

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

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Third Sunday of Lent

Every day the press reports murders, accidents, front-page catastrophes. Jesus alludes to two public misfortunes from the news of his time. He does not refer to them in the manner of those retreat preachers who are only too happy to exploit a parish tragedy to urge people into the confessional. That is not Jesus' style. He does not consider violent deaths as divine punishments for sin. Rather, because he detects in his contemporaries a smug complacency, he warns them. They run the risk of being hardened to the urgency of conversion. Even if each of us is like a tree which for many years has given ample proof of its sterility, God is like that patient farmer who gives his fig tree another chance. This opportunity lasts until the Lord's return. It is highlighted by this annual season of repentance.

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.



Baby & Toddler Group 9.40 - 12 Noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome! Just turn up and enjoy the company.

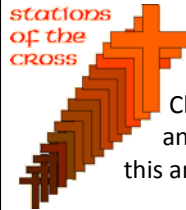


RCIA continues on Wednesday 8.00pm in the Presbytery. Everyone very welcome!



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!



Friday 7.30pm Stations of the Cross in St Teresa's Church. All welcome. Come and pray with the Church in this ancient Liturgy.

Walsingham House quiz night. The Brains of Brentwood Diocese quiz night i 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 £5 for 19+, £3.50 for 16-19 and £2 for under 16s.** get in touch with us 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 next meeting for **G.A.Ls. (Girls & Ladies)** will be on Monday, 22nd March, 7.30 p.m. St. Teresa's Parish Centre.

Tony Castle will be giving a talk on **Living**

Easter and we would like to open this up to everyone in the Parish.

Members £1, Non members £2. All contributions will be donated to CAFOD.

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.



PAPAL VISIT

During the recent Ad Limina Visit, the Holy Father announced his forthcoming trip to the UK, possibly sometime in September 2010. Sadly there is already opposition headed by the Secular Society of Great Britain to this visit. The Secular Society have an online petition which has already attracted over 20,000 signatures and yet a petition supporting the visit only has 4,000 signatures.

Please support the petition by visiting www.petitiononline.com/PopeinUK/petition.html and signing the supporting petition as we welcome the Holy Father to our country. Spread it to others too who may not know, by e-mail, word of mouth, I am sure we could beat their number if we try.

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John Colvill's son 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 We now have over 180 hymn books in St Teresa's each with a Dedication Book Plate in the inside front cover. We are extremely grate-

ful for your generosity in this appeal, which we now bring to a close. There are still a few books without a dedication which are not yet in circulation and which can be ordered as and when people feel the need. See Fr Gerry for details.



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

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.

Altar Servers List

5.30 pm Saturday 13th March.
 Aimee, Charlotte, Sophie, Cerys,

10.30 am Sunday 14th March.

MC	Dean,
Cross Bearer	Stewart,
Thurifer & Boat	Victoria & Emily,
Acolytes	James & Hannah,
Offertory	Alice, Rebecca S,
Spare,	Francis,
Any Enquires Please Contact Derek on 01702 541639	

Offering
 Total

1st Collection for 17th Jan was £965.06. Our Parish needs £1620 per week to break even. Family Fast Day raised £209.86 Thank you all for your continued generosity.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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 Birch Close in Rochford, Clements Gardens, Greenlands, and Larkfield Close. We pray for the people of Hullbridge Free Church and their Minister Revd. Brian Gibson.

The Sick: Dexter Jackson, 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 Pride-

aux, 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; Baby Robinson, Gwendoline Grimes, Alan Nightingale, Violet Bailey, Hilda Snaith, Colin Clapp, Ashley Gooding, Ivy Roud, and all whose years' mind fall at this time.