

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

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Low Sunday

The phrase 'Do not be afraid' echoes through today's readings. What is it that we are afraid of? Illness? Old age? Poverty? Not being accepted in society or among friends? Standing up for our faith? Standing up for Jesus? There is a growing sense in the West, and particularly in this country, that Christians are being persecuted and that our faith is being sidelined. We should not be surprised: the Church has always been persecuted when she stands up for truth and goodness and right, because as Jesus himself predicted, 'if the world hates me, it will hate you as well'. The mystery is that when the Church is persecuted, the faithful grow in number and their faith grows stronger. Tertullian famously wrote that 'the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.' We may not have to shed our blood for the faith, but we should be prepared for unkind words, untruths, and insults, and we should also be prepared to make an account of our faith whenever we are required to do so. Now more than ever we need to prepare ourselves by learning more about our faith. Regular study of the Scriptures, reading about the faith and discussion with our sisters and brothers in Christ are all an essential part of our growth in faith and love. The Diocese regularly organises lectures and courses to help us learn more about our faith, and in addition, following the success of our Lent Bible course, we shall continue with regular talks about scripture and faith on Thursday evenings 8-9 pm beginning on 6th May. RCIA continues on Wednesdays beginning again on 28th April in St Teresa's Porch. Those who have just been received into the Church need *you* to be there to share *your* experience of faith with them and strengthen them in holiness. If our faith means anything to us, we should make every effort to come to these events.

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.



Wednesday 14th April at 7.30pm

MONS. HENRY POSLUSZNY 80th Birthday Mass in South Woodford. Mons. Henry will be 80 this week. His nephew Fr Christopher Posluszny will be coming from Sheffield Cathedral on Wednesday 14 April to celebrate Mass with Mons. Henry at 7.30pm at St Anne Line, Grove Crescent, E18 2JR. Refreshments afterwards in parish hall. **All welcome.**

HEALING MASS at ABBOTSWICK HOUSE OF PRAYER, celebrated by Fr John Glynn on **Wednesday 14th April 2010 2.30pm.**

Please visit www.abbotswick.org or call 01277 373959 for details.



Thursday 15 April
7.30 – 9.00 p.m.

A Question of Faith

An evening of questions on living the Catholic faith to be held at the Sacred Heart Church Hall, 418 Southchurch Road, Southend ,SS1 2QB on Questions will cover Moral issues and quandaries, Theology and Scripture, The church and its history and the Church in today's world. Refreshments are provided and there is no charge. All are welcome. Further details from the Commission for Evangelisation and Formation on 01277 265289, the parish on 01702 465720 or email CEF@brentwood.org



Many of you will already have heard of the death of Mac McFairbairn; a long time member of our parish and who has for many years been a home communicant. Mac's funeral will take place at St Teresa's on Friday 16th April at 11.45. Please come to pray for him and support his family.



Next Catholicism for the Curious Tuesday 20th April 2.00pm in the Church Porch. Come and bring your toddlers as we chat about our faith and learn more about Catholic teaching. Everyone very welcome!

'It's still ME, Lord....' –Exploring Spirituality and Dementia **Tuesday 20th April, 7.30pm**, Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood

Facilitators: Fr Paul Fox, Dr Davnet Barker, Sr Nuala Gannon. **Cost:** £5 per person We will view the CD- **'It's still ME, Lord.**

Copies will be available for a parish or deanery group. **OPEN TO ALL**

To book, please contact the Adult RE office on 01277 265219 or email the secretary:

denise@dioceseofbrentwood.org.



The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wed 21 April at 8pm in St Teresa's Church Porch.



On Tuesday 27th April, the 42nd anniversary of the legalisation of abortion, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. For more information contact; The Good Counsel Network on 020 7723 1740 or e-mail

info@goodcounselnetwork.freeserve.co.uk or see

www.goodcounselnetwork.com



RCIA continues on Wednesday 28 April at 8.00pm in St Teresa's Church Porch. Everyone very welcome!

Friday 30th April at 7.30pm in St Teresa's Church Porch The visiting group's next meeting. All very welcome.

BRES SUMMER TERM EVENTS

Thursday 6th May: BRES Summer Spirituality Evening entitled, "Liturgical Spirituality" Given by Mgr David Manson, VG.

Thursday 13th May: BRES Summer Lecture entitled: 'Light in the dark' How meditation as 'pure prayer' leads us through the dark nights of the soul and deepens our faith. Given by Fr Laurence Freeman, OSB Both events - Time: 7:30 p.m. Cost: £5 waged £3 unwaged Telephone: 01277 265285

NOTICES

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

A little reminder to St Patrick's fans- there were over 75 people at the wonderful St Patrick's day party we had before Easter. Unfortunately over half of those forgot to pay for their tickets, which is quite understandable. Could you please pay Fr Gerry or Debbie Smith £3 per person (£2) children if you are one of the forgetful ones?

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.

Headteacher Vacancy

Applications are invited for the post of Headteacher of St Philomena's Catholic School in Frinton-on-Sea. This is an Independent School catering for pupils of all denominations, aged 3-11. Starting date January 2011. Further information and an application pack can be obtained from Paul Barnett, School Administrator on 01255 674492. Email:

generalenquiries@stphilomenas.com



The APF Red Mission boxes are now being emptied and returned. If you have a Red Missio Box, please could you

bring it to Mass with you for Tony Rimmer at St Pius X & Mike Heddon as St Teresa to count?

Brentwood Catholic Young Adults pilgrimage to Taizé - August 14th - 23rd 2010.

Come and experience the unique love, prayer, and welcome of the Taizé community. A chance for stillness, discovery and friendship. The trip is just £200 and open to those aged 18-35: see www.bcys.net for more details, or call 01277 265 286.

Altar Servers Rota

5.30 pm Saturday 17th April, Aimee, Charlotte, Sophie Cerys, Rebecca R,

10.30 am Sunday 18th April,
MC Dean,
Cross Bearer Stewart,
Thurifer & Boat Alice & Francis,
Acolyte James & Rebecca S,
Offertory James & Rebecca S,
Any Enquires Please Contact Derek on 01702 541639

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

In our Cycle of Prayer we remember those who live in Brackendale Close, Cornhill Avenue, Hall Road, and Lesney Gardens. We pray for the people of Ashingdon Elim Church and their ministers: Rev. David Redbond, Simon Law, Keith Maynard and Tony Tween.

The Sick: CT, Dexter Jackson, Yvette Grimes, James Robinson, 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, Maria McFairbairn, Ken Cropley, Louise Knight, Ann Moore, Tony Micallef, Maud Livett, and all who are sick.

All the Departed, and in particular: Cathy Cahill, Mac McFairbairn, Gary Ismail, recently departed; Sydney King, William Bailham, Mary Caunt, Nicholas Hartigan, Henry Cooney, Charles Devlin, Helen Roe, Ray Ascias, Phyllis James, William, O'Brien, Patrick Reilly, and all whose years' mind fall at this time.



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077 6583 6593 jelly.beans@talktalk.net



St Teresa's Cleaning Rota:

Week ending 17 April:

Peggy 321806,

Sarah 07949 113599,

Theresa 545510, Sue 541803, Pat 540306.

Thank you all for volunteering!





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ST TERESA'S
BRIC A BRAC / JUM-
BLE SALE ON SATUR-
DAY 17TH APRIL, 9
AM - 12 NOON

WE NEED YOUR
HELP!! If you can help
set up on Friday from
4.30 pm onwards at the
Parish Centre or help
serve on Saturday from
8.45 am it would be
most appreciated. We
would also welcome
homemade cakes, as we
plan to serve refresh-
ments. All proceeds go
to the church. Any que-
ries ring Tony & Helen
548263 or Tracey
202267 - many thanks.

IT'S BACK!

**JAMES BOND FUN
CASINO NIGHT**

- Roulette
- Blackjack
- Craps
- Poker

COCKTAIL & WINE BAR

PRIZES

Dress code: licensed to thrill

Parish Centre Saturday 24th April 8.00pm

Tickets £5 from church or Fr Gerry 07919 416263

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	10	5.30pm		Cathy Cahill RIP	GG
Sun	11	9.00am S Pius X	Second Sunday of Easter	In Thanksgiving 40th Wedding anniversary of Diane & Denis Tilbrook	D&DT
		10.30am		Cathy Cahill RIP	GG
Mon	12	No Mass Today			
Tues	13	7.30pm		Eucharistic Service	
Weds	14	No Mass Today			
Thurs	15	10.00am S Pius X		Eucharistic Service	
Fri	16	11.45am		The Funeral Mass of Mac McFairbairn	
Sat	17	9.30am		Ints George & Mary Templeman	M&SS
		5.30pm		Ints Michael Wilson	TW
Sun	18	9.00am S Pius X	Third Sunday of Easter	Bernard Butler RIP	TW
		10.30am		Ints Ita Hanly	
Mon	19	No Mass Today			
Tues	20	7.30pm	Mass with anointing for the sick	Cathy Cahill RIP	GG
Weds	21	9.20am		Ints Nelly & Jim Buggy	
Thurs	22	10.00am S Pius X		Deceased relatives and friends of Josephine and Antholny Micallef	AM
Fri	23	9.20am	St George, Martyr, Patron of England	Mabel Leary RIP	
Sat	24	9.30am	St Mellitus, Bishop	Ints Michael Wilson	TW
		5.30pm		The People of the Parish	
Sun	25	9.00am S Pius X	Fourth Sunday of Easter	James Curry RIP	
		10.30am		Ints The Taylor Family	P&ML

*My Dear People, once again I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, cards, and eggs you have sent us, and particularly for your most generous Easter offerings.
With every Blessing this Eastertide
Fr Gerry*