

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

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

My dear people,

Who will you vote for? A question that most of us have been asked many times over the last few weeks. Surveys show again and again that most people will vote for the Party they have always voted for without looking very carefully at the policies on offer; but to do this is to avoid our responsibility as Christians - to act wisely and lovingly in all that we do for the good of everyone.

As Christians the questions we need to ask the parties before we vote include where they stand on matters like the family, faith schools, abortion, euthanasia, employment, equality, care of the sick and the elderly, and even the personal faith of the candidate. Choosing who governs us is too important to be left to a tribal allegiance to one party or another. Whoever you vote for, make sure your vote is in favour of the Kingdom of God.

With every blessing,

WHAT'S ON



Today we welcome Harry Beehag-Fisher into the family of the Church as he receives the Sacrament of Baptism at mid-day.



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.



Next Catholicism for the Curious Tuesday 4th May 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!

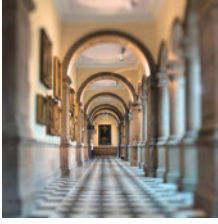


Wednesday 8.00pm: Benediction by Candlelight at St Teresa's 8.00pm Come and pray in the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

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

Next Sunday out First Holy Communion Children meet in the Parish centre after the 10.30am Mass

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

The last meeting for Confirmation candidates is after 10.30 Mass on Sunday 9th May. It will last until about 13.00.

We will be preparing for the actual confirmation Mass which is on the 23rd May and Father Gerry will be explaining all that will be expected of you.

Please make sure if you haven't sent your letter to Father Gerry with details of your chosen confirmation name and sponsor you do it before the 9th May.

Thanks Una & Alain

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.



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

finance@ourladyofransom.essex.sch.uk.

or
2010. For more information please contact
Sr Lynne fcJ on lynnefcj@hotmail.com



The **Legion of Mary** will be serving coffee in St. Teresa's after 5.30 pm Mass on Saturday 15th May and after 10.30 am Mass on Sunday 16th May. Everyone

welcome!



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!



On Tuesday, 18th May, Bishop Thomas will be concelebrating Mass with Bishop Graham Rose from our twinned Diocese in Dundee in the Cathedral at

8pm. This will be followed by an informal reception in the Cathedral Parish Hall. We sincerely hope that as many Priests and people as possible will also be able to concelebrate at the Mass and take the opportunity to meet Bishop Graham afterwards. I would encourage everyone to attend. Bishop Graham has said how much he is looking forward to visiting our Diocese and we are really anxious that he meets as many of our clergy and parishioners as possible, so I do hope you will be at the Mass on the 18th.

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



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



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

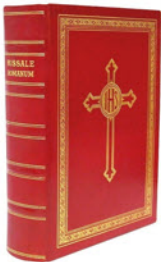
a buffet lunch is provided. Please book your place by contacting cef@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by phone to 01277 265289



Childcare Charity Golf

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

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**



Attention catechists and ministers of the word: Preparing for the new missal. There is an introductory session arranged by the Diocese on 15 June at 7.30pm. It is very important that you attend this

therefore please see Fr Gerry to let him know whether you can make it as soon as possible.



Aylesford Youth Festival - Saturday 3 July 2010 - 10am to 8pm.

£10 per person not including transport. Please contact the

youth office on 01277 265286 for further information.



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.

NOTICES

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

A HUGE THANK YOU !

to Alexis, Mike, John, Alain and Chris for giving so much of their time and effort towards making last Saturday's Casino Night such a resounding hit.

Also big thanks to Rebecca, Laura, Poppy and Father Gerry for hosting the games.

A wonderful evening was had by all and every one present really appreciated all the hard work and expertise involved in organising such an event.



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

Fr John Downey of the Comboni Missionaries has asked me to pass on his "sincere thanks to the parishioners for their prayers and generosity. Keeping you all in our prayers". (We raised £375.12 for the missions, well done!)

A letter from Catholic Church of Osizweni Our twinned parish in South Africa:

"Peace of Our Lord be with you all!

Our dearest parishioners of St Theresa, our heartfelt and warm greetings to you. We are so happy to be associated with you and hope one day through the mercy of God we shall meet.

It's a great pleasure for us to write to you this letter because we now are one in the Lord. We need each other to grow in faith even more in our Catholic faith. It was more pleasant to know that you are our twinning parish and even more when we receive your correspondence which emphasizes the fact that we are now one parish.

There are things which we must share and learn from each other.

The fact that the Church exists to evangelize and "to carry forward the work of Christ under the head of the befriending Spirit" so we as twins need to put more effort in this regard. Also that the church must care for the sick, poor and hungry; we shall seek your advice on how you as a parish you go about such an enormous task. As your twinning parish let us be one in what we are capable to do, but most of all in spreading the Good News to those who have never heard of our Lord and King Jesus Christ. Let's keep in touch more often now. May the Holy Spirit be our guide and embrace us through our mammoth task ahead.

God Bless!

Yours in Christ

Fr Rocco Marra



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,

St Teresa's Cleaning Rota


for the Week of 3 May

Joseph: 07507 853843

Carol & Sally: 545781

Still plenty of slots available for your turn;

Thank you all for volunteering!

Offering
Total  1st Collection for
 17th Jan was
£884.81. Our Parish needs £1620 per week to break even.

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	1	5.30pm		
Sun	2	9.00am S Pius X	Fifth Sunday of Easter	James Curry RIP
		10.30am		Charles Devlin RIP <small>CD</small>
Mon	3	No Mass Today		
Tues	4	7.30pm	The English Martyrs, Mm.	The Faithful Departed <small>FG</small>
Weds	5	9.20am		
Thurs	6	10.00am S Pius X	St John Payne, Martyr	Josephine Micallef RIP <small>AM</small>
Fri	7	9.20am		
Sat	8	9.30am		
		5.30pm		
Sun	9	9.00am S Pius X	Sixth Sunday of Easter	The People of the Parish
		10.30am		

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for guidance in voting in the General Election on May 6th.

In our Cycle of Prayer we remember those who live in Bramerton Road, Craven Close, Hamilton Gardens, and Pagglesham Road. We pray for the people of Emmanuel Church, Hawkwell & St. Mary's Ashingdon, and their minister, Revd Peter Howard Smith.

The Sick: John Quinn, Joyce Hall, 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 Airey, Joan Hauser, Antoi-

nette 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 Go-
via, Michael King, Elizabeth Reilly, Johanna Packer, Marylin Friend, Marjorie Jay, Cas-
sie & Christine Thompson, Ciaran Freel, Angele DeCan, Paul Clarke, Maria McFair-
bairn, Ken Cropley, Louise Knight, Ann Moore, Tony Micallef, Maud Livett, and all who are sick.

All the Departed, and in particular: Albert Bourne, Martyn Box, James Caudy, Paula Fitzgerald, John Coyte, Alberto Garcia, Rita Jones, Edward Bryan, Patrick Rowland, Mary Vaesen, and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.