

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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

My dear people,

We have heard a great deal of words over the last few weeks of election campaigning. Words of promise and of hope from all the parties wanting our vote. Each party promises us a better future and a brighter tomorrow, if only we vote them. Yet even as we cast our votes, we know that their promises are empty and their hope is vain, whatever the outcome of the election and the horse trading that follows.

The Word of God, Christ Jesus, remains the true promise and the hope of a brighter future, for he is the presence of the kingdom of God not only in the future, as revealed to John in the Apocalypse, but also in the here and now. Jesus promises to make his home with us when we keep his word and obey his commands. Jesus' promises are not jam tomorrow, but heaven in the present as well as in the kingdom to come. Let us then be faithful members of his party, the Church of God, canvassing at all times, and not just when we want to win votes

With every blessing,

WHAT'S ON

Our First Holy Communion Children meet this Sunday in the Parish centre after the 10.30am Mass.

The last meeting for Confirmation candidates is after 10.30 Mass this Sunday 9th May. It will last until about 1pm. We will be preparing for the confirmation Mass which is on the 23rd May and Father Gerry will be explaining all that will be expected of you.



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 11th 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!



Tuesday 7.30pm Mass with anointing of the Sick. Everyone is welcome to come and receive the Sacrament of God's healing love, either for themselves or for someone else. Usually we celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick on the third Tuesday of every month, so why not make this a regular date?



RCIA continues on Wednesday 12 May at 8.00pm in St Teresa's Church Porch. Everyone very welcome!

from Diana Davis, School Office 01268-785741 or finance@ourladyofransom.essex.sch.uk



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.



'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/even.ts.html> or call Sr Camilla on 01277 373959/848.



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



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!



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



The Essex Recusant Society will be meeting on Saturday 15th May at 2.30 p.m. at The Grange, 93 Queens Road, Brentwood. Fr. Paul Keane will be speaking about the martyr paintings at the Venerable English College in Rome.

He has recently published a book on the subject entitled 'The Martyr's Crown'. Copies of the book will be available for purchase on the day. To join the Society or for more information please contact the Hon. Secretary, Miss Isobel Parks on 01268 289678.



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.



ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

MARY, QUEEN AND MOTHER OF PRIESTS
Saturday, 29th May 2010
led by Bishop Thomas Mc-Mahon

Programme for the day

- 12.00 Mass - Chapel of Reconciliation
- 1.15 p.m. Lunch - In the grounds of the Chapel
- 2.15 p.m. - Joint Devotions outside the Slipper Chapel
- 2.30 p.m. - Walk to Walsingham along Pilgrims' Way
- 3.15 p.m. - Joint Devotions outside Anglican Shrine



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!

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



Brentwood Catholic Youth Service London Treasure Hunt - Sunday 6th June - for those in school years 6, 7 and 8

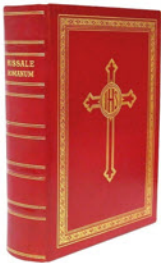
This is the first time that we've run this event, and all parishes are welcome

to enter one or more teams, although places are limited and teams will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Each team must have 6 young people and be accompanied by 2 responsible adults. For an entry form, and more details, please email sarah@bcys.net or contact the youth office on 01277 265286.



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.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Charity Shindig

BCCS will be hosting a Charity Shindig on Saturday 19th June. The event will be held in the beautiful marquee at the Halfway House, Brentwood.

Tickets cost £20 per person which will include a light buffet supper. Guest will be entertained by Irish recording artist Joe Giltrap, will be treated to a display of Irish Dancing followed by dancing to a traditional ceili band and caller. The evening will be rounded off like any good 'Shindig' with a compulsory 'sing-a-long'!



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.



Have you looked at the Parish web site recently? We've just put in a Guest book page where you can



have your say, leave a comment and read what others have said. Why not be among the first to con-

tribute at www.rcrochford.org ?

School Chaplain sought for All Saints School, Dagenham. Three days/week. This is an exciting opportunity to help the faith development of pupils in the school, in a supportive and friendly environment. For full details contact Mrs Adams, Deputy Head, on 0208 270 4242 or email office@all-saints.bardaglea.org.uk



St Bernard's High School and Arts College in Milton Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, would be very pleased to hear from any qualified teachers who would be interested in joining our "bank" of supply teachers.

We operate a bank of subject specialists to be called on for full or part days. If you are a qualified teacher and would be interested contact Mrs Sue Clancy, PA to the Head Teacher, on 01702 343583 There will be an introductory meeting in July when interested parties can visit the school and find out about the training we offer. Teachers considering a return to work and / or part time teachers elsewhere are welcomed. Carmel Allen, Deputy Head Teacher



Oberammergau trip, all-inclusive for an incredible £365. A South Woodford vicar organized a trip to Oberammergau for £365. This promptly sold out. Now new dates are available

for the same cost including flight and accommodation in Oberammergau village from 12th – 14th July 2010. If you would like more details please phone Revd. Robert Hampson on 020 85303029

Vacancy for Class Teacher
St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School

Ashingdon Road, Rochford, Essex SS4 1RF
Tel: 01702 547918
Fax No 01702 530193
www.st-teresas-rochford.ik.org

We are looking for a highly effective, experienced teacher who would enjoy the challenge of working in an innovative way. We can offer you an opportunity to work as part of a dedicated team, an attractive environment, an opportunity to contribute significantly to further improvement.

We are particularly keen to receive applications from practicing Catholics. A willingness to work with both KS1 and KS2 pupils is desirable. Our recruitment process includes rigorous safeguarding checks.



If you would like to visit us, please contact the school office staff. Application forms and further details from Mrs. Nikki Stevens, Headteacher.

Closing date: 20.5.2010.

Interviews will be held: 25.5.2010

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.

Offering
Total  **1st Collection for 18th April was £923.45. Our Parish needs £1620 per week to break even. The Collection for Comboni Fathers was £375.12**

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	8	5.30pm		Ints Johanna Mary Colvill	JC
Sun	9	9.00am S Pius X	Sixth Sunday of Easter	The People of the Parish	
		10.30am			
Mon	10	No Mass Today			
Tues	11	7.30pm	Mass with anointing of the sick	Sr Mary Concepta RIP	BS
Weds	12	9.20am	St John Houghton, Martyr	Douglas Gullick RIP	MG
Thurs	13	10.00am S Pius X	St Erconwald, Bishop	Josephine Micallef RIP	AM
Fri	14	9.20am	St Matthias, Apostle		
Sat	15	9.30am			
		5.30pm			
Sun	16	9.00am S Pius X	The Ascension of the Lord		
		10.30am		The People of the Parish	

St Teresa's Cleaning Rota for the Week of 10 May

AnneMarie 07904723724Maggie; Tasha

Thank you all for volunteering!



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Those who govern our country, that they may seek the common good.

Those who live in Braxted Close, Crouch View Crescent, Hampton Court, and Sidons Walk.

The people of Bramerton Road Community Church and their minister, David Sebley.

The Sick: Lisa Hughes, Constance Longman, Mary Cooney, 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, 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, Marylin Friend, Marjorie Jay, Cassie & Christine Thompson, Ciaran Freel, Angele DeCan, Paul Clarke, Maria McFairbairn, Ken Copley, Louise Knight, Ann Moore, Tony Micallef, Maud Livett, and all who are sick.

All the Departed, and in particular: Mervyn Godfrey, Sr Mary Concepta, Bill Kemp, Patrick Sheehy, and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.