

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

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Fourth Sunday of Easter : Good Shepherd Sunday

With its theme of Jesus, the shepherd of his sheep, the fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally a day of prayer for vocations to the Priesthood. In this year for Priests, we give thanks to God for the gift of the ministerial priesthood, recognising that our very faith itself depends on the ordained ministry. We were baptised by a priest, given First Holy Communion by a priest, given absolution by a priest, fed in the Eucharist and nourished with the Word of God by a priest and confirmed by a priest. We were married by a priest, we receive the sacrament of the sick from a priest, and we will be laid to rest by a priest. Every step of our lives, the joyful and the sorrowful, the good and the bad, Jesus accompanies us through the presence of his priests. So today we pray for priests, and that the Lord may set on fire many hearts with a sense of their vocation.

“I think of all those priests who quietly present Christ’s words and actions each day to the faithful and to the whole world, striving to be one with the Lord in their thoughts and their will, their sentiments and their style of life.

I pay tribute to their apostolic labours, their tireless and hidden service, their universal charity. I praise the courageous fidelity of so many priests who, even amid difficulties and incomprehension, remain faithful to their vocation as “friends of Christ”, whom he has called by name, chosen and sent”

Pope Benedict XVI, Opening of the Year for Priests, June 2009.

WHAT'S ON



Today we welcome our Explorers, Scouts, Cubs, and Beavers as we celebrate the Mass at 10.30 at St Teresa’s. Do join them on the Parish centre afterwards for coffee and refreshments.



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.



Next Catholicism for the Curious Tuesday 27th 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!



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



Exposition & Benediction at St Pius X
10.30-11.30am 28th April 2010
Come and pray in the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

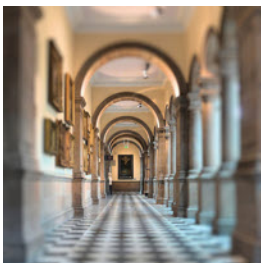
Come and pray for yourself, you family and friends, or better still why not bring the whole family to pray together?



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.

Legion of Mary



The annual Edel Quinn pilgrimage to Ayelsford will be on Saturday 8th May, 2010, and a coach will leave Rayleigh around 9.30 am returning approximately 6.00 pm. All Junior and Auxiliary members are welcome along with anyone else who maybe interested. For more information contact: Clare on 200353 or Olive on 540418

G.A.L.s. - Monday, 10th May



Meal at the Bellhouse

- Please meet at the Bellhouse, 321, Rayleigh Road at 7.15 p.m. The meal has been booked for 7.30 p.m.

Anyone requiring a lift please ring Maureen on 01702 201688. Look forward to seeing you there.



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



'Ever Ancient, Ever New'. A weekend for young adults aged 18-38, inviting them to consider the beauty of a call to the

religious life in the 21st century. Friday 14th (eve) - Sun 16th May 2010 in the Essex countryside with the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham. For further details visit <http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org/events.html> or call Sr Camilla on 01277 373959/848.

SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD! The Seventh Ecumenical Study Day, arranged



OUR LADY OF RANSOM SCHOOL – LOVE, KINDNESS AND FRIENDSHIP MUSIC CONCERT – Friday

14th May at 7.30 pm at

Our Lady of Ransom Church. In aid of the Emily Begg Fund for the Teenage Cancer Trust - Our very talented School Choir accompanied by Alicia and Charlotte Toms, two delightful, gifted and trained singers, will be performing songs from films and musicals. This promises to be a thoroughly enjoyable evening and one not to be missed! Tickets £5.00 available from Diana Davis, School Office 01268-785741 or finance@ourladyofransom.essex.sch.uk.

by the diocesan Commission for Evangelisation and Formation, will take place at Brentwood Cathedral Hall on Saturday 5th June from 10.30 until 3 p.m. The title of the day is 'Sing a New Song to the Lord: Exploring the Psalms'. Abbot Laurence O'Keefe, well-known biblical scholar, will guide us in considering the Book of Psalms, the prayer book of Jews and Christians. As usual, there is no charge for the event and a buffet lunch is provided. Please book your place by contacting cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by phone to 01277 265289



Brentwood Catholic Youth Service Alumni Mass and picnic - Saturday 29th May 2010.

Everyone who has ever been involved with the Diocesan Youth Service, is very welcome to come and

bring their families to a Reunion Mass on Saturday 29th May 2010 at midday at Walsingham House, Lionel Road, Canvey Island, SS8 9DE. If you want any more information, please contact sarah@bcys.net or call the youth office on 01277 265286. Please don't forget to bring a picnic!



Childcare Charity Golf

Day - Thursday 10th June 2010. BCCS will be hosting a Charity Golf Day at Stockbrook Manor Golf and Country Club, Billericay on Thursday 10th June.

Ticket are prices at £50 per person and include: Bacon rolls, tea/coffee on arrival; 18 Hole Stableford Competition; Nearest the pin; Longest Drive; Luncheon in the Rosewood Suite. Places are limited to 80

players so please book early in order to avoid disappointment. **Contact: Julie Abbott 01268 784544 / 07912277413**

NOTICES

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



Vocations Weekend for Young Women considering Religious Life organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (www.fcjsisters.org) at Broadstairs, Kent on May 28th - 30th 2010. For more information please contact Sr Lynne fCJ on lynnefcj@hotmail.com



SVP St John Bosco Camp offers children aged 8-13 a sports and activity based holiday on a campsite in the Essex countryside. Run with a Catholic ethos,

the camp is especially for children who may not have any other holiday this year. For all the details, including possible financial support, contact Fr Gerry. **Helpers** for the Camp are also needed; it is a brilliant experience and just a week of your time could make a massive difference. Helpers aged 16+ are welcome; helpers aged 18+ are especially needed. For many more details and for application forms log onto www.svpboscocamp.org.uk



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



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.



Congratulations to Our Lady of Ransom School who recently underwent an Ofsted Inspection. The inspectors described Our Lady of Ransom School as 'a good school with outstanding features'. They said 'this is a good school where pupils thoroughly enjoy their learning and do well. The Headteacher is successful in creating a team of staff who share his vision for the school, and together they show a high level of commitment to the pupils and their families. Staff provide pupils with a wide range of opportunities and experiences which support their outstanding personal and social development. Pupils develop very good attitudes and thoroughly enjoy school. Pupils' behaviour is good and this provides a very good foundation for their

learning. It also helps to create a positive and harmonious atmosphere. Pupils are exceptionally well-cared for and supported. All these positive features help to remove any possible barriers to learning so pupils achieve well and make good progress.' They also added that 'pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is very

effectively enhanced through a wide range of activities.' Our congratulations to all staff, governors and others involved with our School in achieving such high praise. We are truly blessed with having such a wonderful school serving part of the parish.



Sessional and full day care
Day Nursery for ages 2-5 years

Please call for a visit or prospectus

Places now available
Contact Sarah Drummond for more details on:
077 6583 6593 jelly.beans@talktalk.net



St Teresa's Cleaning Rota

for the Week beginning 24 April:

Jackie: 205625

Molly & Caroline: 205288



Still plenty of slots available for *your* turn;
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.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	24	5.30pm		The People of the Parish
Sun	25	9.00am S Pius X	Fourth Sunday of Easter	James Curry RIP Louisa Beech RIP
		10.30am		Ints The Taylor Family <small>P&ML</small>
Mon	26	No Mass Today		
Tues	27	7.30pm		
Weds	28	9.20am		Alda Wells RIP <small>VP</small>
Thurs	29	10.00am S Pius X	St Catherine of Sienna, Virgin & Teacher of the Faith	Ints Pat Barry <small>JD</small>
Fri	30	9.20am		
Sat	1	9.30am		
		5.30pm		The People of the Parish
Sun	2	9.00am S Pius X	Fifth Sunday of Easter	James Curry RIP
		10.30am		Charles Devlin RIP <small>CD</small>

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our Uniformed Organisations and their leaders.

In our Cycle of Prayer we remember those who live in Branksome Avenue, Cromwell Road, Hampstead Gardens, and Selbourne Road We pray for the people of Osizweni Roman Catholic Church- our twinned parish in the Diocese of Dundee, South Africa, and their Priest, Fr Rocco Marra.

The Sick: Len Smith, Mary Plews, Fr Richard Rowe, CT, Dexter Jackson, Yvette Grimes, James Robinson, Darren Richardson, Sianne Robinson, Dee Fage, Claire Dean, Samantha Robinson, Pam De Keyser, Collette Hague, Margaret Hennessy, Sarah Fisher, Elizabeth Graham, Delia Cheek, William McArthur, Gabriella Prideaux, Gail Airy, 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 Freal, 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; Helen Roe, Ray Asciak, Phyllis James, William, O'Brien, Patrick Reilly, Michael Gormley, Charles O'Shea, Alf Maynard, Thomas Clare-Dunbavand, Jimmy Nagle, Frederick Aylett, Albert Bourne, Martyn Box, James Caudy, Paula Fitzgerald, and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.