

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

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The Ascension of the Lord

My dear people,

Now that the dust has settled, we find ourselves with the first coalition government since World War II. Let us pray for a unity of purpose in their governance, and that the Holy Spirit will guide our leaders into unity and peace. We have been reading about the governance of the early Church during the Masses in the week. To be sure, they had their fair share of disagreements in those days too, but with the wisdom to pray and be guided by the Holy Spirit, the decisions the Church made were the right ones and have stood the test of time.

We hear also that the Pope has been speaking out on two matters this week in Fatima: gay marriages and abortion. We should be careful to note what he *actually* said and what the Church *actually* teaches rather than what those hostile to the Church say. The Church has *always* taught that we should hate the sin, but love the sinner. There is no place in the Church for homophobia; rather there should be love and understanding, while at the same time acknowledging that sex outside Christian marriage is always a sin. In the same way, we should always show love and understanding to those who feel that abortion is the only solution to their problems, whilst refusing to acquiesce to the killing of the unborn. Jesus came into the world to *save* sinners, not to condemn them. He calls us to do the same.

With every blessing,

WHAT'S ON

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!



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.



very welcome!

Next Catholicism for the Curious Tuesday 18th 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



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.



RCIA continues on Wednesday 19 May at 8.00pm in St Teresa's Church Porch. Everyone very welcome!



Praise & Worship Evening at the SION Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will take place this

month on Pentecost Sunday, 23rd May, 7.30 to 9.00pm. Everyone welcome.



ECUMENICAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM MARY, QUEEN AND MOTHER OF PRIESTS
Saturday, 29th May 2010 led by Bishop Thomas McMahon

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.

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'Keeffe, 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

For an entry form, and more details, please email sarah@bcys.net or contact the youth office on

01277 265286.



G.A.Ls. - Monday, 7th June - A talk by Peter Webb on Living the Good Life. Peter Webb, who is a very entertaining speaker, will tell how he gave

up living in Rochford and bought a derelict smallholding to live "The Good Life". We had to book him a year in advance due to his popularity and his humorous stories. Not to be missed! We look forward to seeing you at 7.30 p.m. in St. Teresa's Parish Centre. Maureen (01702 201688)



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



Faith Store & St Teresa's School Fashion Show Friday 11th June 7 - 10.30pm. Details to follow!



World Cup/Hog Roast on Sat. 12th June

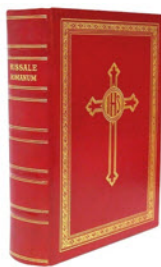
England are playing the USA – come and watch them win on the big screen at St Teresa's Parish Centre!!
Kick off at 7.30pm - doors open 6.30 (straight after 5.30 mass)

**** Entrance £5 a head ****
(payable on the door)
This fun family night out includes: * The Big Match * Hog Roast * Bar * Tuck Shop * Disco * Don't miss it!!



National Grandparents Pilgrimage
Saturday 24 July 2010 - National Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham

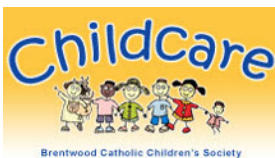
Pilgrimage Mass in Chapel of Reconciliation followed by Children's Liturgy, Crowning of Our Lady's Statue with flowers, Children's funfair, bouncy castle, clowns, games and climbing wall. Music and song by Walsingham choir. Contact www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.com
Email info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com



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 £20 per person which will include a

light buffet supper. Guest will be entertained by Irish recording artist **Joe Giltrap**, 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.

Derek Maynard has served us very faithfully as MC and server for a number of years. He has decided for personal reasons to step down from this role, and we would like to express our grateful thanks to him for all his work for the parish.

You may all know that we have a visiting group in St Teresa's who go out to visit parishioners in their own homes.

If anyone knows of somebody who would like a visit from members of the group, please inform Carol Wilson tel 01702 545781.



The new fence at the parish centre is now up. We are thrilled with the result and last Wednesday's baby and toddler group was a great success when the little ones were able to go outside and be safe. If you are free to pop by for a coffee you

would be most welcome to join us. We would like to thank all those involved in putting up the fence, particularly The Baby and Toddler Group for their fundraising efforts, The Faith Store and the people of the parish for their generous donations and Tony Igoe and Paul Hennessey for their hard work in putting up the fence. The Baby and Toddler Group are very grateful to everyone involved in creating a safe outdoor environment for our little ones to play and a wonderful addition to the Parish Centre.

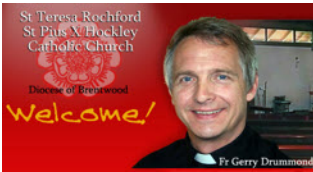


Dear all, I really cannot find the words to express my sincere gratitude to all those who gave so generously to

my son Richard's London Marathon run for his chosen charity: "Get Kids Going". Due to your generosity, Richards's target of £2,500 was exceeded to just over £2,700.

There were about 36,000 runners in the London Marathon. And when you see the amount of people running for their various charities it really does warm the heart. It was a wonderful day out and the atmosphere was something I shall never forget. Once again, thank you and God bless you all.

John R. Colvill.



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 contribute at www.rcrochford.org ?



The Marriage and Family Life Projects Office at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales currently has two vacancies for a Communications Officer and a

Project Advisor. Both posts are part time (3 days a week) and are suitable for home working. For full details and application pack visit www.catholicchurch.org.uk and search 'vacancies'. Applications close on the 24th May 2010



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

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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 2 May was £9033.92. Our Parish needs £1620 per week to break even.**

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Sat	15	5.30pm		Sean O'Beirne	RB
Sun	16	9.00am	The Ascension of		
		S Pius X	the Lord		
		10.30am		The People of the Parish	
Mon	17	No Mass Today			
Tues	18	7.30pm			
Weds	19	9.20am		Douglas Gullick RIP	MG
Thurs	20	10.00am		Deceased relatives and friends of Jose- phine and Anthony Micallef	
		S Pius X			
Fri	21	9.20am			
Sat	22	9.30am			
		5.30pm			
		May & William Catling RIP			
Sun	23	9.00am	Pentecost Sunday	The People of the Parish	
		S Pius X			
		10.30am			
		Our Confirmation Candidates			



St Teresa's Cleaning Rota for the Week of 17 May
The Confirmation Group
Thank you all for volunteering!



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Thomas Costa-Miller to be Baptised this Sunday; those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Pentecost.

Those who live in Brayers Mews, Crown Road, Hanover Mews, and Silverthorn Close.

The people of St. Thomas of Canterbury CofE and their minister, Rev'd Harvey Reed.

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, Sianne Robinson, Dee Fage, Claire Dean, Samantha Robinson, Pam De Keyser, Collette Hague, Margaret Hennessy, Sarah Fisher, 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, Marylin 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: Ann Parish, Elizabeth Marler, and Bryan Bushell to be laid to rest this week; Bill Kemp, Patrick Sheehy, John Louis Castle, Jim Bowles, Ron Smith, James Aherne, Dennis Henaghan and all whose anniversaries fall at this time.