

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

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

As the Roman Empire and Europe converted to Christianity, Mothering Sunday celebrations became part of the liturgical calendar as Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent to honour the Virgin Mary and the "mother church". During the sixteenth century, people returned to their mother church for a service to be held on Laetare Sunday. This was either a large local church, or more often the nearest Cathedral. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering". It was often the only time that whole families could gather together, if prevented by conflicting working hours, and particularly by apprenticeships, which would often take children some distance away from the family home.

This day is sometimes called Rose Sunday, as is witnessed by the purple robes of Lent being replaced in some churches by rose-coloured ones. This title refers to the tradition of posies of flowers being collected and distributed at the service originally to all the mothers, but latterly to all women in the congregation.

This Sunday was also once known as "the Sunday of the Five Loaves", from the traditional Gospel reading for the day. Prior to the adoption of the modern "common" lectionaries, the Gospel reading for this Sunday was the story of the feeding of the five thousand.

Another tradition associated with Mothering Sunday is the practice of "clipping the church", in which the congregation form a ring around their church building and, holding hands, embrace it.

In later times, Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mothers and other family members.

Today's readings reflect on the theme of spiritual sight and blindness. As we celebrate the gift of our earthly mothers, we are invited to give thanks too for the motherhood of Mary and the motherhood of the Church.

WHAT'S ON

This weekend we celebrate the second of the three Scrutinies, as Vikki, Elaine and Heather continue their journey towards the Easter Sacraments.



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 Par-

ish Centre - new members are always welcome.



CATHOLICISM

Tuesday 2-3pm in St Teresa's Church Porch. Catholicism for the Curious. Come and bring your toddlers as we chat about our faith and learn more about Catholic teaching. Everyone very 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!

stations of the cross



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



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.



Our First Holy Communion Children meet in the Parish Centre after the 10.30am Mass next Sunday 21st. May we take this opportunity to remind parents that they

have promised to bring their children to Mass and to make sure they attend the classes as a condition of their receiving First Holy Communion.



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.



Archbishop Romero

Celebrating Archbishop Oscar Romero. Mass will be held in Brentwood Cathedral on Wednesday, March 24th at 7pm to mark the 30th anniversary of Archbishop Romero's assassination. It

will be followed by a talk by Sarah Smith-Pearse from CAFOD, in the Cathedral Hall. All are welcome". Please take this opportunity to pray for Justice & Peace at this spe-

cial Mass during Lent. Any queries please contact CJSR: 01277 265290.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wed 24 March at 8pm in St Teresa's Church Porch.



Friends of Nazareth House A Coffee Morning and Sales to be held at Nazareth House, 111 London Road, Southend on Sea on Saturday 27 March starting at 10.30am. Admission free to be run by the Friends of Nazareth House.

Day for Renewal at SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Saturday, March 27th, 10.00 to 4.30, Theme 'I Thirst', Speaker - Fr Angelus. Everyone welcome. Please bring a packed lunch.

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.



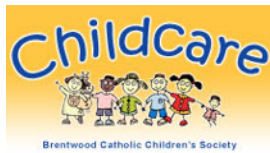
St Bernard's Old Girls Association and Friends of St Bernard's. A day visit to the Convent of Our Lady & St Bernard, Stroud, by Cooks Coaches. Saturday 15th May 2010 - £15-00 Further details: Jacquie Paterson 01702 587507 or Mary Johnson 01702 474342. e-mail: bjlpat@talktalk.net

NOTICES

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



The APF Red Mission boxes are now being emptied and returned. If you have a Red Mission Box, please could you bring it to Mass with you for Tony Rimmer at St Pius X & Mike Heddon as St Teresa to count?



Social Worker Temporary Contract 1 year

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a vacancy for a Social Worker to work in the Primary and Secondary Schools in the Diocese. We are seeking to appoint a qualified Social Worker who has experience of working with children and families. The post holder will be expected to do direct work with children and young people in Schools and offer advice and support to their parents/carers. The Hours of work will be 37 hours per week during Term Time and be part of a duty Social Work Team during the School holiday periods. This covers a period of 40 weeks per year plus Public Holidays and Leave Entitlement. Further details can be obtained from Eileen Campling, Deputy Director on 01268 784544 or ecampling@childcareuk.org. Closing Date is the 19th March 2010



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.



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 remem-

ber 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>.



Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School, Rayleigh Essex
Required for September 2010

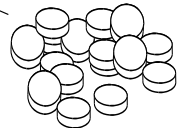
(permanent post). We are seeking to appoint a motivated, creative and organised Teacher (NQT/Experienced), initially for a Year 1 or Year 2 class. Candidates should be familiar with current good practice. If you are supportive of our Catholic ethos then this could be the job for you! Details from Mr J F O'Brien (Headteacher) at the school. Visits strongly encouraged. Closing date 22 March 2010.

Cleaning Rota:
Week ending 20 March:
Anthony, 22
Parklands.



**Thank you
all for
volun-
teering!**

**Offering
Total**



1st Collection for 17th Jan
was £922.25. Our Parish
needs £1620 per week to
break even.

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.


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visit or
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Altar Servers List

5.30 pm Saturday 20th March.

Aimee, Charlotte,
Sophie, Rebecca R,
Cerys,

10.30 am Sunday 21st March.

MC	Stewart,
Cross Bearer	Dean,
Thurifer & Boat	Alice & Rebecca S,
Acolyte	James & Brandon,
Offertory	Francis,

Any Enquires Please Contact Derek on
01702 541639

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	13	5.30pm		The People of the Parish
Sun	14	9.00am S Pius X	Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	John and Gwen Grimes RIP <small>RG</small>
		10.30am		Ashley Gooding RIP <small>JH</small>
Mon	15	No Mass Today		
Tues	16	7.30pm		Charles Leonard RIP
Weds	17	9.20am	St Patrick, Bishop	Michael Sheaf RIP
Thurs	18	10.00am S Pius X		
Fri	19	9.20am	St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Kieran O'Shea RIP <small>M&SS</small>
Sat	20	9.30am		In Thanksgiving on the 90th birthday of Josie Trinder <small>JT</small>
		5.30pm	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Eileen Paris RIP <small>RM</small>
Sun	21	9.00am S Pius X		John Barry RIP

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember our First Holy Communion Candidates and our Candidates for the Easter Sacraments.

In our Cycle of Prayer we remember those who live in Blackthorn Road, Clements Hall Lane, Greensward Lane, and Lascelles Gardens. We pray for the people of Rochford Community Church and their Ministers Tony & Helen Thomas.

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 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 & Christine 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: Violet Bailey, Hilda Snaith, Colin Clapp, Ashley Gooding, Ivy Roud, George Boulter, Alan Tamsett, Stephen Lench, Victor Smith, Anne Cremin, Len & Hazel Giles, Catherine Cook, Charles Cook, and all whose years' mind fall at this time.