Davies*

John Colvill is running the London Marathon 2010!



He is looking for sponsorship in aid of 'Get kids Going!' Who help promote sports for disabled children through the manufacturing of specially adapted sports equipment. He has pledged to raise £2,500 so any donations would be appreciatively received. Please give anything you can and remember to check the 'Gift-Aid' box, so that the charity can claim back tax from HMRC. To donate, please simply visit his webpage <http://www.justgiving.com/RichardColvill>.



Hymn Books at St Teresa's The buy a new Hymn book appeal continues apace, and we now have over 160 hymn books ordered! We have done so well that we have covered the

go towards a TV screen for the Porch to enable Children's Liturgy and other groups to show DVDs and so on, and also to display notices. The cost of each hymn book including book plate is just £10. If you want to order a new Hymn book, fill in a form and place it in the envelope provided together with your £10. You can hand this in either in the offertory or in 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!

cost of the books, but we will continue to take orders for memorial book plates until the end of February. The extra money will

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.

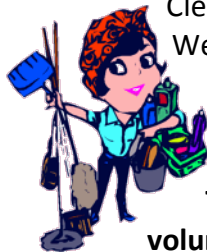
CARPENTER SEEMS JOINERS

ALL ELIGIBLE

Altar Servers List

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



Cleaning Rota:

Week ending 2 Mar:

Jola; Sandra

528401, Karen &

Bill 541358.

**Thank you all for
volunteering!**

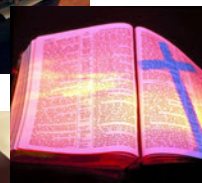
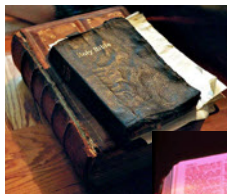
Offering 1st Collection
 for 17th Jan
 was £1021.80.
Total Our Parish
 needs £1620 per week to break
 even. Thank you all for your con-
 tinued generosity.

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:

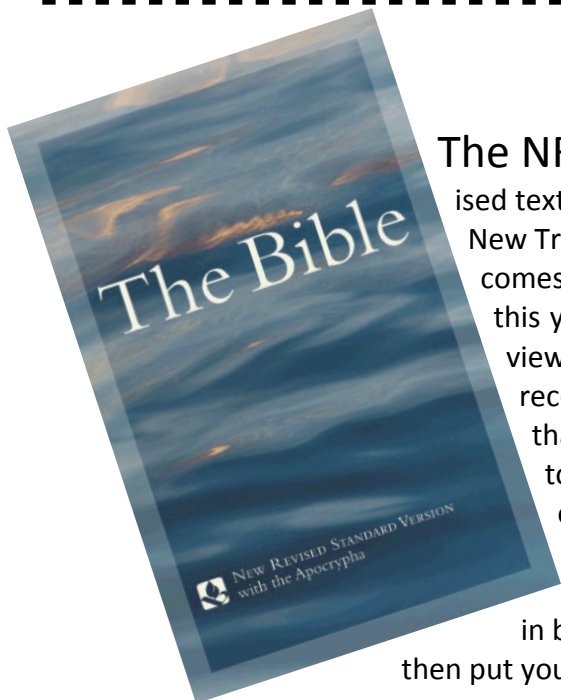
- *4 March The Bible is Fun!*
- *11 March The Bible is Interesting*
- *18 March The Bible is Easy*
- *25 March The Bible is Readable*

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED



Stop Press!

The NRSV is billed to become the authorised text for the Catholic Liturgy when the New Translation of the Mass and other rites comes into force soon - likely to be Advent this year. There are copies available to view at the back of church. I would highly recommend buying one of these rather than a new Missal as you will be able to see much more easily the context of the readings. Do make sure you buy the Catholic Edition! We can get them in hardback for £10 each in batches of 20. If you are interested then put your hand up during the notices!



MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	20	5.30pm		Gwen Hand RIP	
Sun	21	9.00am S Pius X	First Sunday of Lent	Annie McGill RIP	JL
		10.30am		Ints The Hall Family	JH
Mon	22	12 Noon Ss Peter & Paul, Hockley	The Chair of St Peter	For Unity	
Tues	23	7.30pm	Healing Mass	Wilf Hall RIP	JH
Weds	24	9.20am		In Thanksgiving for Michael Wilson's Recovery	T& MW
Thurs	25	10.00am S Pius X		Relatives & friends of Josephine & Anthony Micallef	AM
Fri	26	No Mass Today			
Sat	27	9.30am		John Barry RIP	AS
		5.30pm		Ints Jane Renshaw	AS
Sun	28	9.00am S Pius X	Second Sunday of Lent	In Thanksgiving for Sr Mary Francis's Recovery	T& MW
		10.30am		The People of the Parish	

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for those to be Enrolled in RCIA this Sunday at the Cathedral: Vikki Saunders, Elaine Hennessy, and Heather Hartnett.

In our Cycle of Prayer we remember those who live in Belvedere Avenue, Clayspring Close, Great Eastern Road, and Lark Hill Road, Ashingdon. We pray for the people of St. Thomas of Canterbury CofChurch 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, Marilyn Friend, Marjorie Jay, Cassie Thompson, Ciaran Freel, Angele DeCan, Paul Clarke, Mac & Maria McFairbairn, Ken Copley, Louise Knight, Ann Moore, Tony Micallef, Maud Livett, and all who are sick.

All the Departed, and in particular: John Collins, John Kirwan, Christine Reilly, Linda Jordan, Paul Widera, and all whose years' mind fall at this time.