

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

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Second Sunday of Lent

This Second Sunday of Lent is always about the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus. Something clearly happened to Jesus in the presence of these three followers and they could not understand it at that time—but also kept looking for its meaning. Only with the passage of time do they come to understand Jesus as God, Jesus as the Son of Man, Jesus as the Redeemer.

We can be very much like those early followers of our Lord. We can find ourselves professing faith but having lots of doubts. We can experience a deep awareness of the divine and then deny it. We can be almost out of our minds because of some deep religious experience and then think that it was all illusion and craziness. These early followers of Jesus are fully human, just as we are.

Lent is about coming to know the Lord more profoundly in our personal lives and in the life of the Church. The first reading today, from the Book of Genesis, tells us about Abram, who becomes our father in faith Abraham. Genesis says that Abram put his faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. We need not think that Abram never had doubts! We know that he could not always understand what God was doing in his life—but even in his doubts, he trusted. That is part of the secret of Lent for us: learning how to trust even when we doubt. This is not easy to do.

WHAT'S ON



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.

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!

Walsingham House fundraising quiz night. The **Brains of Brentwood Diocese** quiz night is a quiz designed to find the smartest people in the diocese (we know that it is not a scientific test but it's a bit of fun to inspire an element of competition!) Bring your team of 4-6 people to **Walsingham House on Saturday 13th March, arrive from 7.00pm for the quiz to start at 7.30pm. Ticket prices are as follows: £5 for 19+, £3.50 for 16-19 and £2 for under 16s.** There will be a raffle and various games throughout the evening. If you are interested in creating a team and taking part please get in touch with us at Walsingham House on 01268 515 970.



St Patricks Day Party 20 March - Party to be held in the Parish Centre 7.30pm. Disco, but bring your own instruments and voices; come and recite a poem or dance a step or two! All the usual fun for just £3 a head. Tickets form Debbie Smith.



The Legion of Mary is holding its annual Acies ceremony (renewal of Promise) on Sunday 21st March at St. Peters, Eastwood, commencing 1.30pm, followed by Benediction. All active and Auxiliary members are invited and also anyone interested in the Legion of Mary. For more information contact: Clare 200353 or Olive 540418.

The **Visiting Group** will be meeting in St Teresa's Porch on 29th March at 7pm. No

set Agenda, whatever you want to discuss is fine.

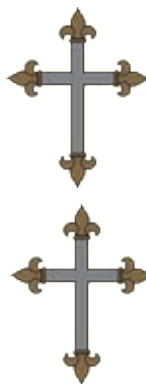


St Bernard's Old Girls Association and Friends of St Bernard's. A day visit to the Convent of Our Lady & St Bernard, Stroud, by Cooks Coaches. Saturday 15th May 2010 - £15-00 Further details: Jacquie Paterson 01702

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.



You will be sad to hear that John Barry passed away last week. Please pray for him, his wife and his family at this sad time.

You will also be sad to hear that Eileen Dunbavand passed away last week after a short illness. Her requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 5th march at 12.45 in St Teresa's Church, followed by burial in Rochford Parish cemetery. Please pray also for her and for her family.



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>.



dered! 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

Hymn Books at St Teresa's your last chance to buy a new Hymn book this week: we now have over 170 hymn books or-

ry 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!




Cleaning Rota:
 Week ending 13 Mar
 Olive 540418,
 Vikki 544319,
 Kelly 542939,
 Heather 540306. **Thank you all for volunteering!**

Altar Servers List

5.30 pm Saturday 6th March.
 Rebecca R, Cerys,

10.30 am Sunday 7th March.
 MC Stewart,
 Cross Bearer Brandon,
 Thurifer & Boat Emily & Victoria,
 Acolytes Alice, Francis, Aimee, Hannah,
 Offertory Aimee, Charlotte
 Spare, Rebecca S, Dean,

Offering Total  *1st Collection for 17th Jan was £955.74. Our Parish needs £1620 per week to break even. Thank you all for your continued generosity.*

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.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| Sat | 27 | 5.30pm St Teresa | | 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 St Teresa | | The People of the Parish | |
| Mon | 1 | No Mass Today | St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales | | |
| Tues | 2 | 7.30pm St Teresa | | Canon Pat Davies RIP | PACT |
| Weds | 3 | 9.20am St Teresa | | | |
| | | 8.00pm St Teresa | Benediction by Candle light | | |
| Thurs | 4 | 10.00am S Pius X | St Casimir | Rose Murray RIP | D& DT |
| Fri | 5 | 9.20 am St Teresa | | | |
| | | 12.45 pm St Teresa | The Funeral Mass of Eileen Clare-Dunbavand | | |
| Sat | 6 | 9.30am St Teresa | | | |
| | | 5.30pm St Teresa | | Ints Joan Davidson | |
| Sun | 7 | 9.00am S Pius X | Third Sunday of Lent | William Tudor RIP | AS |
| | | 10.30am St Teresa | | The People of the Parish | |

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember our Confirmation Candidates: Michael Anderton, Jordan Sales, Joseph Ginzler, Dean Norfolk, Alex Risley, Molly Graves, Emily Igoe, and Aisling Brown.

In our Cycle of Prayer we remember those who live in Betts Lane, Clayswell Court, Green Way, and Lark Hill Road in Canewdon. We pray for the people of Hockley Methodist Church and their Minister Revd. Brenda Gutberlet .

The Sick: Yvette Grimes, 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 Copley, Louise Knight, Ann Moore, Tony Micallef, Maud Livett, and all who are sick.

All the Departed, and in particular: John Barry, Eileen Clare-Dunbavand, Peter Perfect, and Peter Siu, recently departed; Linda Jordan, Paul Widera, John Glennie, Rita Gooding, James Kelly, James Reilly, Jeanette Spencer, Anne-Marie Tourneur, Harry Paris, and all whose years' mind fall at this time.